GW Postdoc Day – September 25th

JOSHUA WEISS: “The art of negotiation”
Dr. Joshua Weiss is a negotiation and conflict resolution expert adept in the matters of mediation, conflict analysis and management. He is the co-founder of the Global Negotiation Initiative at Harvard University and a senior fellow at the Harvard Negotiation Project. He is also the director and creator of the Master of Science in Leadership and Negotiation program at Bay Path University. He received his PhD in International Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University in 2002. Along with publishing several books and articles on negotiation, he has routinely designed customized conflict resolution solutions for governments, international entities and businesses. At his current capacity, he conducts research, consults with different organizations and delivers negotiation trainings, courses and talks all over the world.

LAUREN ULLRICH: “Careers in government and the non-profit sector”
Dr. Lauren Ullrich is a scientific program manager in the Office of Programs to Enhance Neuroscience Diversity at NINDS, NIH. She is actively involved in promoting diversity in the scientific workforce with the development of rigorous policies and resources thereby facilitating increased participation of underrepresented groups. Prior to joining NINDS as AAAS Science and Technology Fellow, Dr. Ullrich worked for the Society for Neuroscience as a policy and training manager and was involved in planning and writing successful R25 application to NIH to create online training modules for scientific rigor among many other accomplishments. She received her PhD in Neuroscience from Georgetown University researching memory in early Alzheimer’s disease for her thesis. She has also published on pedagogy and professional development in Science.

COLIN YOUNG: “How to successfully transition from postdoc to PI”
Dr. Colin Young is an Assistant Professor at the GWU. He joined the faculty of the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology in January 2015. Prior to moving to GWU, Dr. Young earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Exercise Science from the University of Delaware and completed his doctoral work in Physiology at the University of Missouri. During this time his research focused on neural cardiovascular control in both healthy and clinical human populations, including diabetic, chronic kidney disease, and obese patients. With the desire to gain additional experience across the realm of translational research, Colin pursued postdoctoral training at Cornell University where he employed an array of functional genomics techniques in murine models of cardiometabolic disease. Dr. Young’s current research is focused on deciphering the central nervous system mechanisms that contribute to the development of cardiovascular (e.g., hypertension) and metabolic (e.g., obesity) disorders, with an emphasis on endoplasmic reticulum stress and transcription factor activation in the brain.