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| 12:00PM - 12:35PM | **REGISTRATION**  
Price Center | East Ballroom                                                        |
| 12:35PM - 1:30PM | **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Adam Ruben, PhD | Comedian | Writer | Scientist  
Price Center | East Ballroom                                                        |
| 1:40PM - 2:30PM | **CONCURRENT SKILL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS**  
**How to Market Yourself and Networking Skills | 4th Floor Forum**  
Presented by Lisa Gates, PhD and Willie Blackmon  
UC San Diego, Center for Student Involvement, Communication and Leadership  
**Working in the US: Information for International Students | John Muir Room**  
Presented by Carol Robertson, UC San Diego, International Center  
**How to Identify and Translate Your Marketable Skills | PC West Theater**  
Presented by Tom Tomp, Director of the Graduate Student & Instructional Services Office in the Division of Biological Sciences at UC San Diego |
| 2:40PM - 3:30PM | **CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS**  
PhDs in Business | Price Center West | Theater  
PhDs in Research | Price Center East | Forum  
PhDs in Startups | Price Center East | Earl Warren Room  
PhDs in Teaching | Price Center East | John Muir Room |
| 3:45PM - 5:30PM | **ROUND TABLE NETWORKING**  
Price Center | East Ballroom                                                        |
| 5:00PM - 5:45PM | **NETWORKING RECEPTION AND CLOSING REMARKS**  
Price Center | East Ballroom                                                        |
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In this highly interactive session, participants will learn how to market their unique strengths and accomplishments and acquire the basics of professional communication for career development. If you’re in the process of seeking a professional position, one of the first tasks on your to-do list should be crafting an ideal “elevator pitch.” It’s the 30-second speech that summarizes who you are, what you do, what your “spikes” are, and why you’d be a perfect candidate. You should be able to reel off your elevator pitch at any time, whether it’s for a job interview or a cocktail party conversation with someone who might be able to help you land a position. In this workshop, you will craft and deliver your elevator pitch and also practice interpersonal strategies for initiating and maintaining professional interactions.

Presented by Lisa Gates, PhD and Willie Blackmon
UC San Diego, Center for Student Involvement, Communication and Leadership

Dr. Lisa Gates is a published author in the field of Communication and an award-winning educator. With over two decades in the college classroom and years of consulting experience, she is passionate about working with students to develop their communication and leadership competencies. The primary courses she has taught include: Business and Professional Communication, Advanced Public Speaking, Organizational Communication, and Interpersonal Communication and Communicating Leadership. She is currently teaching this same course content as a Program Coordinator for the Center for Student Involvement – Communication and Leadership at UC San Diego.

Willie Blackmon graduated from the University of San Diego with his Masters in Higher Education Leadership and has worked in student affairs for 8 years. His passion is working with students and helping them perfect their leadership skills, public speaking, and interpersonal skills for the future. His personal philosophy when it comes to advising students is to be accessible, respond to questions promptly, and serve as an advocate for those that are underrepresented. It is important for him to see things through the student perspective as many have a variation of obstacles they are dealing with, and it affects their decisions at any given time. He prides himself on asking questions, listening diligently, and discussing options. He encourages students to make choices that will allow them to successfully meet their academic, professional and personal goals. Willie is ecstatic to share his passion for facilitation through the course work he does in the Center for Student Involvement – Communication and Leadership here at UCSD.
This session will provide a brief overview of the immigration regulations that relate to employment of international students in the U.S., including F-1 practical training, J-1, and H-1B. A presentation by a recent UCSD graduate will highlight an international student experience in the job search and discuss how to educate employers about hiring international students.

Presented by Carol Robertson, UC San Diego, International Center, Weiwei Xiong, Whova, Inc

Carol is an international student advisor at UC San Diego. She has been involved in advising and programming for international students at UCSD since 1995. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Southern California where she co-founded the Southern California International Careers Consortium and received a federal grant to assist students in securing employment in their home countries. Currently, she works with the employment programs for international students, including practical training, and advises students on employment options before and after graduation.

Weiwei is a 5th year PhD student in the Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign(UIUC). Since Aug 2007, he has been working on systems reliability for the OPERA Group and is currently working at Whova (an event mobile solution provider).

Before joining UIUC, Weiwei received both his bachelor and master degrees of computer science in 2004 and 2007 respectively, from Tsinghua University in China.
“But I don’t have any skills!” is a common phrase from graduate students. Learn how you can take what you do in graduate school and articulate this into transferable skills that any recruiter would want! Learn what these skills can be and how to tell people your value in a non-academic context. A resume building must!

