

PHD CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



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The Rita B. Leahy Career Series
Where PhD Training Meets Opportunity

Careers for PhDs in Data Science

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 4:30-6:00 PM

University Career Center & The President's Promise, 3rd Floor Hornbake Building, South Wing

Registration required at: go.umd.edu/leahyoct19

This event is a great way to learn more about data science careers for PhDs AND connect with two successful professionals. It will also enable you to build professional connections in industry - important for all doc students and especially important for international students and postdocs. PhDs are most likely to find their next job or internship opportunity through smaller, PhD focused networking events like this one that feature UMD alumni and former postdocs.

The speakers' opening remarks will be simultaneously broadcast via Webex. The networking part of the program will not be on Webex so in person attendance is preferable. [Registration link to view speakers via Webex.](#)



Vasilis Sotiris, PhD

University of Maryland Alumnus, Applied Mathematics & Statistics, and Scientific Computation, 2011 and Director of Data Science at Cerebri AI

Vasilis Sotiris is an experienced data science leader with deep knowledge of statistical theory and methodology. He has extensive experience developing and deploying parametric and machine learning models to solve difficult problems in banking and risk management. After earning his PhD in Applied Statistics and Mathematics at Maryland in 2011, he worked at Capital One, KPMG, Barclays and Dun and Bradstreet. Six months ago, his career took a significant turn as he became the Director of Data

Science at Cerebri AI- a successful tech start up with investment from M12, formerly Microsoft Ventures.

Cerebri is also hosting an information session on Monday, 9/30/19.

Sherika Sylvester, PhD

**University of Maryland, Postdoctoral Alumna, 2016-2017
Lead Data Scientist, Booz Allen Hamilton**

Sherika Sylvester, is a lead data scientist at Booz Allen Hamilton,



where she specializes in providing analytical support and data science solutions to problems in the life sciences and healthcare industries. She is also an active member of DataKind DC, a volunteer organization that partners with organizations to deliver impactful data products for social good. She studied systems neuroscience as a postdoc in Dr. Patrick Kanold's lab at the University of Maryland, and as a physiology, biophysics, and systems biology graduate student in Dr. Emre Aksay's lab at **Weill Cornell Medicine**.

Upcoming PhD Career Skills Workshops

Online Workshops

No time to attend workshops? No worries. This fall workshops are being offered via Webex. All sessions will be recorded and linked to the Graduate School's Professional & Career Development web page.

- Link to the [Fall 2019 Webinar Schedule and Registration](#)
- Link to [recordings and slides](#)

>>PHD 2019-2020 career development workshops	
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Attention Entrepreneurs: Turn Your PhD Research Project into a Startup

Thursday, 9/26, 12 noon-1 pm.

You can register to [attend in-person at UM Ventures Office](#) in The Hotel or register to attend [via Webex](#).

University of Maryland and the State of Maryland have an abundance of resources for UMD faculty and graduate students interested in a risk-free opportunity to explore translating their research into a startup company. This workshop is for those who are passionate about their research and are interested in an overview of the resources and programs, including funding, and a suggested path to navigate them in the most efficient way. The workshop is designed specifically for UMD faculty and graduate student startups based on university research and innovations. Presenter: Alla McCoy, Director, Startup Support. Website: <http://otc.umd.edu/startups>. Pre-registration required.



[Industry Job Search Overview](#) (Webinar), Friday, 9/27/19, 12 noon-1 pm

Learn the most effective job search strategies for PhDs interested in jobs in private industry and non-profits.



[International Student Job Search Strategies: Advice from a Former Recruiter](#)

Friday, 10/4/19, 1-4 pm, Edward St. John, 2204

Finding OPT opportunities and longer term employment in the US is challenging and takes tremendous effort. Get relevant job search advice from a former recruiter-Dan Beaudry, author of the book Powerties. Speaker (1-2:15 pm) will be followed by an interactive session (2:30-4 pm) facilitated by career center staff to help you immediately implement the most effective networking and job search strategies.



[Overview of Screening and Onsite Interviews](#)

(Webinar), Friday 10/11/19, 12-1 pm

Learn how to effectively present yourself during those quick 30 minute phone or online screening interviews. You will also learn effective strategies for preparing for and acing in person interviews that may include a daylong schedule of meetings with your future supervisor, coworkers and an HR representative.



[Effective Interviewing](#) (Webinar) , Friday 10/18/19, 12-1 pm

Learn how to persuasively tell employers what you have to offer. You will learn about the highly effective STARR method for answering typical interview questions and for improve your interview performance.

Featured Alumni & Employer Events

These are only a few of the many employer and alumni events offered each semester. For a complete list of events, check the events calendars of the University Career Center, Engineering Career Center, your academic department, College or School and the University.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER PANEL

Interested in environmental research in industry, government, consulting, or academia?

