Where Do I Go From Yale?

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PhD alumni career panels and networking lunch with Yale Alums

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Saturday April 6, 2019
Loria Center for the History of Art
190 York Street

9:30–10:00 AM

Opening remarks/welcome (Room 205)

Anna Barry (1998 PhD, Chemistry), GSAA chair, is Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Jounce Therapeutics, Inc.

Lynn Cooley is the C.N.H. Long Professor of Genetics and Dean of the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Weili Cheng (1977 BA) is Executive Director of the Yale Alumni Association (YAA)

Ingrid Russell (1987 MPhil, Mathematics), workshop co-chair, is Professor and the Interim Department Chair of the Computing Sciences Department at the University of Hartford.

Jia Chen (2000 PhD, Physics), workshop co-chair, is Offering Leader, Blockchain for Healthcare & Life Sciences, Innovations & Solution Incubation at IBM.

10:00–10:25 AM

KEYNOTE: In Search of a Creative Life

Louise Bernard (2005 PhD, African American Studies & American Studies) is the founding Director of the Museum of the Obama Presidential Center. She was formerly Director of Exhibitions at the New York Public Library. As a Senior Content Developer and Interpretive Planner in the New York office of the museum design firm Ralph Appelbaum Associates, she worked on the design team that developed the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, along with other international projects.
Session 1 Panel: Developing your Personal Branding and Rebranding

Description: Who are you? How will those whom you meet, or want to meet, perceive you? Each person you meet, or who checks your LinkedIn profile, forms an impression about you. Through the lens of their own diverse and unique paths, our panelists will explain how they have made, and remade their personal brands. They will help you get started on yours!

Moderator: Thalyana Stathis (2014 PhD, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology) is Manager, Office of Career and Professional Development, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY.

Panelists:
Rahul Prasad (1987 PhD, Engineering & Applied Science), Yale Alumni Association (past chair), was Senior Scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA.
Michael Zimm (2016 PhD, Classics) is Director of Marketing at Kris-Tech Wire, CT.
Masa Gong (1996 BA, History) is an executive coach at Google, NY.

11:30 AM–12:20 PM

Session 2a: Careers in Finance

Description: It’s one of the largest US economic sectors, but what does it mean to go into finance after grad school? What will employers want from you? Where’s the industry going? How do you find jobs in this sector? Our panelists want this to be an interactive session, so come with lots of questions.
**Moderator: Petter Kolm** (2000 PhD, Mathematics) is a professor at Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University.

**Panelists:**

**Jeffrey Feldman** (1995 MBA) is Managing Member at Primary Succession Capital LLC and has a PhD in Material Science from the University of Connecticut.

**Carmen Manoyan** (1998 MBA) is a portfolio manager at Aflac Asset Management.

**Jorge Pedraza** (1993 PhD, Comparative Literature) is a consultant at JP Partners.

**Session 2b: When Your Superpowers Include Working with Words**

**Description:** “Connecting the humanities, science, social science, and identity through writing.” In other words, how can you unleash your talent and passion for writing to craft a meaningful and rewarding professional and personal life?

**Moderator:** **Roni Beth Tower** (1980 PhD, Clinical Psychology) is a retired clinical, research and academic psychologist turned author.

**Panelists:**

**Barry Farber** (1978 PhD, Psychology) is a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, and author.

**Terra Ziporyn** (BA, History, Biology) is Executive Director of Start School Later, and author. She holds a PhD in the History of Science and Medicine from the University of Chicago.

**Carra Leah Hood** (1998 PhD, Comparative Literature) is Associate Provost for Strategic Planning, Stockton University, and author.
Session 2c: Constructing Career Trajectories
Outside Academia

Description: Are you considering a career away from the academy? Are you wondering what career development and growth looks like without the tenure-track? Panelists with non-academic positions will discuss their post-PhD career paths.

Moderator: Jenna Sullivan (2013 PhD, Engineering & Applied Science) is an imaging biomarkers scientist at Biogen.

Panelists:
Seyla Azoz (2015 PhD, Engineering & Applied Science) is an engagement manager at Keystone Strategy.

Alyssa Siefert (2015 PhD, Engineering & Applied Science) is a clinical data analyst at Foresite Capital Management.

Shanta Whitaker (2008 PhD, Microbiology) is Vice President at Venn Strategies.

Maggie Willer (2017 PhD, Cell Biology) is a scientist at Jounce Therapeutics, Inc.

Session 2d: Resume/Cover Letter Review and Coaching Session

George Camp (1967 PhD, Sociology) is Co-President of the Criminal Justice Institute.
Lunch: Want some extra time with our alums? Have an appetite for wisdom? Come to The Graduate Club (155 Elm Street); alums will be seated alphabetically at the luncheon tables. Enjoy your main course at one table — and then move to another (and another!) for coffee and dessert.