Presented by Tom Tomp, Director of the Graduate Student &Instructional Services Office in the Division of Biological Sciences at UC San Diego

Tom Tomp is the Director of the Graduate Student & Instructional Services Office in the Division of Biological Sciences at UC San Diego where he has worked for 19 years. He recently completed 27 years of service with the U.S. Navy as a naval reserve officer where he completed several overseas deployments. He was the Training & Curriculum Officer at the Navy’s Surface Warfare Officer School Pacific and Course Director for the Navy’s Basic Electronics School in San Diego. He has a B.S. degree in Computer Science from the University of Southern California and Advanced Training Degree in Curriculum Design and Student Counselling from the Naval Postgraduate School.
ADAM RUBEN, PhD
Comedian | Writer | Scientist

Adam Ruben is a writer, comedian, storyteller, and molecular biologist. For over a decade, he has performed at clubs, colleges, and private venues across the country, including at some of the best-known storytelling shows and comedy clubs, where he has opened for comedians such as Kevin Nealon, Ben Bailey, and Jake Johannsen. He is the author of Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Grad School (Random House, 2010), a satirical guide to the low points and, well, lower points of post-baccalaureate education.

For ten years, Adam has taught an undergraduate stand-up comedy class that has quickly become one of the most popular January “Intersession” courses at Johns Hopkins University, where he received his Ph.D. in Biology. He writes the humor column “Experimental Error” in the otherwise respectable journal Science; he has also been seen and heard on the Food Network’s Food Detectives, the Science Channel’s Head Rush, and NPR’s All Things Considered. He currently co-hosts the Science Channel’s Outrageous Acts of Science, soon to film its third season.

His one-man show, Please Don’t Beat Me Up: Stories and Artifacts from Adolescence, debuted to rave reviews at the Capital Fringe Festival in July 2011. In addition to his day job developing a malaria vaccine at Sanaria Inc., Adam travels the country, performing his show as part of anti-bullying programs and talking about his book to audiences of disaffected grad students.
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<td>Dr. David Gold is Associate Director, Business Development at Halozyme Therapeutics. Dr. Gold has also held roles at Halozyme in Alliance Management and New Product Planning. Prior to his time at Halozyme, Dr. Gold worked at the consulting firm of McKinsey &amp; Company, where he served clients in the pharmaceutical and medical device space. Dr. Gold received his B.S. in Molecular Biology from the University of Washington, his Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from UCSD, and was also a postdoctoral fellow at The Salk Institute for Biological Studies.</td>
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<td><strong>LEIGH HSU</strong></td>
<td>Leigh Hsu is Vice President, Corporate Development, Lpath Incorporated. Dr. Hsu has more than 15 years of business experience in the biotech industry. Prior to Lpath, he held positions of increasing responsibility at ACADIA Pharmaceuticals and Collateral Therapeutics (which became a subsidiary of Schering AG, now Bayer). Dr. Hsu played a key role in Lpath’s $517 million licensing deal with Pfizer for iSONEP™, and has extensive deal experience with organizations like Wyeth and GE Healthcare, as well as with several academic and research organizations, including the University of California, the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center and the Veterans Medical Research Foundation. He has published numerous scientific papers, primarily in the area of the molecular basis of neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Hsu received his Ph.D. in Molecular Pathology from the University of California, San Diego, and his M.B.A. from the University of California, Irvine.</td>
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Joseph P Jackson III is an entrepreneur, angel investor, and activist in the "Open Science Movement." He has been studying the rise of new open innovation models since 2000, when the arrival of Napster prompted him to think radically about the economics of sharing in the digital era. He is a graduate of Harvard College (2004) and the London School of Economics (2005).

As Founder of the Open Science Summit, and co-founder of BioCurious, the first Silicon Valley biotechnology membership lab, he and his work have been featured or quoted in Popular Mechanics (August 2011), GQ (France), Nature, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Boston Globe, and many other blogs and outlets. A recognized thought leader in the emerging DIY (do it yourself) biology movement, he consults to a range of early stage biotechnology companies and to different stakeholders in government (FBI, HHS), academia, and industry, as these groups seek to understand the critical issues surrounding Open Innovation in the 21st century knowledge economy.

As an entrepreneur and angel investor, he has focused on the convergence of biotechnology and information technology. He is a mentor to the Thiel Foundation 20under20 program, was a participant at the Unreasonable Institute 2010 inaugural program, a participant in Start Up Chile, and a 2011 Echoing Green Finalist (one of 30 entrepreneurs out of more than 20K applicants to the oldest Social Entrepreneurship program in the world). His mission is to enable the emergence of a new era of entrepreneurship by democratizing access to technology and distributing it so that small innovators can leverage it to have large impacts. He relocated to Carlsbad in January 2013 to oversee the launch of the BioTech and Beyond community lab incubator.