Panelists:

Julian Levy, President, Levy Environmental Consulting

John Quin, Director of Governmental & External Affairs, Baltimore Gas & Electric

Dr. Tim Canty, Associate Research Professor, Atmospheric & Oceanic Science, UMD

Angelo Bianca, Deputy Director, Maryland Air and Radiation Management Administration, MDE

Moderator:

Susan Wierman, former Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association and lecturer at Johns Hopkins Engineering for Professionals Program



Tuesday, October 8

3:30-5:30

3400 Atlantic

4254 Stadium Dr., College Park, MD

Light refreshments at 3:15



Justice & Government Networking Night, 9/26/19, 6-8 pm, Colony Ballroom, Stamp Union



The Justice & Government Networking Night connects current students with UMD alumni and employers working in the areas of legal, law enforcement, and government in a variety of positions throughout the DC Metro area. [Link to Session Information.](#)

Cerebri AI Information Session for PhD & Master's Students, 9/30/19, 5-6:30 pm, University Career Center, Hornbake South Wing, 3rd floor



Imagine if a Fortune 500 enterprise had a crystal ball that showed the personalized Best Action for their millions of individual customers to keep them coming back for more. It's not magic, it's Cerebri AI.

Cerebri AI is an advanced customer analytics company that uses state-of-the-art AI technologies, such as SHARP reinforcement learning, to analyze customer touchpoints across multiple channels. Cerebri's AI solutions quantify a customer's commitment to a brand or a product, at any point in time, expressed in monetary values and derive Best Actions that drive customer commitment and financial results. [Link to Session Information.](#)

Adobe Consulting Information Session, 10/7/19, 5-6 pm, University Career Center, Hornbake South Wing, 3rd floor

Interested in a career that involves Technology, Marketing, and Consulting? Learn more about how these 3 functions intersect in a session led by Adobe's consulting team. From

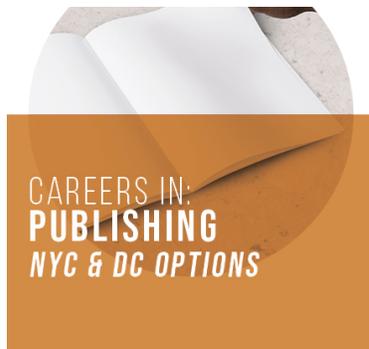
Federal Resume Review Office Hours with the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, 10/9/19, 9am-12 noon, University Career Center, Hornbake South Wing, 3rd floor



CTP will be hosting a Resume Clinic that will allow UMD students to meet one-on-one for a free 15-minute "Career Coaching" session. CTP's certified Career Coaches will offer feedback to help "Federalize" students' resumes and answer their questions on the Federal Hiring process, as well as providing more information about

open positions at the CTP. [Link to session Information.](#)
For a list of open positions, refer to www.fda.gov/ctpjobs

Careers in Publishing: NYC & DC, 10/11, 12-1 pm, University Career Center, Hornbake South Wing, 3rd floor



Are you interested in a future career in publishing? Exploring options in both New York City and Washington, DC? Don't miss this special workshop featuring UMD alumni who work with the following organizations:

- Cara Reilly, Doubleday (an imprint of Knopf Doubleday at Penguin Random House), New York, NY
- Ellen McDaniel, Associate Editor, National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC (Ellen formerly worked with Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group in Lanham, MD)
- Lisa Dammeyer, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Lanham, MD

Learn more about the field of publishing, gain insight into the publishing scene in both cities and pick up tips for making yourself a strong candidate for future internships and jobs in the field. A light lunch will be provided. [Link to Session Information.](#)

2019 Language Fair, 10/16/19, 11 am-3 pm, Colony Ballroom, Stamp Union



Do you speak another language? Do you want to teach English, work or intern abroad? Interested in international issues? Don't miss the 11th Annual Language Career & Internship Fair!

Connect with organizations looking to hire for part-time, internship and full-time positions in these fields and learn about ways to build your experience on our campus.

Business attire is recommended, though not required. Be sure to bring multiple copies of your resume. [Link to session information](#)

Get Ready for a Faculty Career

Develop Skills to Become a More Competitive Faculty Job Applicant



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The TLTC inspires and supports effective, engaging, efficient, and equitable teaching innovations among the University's instructors and

assistants. Our team provides faculty, students, and staff with training, resources, professional development activities, and individualized consultation to transform their classrooms and careers.

If you are serious about pursuing a faculty career then you should fully utilize the professional development events offered by the TLTC throughout your training at Maryland!

[Link to TLTC UTLP information](#)

[Link to more information about upcoming events](#) at the TLTC.

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