Session 3a: Consulting, Data Science, and You

Description: More and more, data is being used to drive business decisions. Data science know-how can give you a career edge: Learn how to integrate data science into your job search and into your personal branding. You'll trade notes with alums from McKinsey, Vonage, Google, and SafeRock in this lively, interactive session.


Panelists:
Masa Gong (1996 BA, History) is an executive coach at Google, NY.

Vinod Lala (1990 BS, Mechanical Engineering, Economics) is Chief Revenue Officer at Vonage.

Sam (Gulam) Samdani (1984 BS, Chemical Engineering) is Senior Industry Expert at McKinsey.
Session 3b: Careers in Tech and Social Media Session

Description: The tech world seeks hugely-varying skills and experiences. With their diverse career paths (from backgrounds as far-afield as choral conducting!), our panelists from top tech companies will explain how they got there — what works and what doesn’t.

Moderator: Jia Chen (2000 PhD, Physics) is Offering Leader, Blockchain for Healthcare & Life Sciences, Innovations & Solution Incubation at IBM.

Panelists:

Max Blum-Campo (2009 BA, Music, 2011 MM, Conducting) is a software engineer at Google.

Chris Bakes (2014 BA, French) is a PhD recruiter, Artificial Intelligence at Facebook.

Natalie Singh (1997 BS, Electrical Engineering) is General Manager, US Education Enterprise Services at Microsoft.

Chao Teng (2015 MS, Computer Science) is a senior software engineer at Instagram.

Session 3c: Fashioning Culture

Description: Your PhD really can take you to amazing places. Literature PhDs discuss their forays into successful careers in the artworld, journalism, fashion writing, and authoring New York Times best selling books. Ask them what it took to get there!

Moderator: Natasha Boas (1996 PhD, French) is an international independent contemporary art curator, critic, and advisor.

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**Wendy (Wednesday) Martin** (1996 PhD, Comparative Literature) is an author and cultural critic.

**Leslie Camhi** (1991 PhD, Comparative Literature) is a contributing culture writer for Vogue Magazine.

**Rhonda Garelick** (1983 BA, Comparative Literature, 1991 PhD, French) is an author, contributing cultural critic for The CUT, New York Magazine and Professor at Parsons School of Design/New School University.

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**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4a-4c)**

**Session 4a: How Do I Get Hired**

**Description:** May the odds be ever in your favor! Our panel will discuss the likelihood of getting that first (or next) job. You’ll trade notes about: great-looking resumes, networking tips, interview-prepping, and LinkedIn-leveraging. Come with your own resume, sample cover letter and networking message — and try it on for size!

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**Panelists:**

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**Kristy Lamb** (2012 PhD, Genetics) is an associate director, Preprofessional Advising, at New York University.
Session 4b Finding Your Path in the Academy

**Description:** Join our panelists to discuss the cultural ins and outs of various academic institutions. Reflect, alongside our panel, on getting a job as a professor and advancing on both the teaching and research tracks. Our panel spans institutional disciplines: large and small, public and private, research-oriented and teaching-focused.

**Moderator:** Jesse Zuba (2008 PhD, English Language & Literature) is an associate professor of English at Delaware State University.

**Panelists:**

Françoise Hamlin (2004 PhD, African American Studies) is an associate professor of History and Africana studies at Brown University.

Michelle Connolly (1990 BA, Economics, 1996 PhD, Economics) is Professor of the Practice in Economics at Duke University.

Mary Ann Carolan (1989 PhD, Italian Language & Literature) is Professor of Modern Languages & Literature at Fairfield University.

Sarah Cieglo (2013 PhD, History) is an associate professor of History at Manchester Community College.
**Session 4c Reinventing Yourself**

**Description:** When you come to a fork in the road — take it! This quirky saying actually makes sense: We should all stay open to that next big chance. Our panel looks at the arc of professional careers: How that first job gets you to that second job, and what it takes to do a personal reboot.

**Moderator:** Morgan Swan (2007 PhD, English Language & Literature) is Special Collections Education & Outreach Librarian, Rauner Special Collections Library at Dartmouth College.

**Panelists:**

**Elissa Greenwald** (1976 BA, English, 1981 PhD, English Language & Literature) has been a professor at Rutgers, a test and curriculum developer at the Educational Testing Service (ETS), and a high school teacher.

**Jorge Pedraza** (1992 PhD, Comparative Literature) was a professor of literature at Williams and is now a successful financial entrepreneur and author.

**M. Kemal Ciliz** (1995 MA, International and Development Economics) has been a professor in engineering at Bogazici University, an entrepreneur in IT, and a civil service volunteer.