Hervé Le Calvez Founded ABBIOTEC in 2007. As President & CEO, he has led the R&D and Operations efforts toward company profitability in less than 3 years. Prior to ABBIOTEC, Dr. Le Calvez directed many successful product developments, marketing and business strategies at local start-up firms; Active Motif, Inc. and Abgent, Inc, two spin-off companies of Life Sciences leaders Invitrogen, Inc. and BD Biosciences/Pharmingen. Dr. Le Calvez was previously a member of the reviewer panel for NIH/SBIR-STTR grants, ZRG1 SSS-1 study section: Cancer Diagnosis And Treatment. He is the recipient of several awards for his research in high-throughput transcription factor assay technologies. He has authored many original publications and reviews on recombinant antibody production and engineering.

Dr. Le Calvez graduated from University of Paris VII, France (B.Sc.) and University of Aix-Marseille II, France (Ph.D.). His postdoctoral studies were completed at the Burnham Institute, La Jolla, CA for the Program in Cell Adhesion and Extracellular Matrix Biology. He is currently on the Advisory Board of French-BioBeach, a biotech networking company in San Diego, CA.
Desmond O’Sullivan is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group of Morrison & Foerster’s San Diego office. Mr. O’Sullivan’s practice includes the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for multinational, domestic, and start-up companies. Mr. O’Sullivan’s prosecution practice has covered methods and apparatuses directed to telecommunications; consumer electronics companies; LED displays; electrical vehicle charging stations; algorithms for professional networking and automobile transactions; data management and security; multiplexed sensor arrays; medical devices; wear-resistant structures for high-wear applications; single-cycle internal combustion engines; and high-strength composite structures. Mr. O’Sullivan’s patent litigation practice includes representing multinational and U.S.-based companies in litigation and arbitration matters. Mr. O’Sullivan has created offensive and defensive strategies for intellectual property related to antenna, telecommunications, and laser systems.

Mr. O’Sullivan received his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law, where he was an articles editor for the Hastings Law Journal and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker of the Northern District of California. As an extern to Chief Judge Walker, Mr. O’Sullivan assisted the court in patent claim construction and in fulfilling duties as a designated member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. O’Sullivan received his B.Sc. in mathematics and applied mathematics from University College Cork, in Cork, Ireland. He received his M.S.E. in engineering sciences from the University of California, San Diego, where he focused on aerospace and mechanical engineering.
DANIEL KOLK

Daniel Kolk was born in Torrance CA and grew up in the greater Los Angeles area. He graduated from UCSD in 1983 with a B.A. in Biochemistry/Cell Biology. He graduate from Arizona State University in 1992 with a Ph.D. specializing in molecular genetics. He did postdoctoral work at the UCSD School of Medicine/VA Hospital studying gene regulation in the human retrovirus HTLV. In 1995, he was hired by Gen-Probe Inc., in San Diego to develop a molecular diagnostic assay for detecting HIV-1 and HCV in donated blood. This product was subsequently approved by the FDA and was the first molecular diagnostic assay ever to be approved for blood screening. Gen-Probe was awarded the 2011 Otterson Award by San Diego CONNECT for this product. The award is one of the highest honors given to technologies and products developed in San Diego that have demonstrated a significant impact on society worldwide. Since then, Dan has been involved in the development of molecular diagnostic assays for melanoma, HPV, influenza, and a variety of human pathogens. Dan has over 18 years combined experience in the in vitro diagnostics industry.

MATTHEW LEWIS

Matthew Lewis is a Senior Research Scientist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. RAND is a non-profit, policy research organization. Matt’s primary area of expertise is the design, implementation, and evaluation of technologies to support learning, decision-making, and behavioral change. However he also does research in large-scale education innovation, supply-chain management, and public health. Originally studying Developmental Psychology and graduating with an elementary teaching credential from U.C. San Diego, Matt returned to academia to study how people acquire complex skills, receiving his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University in 1985. Before and between tenures at RAND, he helped to found software companies. Recent research includes an evaluation of an NSF-funded, artificially-intelligent tutoring system for pre-algebra to support English Language Learners, the development of a “serious game” to train crisis decision-making for public health officials, and simulation-based analyses of future “lean” equipping strategies for the U.S. Army. Matt is an Adjunct Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School where he lectures and advises Ph.D. students. He also reviews research proposals for the National Science Foundation and journal articles for technology and learning journals.
CARY MILLER
Cary Miller works with clients at the law firm Morrison & Foerster in the biotechnological and pharmaceutical areas. Her practice focuses on strategic patent procurement, general counseling on patent infringement and validity issues, USPTO post-grant proceedings, and patent litigation. Best Lawyers named Dr. Miller the “San Diego Biotechnology Law Lawyer of the Year” for 2013, an honor given to a single lawyer in the metropolitan area. She was also selected by her peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2014.

Dr. Miller has drafted and prosecuted patents relating to novel nucleic acid and amino acid sequences, antibodies, cancer therapeutics and diagnostics, small molecules, human embryonic stem cells, plant genetic engineering, drug delivery devices, and biomedical devices. She has also drafted and negotiated license, materials transfer, and confidentiality agreements, and conducted intellectual property due diligence studies. Dr. Miller has also participated in multiple biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent litigation lawsuits. Most recently, she has represented companies in generic drug litigation and in litigation relating to DNA sequencing.

Dr. Miller received her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Her primary area of research was in cellular, developmental, and molecular biology, studying the roles of Wnt proteins in cell-cell interactions. Dr. Miller’s publications have appeared in Nature Genetics, Development, Mechanisms of Development, Journal of Cell Biology, and the American Journal of Human Genetics. She also co-authored a book chapter in The Endometrium.

Dr. Miller received her J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2002. While attending law school, she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and was managing editor of the Columbia Science and Technology Law Review.

ALI TORKAMANI
Ali Torkamani, PhD, is Director of Genome Informatics and Drug Discovery at STSI and is an Assistant Professor at TSRI. Dr. Torkamani’s expertise is in the discovery and interpretation of the genetic determinants of human disease and the translation of those findings to therapeutic strategies through the integration of high-throughput sequence analysis and screening, systems biology, and characterization of laboratory-based models of disease. Dr. Torkamani graduated with a PhD from the UCSD Biomedical Sciences program in 2008.
Amy Yang is a Senior Principal Scientist and the Disease Area Lead for Oncology for Drug Safety Research & Development at Pfizer Inc. She is a board certified toxicologist with training in molecular and cell biology and experience in drug discovery and development. What makes her energized to go to work every day is the impact she makes on patient safety. At the drug target selection stage, she teams up with colleagues in toxicology and discovery to identify potential target-mediated safety concerns and map out risk mitigation plans. She also sits on drug discovery project teams as the toxicology expert to help progress safe and efficacious drug candidates to the clinic. When unexpected safety issues arise, she investigates mechanisms of toxicity through hypothesis generation and testing. The opportunity to work in a variety of disease areas, with a focus on oncology, is personally rewarding to her. The collaborative nature of her work also exposes her to diverse job functions, providing a “big-picture view” and ample learning opportunities. In addition to drug safety activities, Amy is on the steering committee of the Women’s Leadership Network at Pfizer, which organizes career/leadership development events, through which she has enjoyed many enriching dialogues. Prior to joining Pfizer in 2008, Amy worked at a biotech company (Iconix Biosciences, later acquired by Entelos) focused on toxicogenomics. Prior to Iconix, Amy started her career in industry as a postdoctoral fellow at Pfizer.

Amy earned her B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia, and her Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from UCSD. In her spare time she enjoys all things artsy, learning to swing dance, and spending time with her son.
MICKEY FERRI

Mickey Ferri, Ph.D. is an expert in economics, finance, and statistics and applies his skills to strategic decision making, economic damages analysis, and expert witness services. He provides economic analysis in the areas of competition, intellectual property, labor, and finance. His consulting experience includes evaluation of competition and market dynamics, including the development of optimal pricing software.

Dr. Ferri earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago. Working under a committee that included Steven Levitt and other top applied micro-economists, Dr. Ferri developed a comprehensive model of consumer choice in the movie industry. Dr. Ferri taught numerous courses in the University of Chicago’s Department of Economics and the Booth School of Business, including industrial organization, microeconomics, public finance, and the economics of sports.

RAQUELL M. HOLMES

Raquell M. Holmes, Ph.D. is the founder and director of improvscience. She is also an Assistant Research Professor at the Center for Computational Sciences at Boston University and an adjunct associate professor at the Mathematical Computational Modeling Sciences Center of Arizona State University. She has taught biologists how to incorporate computational resources into their teaching and research, and designs and leads programs that increase the participation of women and minorities in STEM fields. improvscience was created to meet the needs of colleagues and groups who want to develop their skills in leadership, collaboration and innovation. Dr. Holmes draws on a national network of professionals, scientists and performers to develop and deliver innovative trainings that push the boundaries of what we are able to do in science.

STANLEY JIN

Dr. Stan Jin founded C2 Pharmaceuticals in 2013 and serves as the Company’s President and Chief Scientific Officer. C2 Pharma focuses on small molecule Drug Discovery in the areas of cancer and immunology. The Company has two lead programs in late preclinical development. Prior to venturing out as an entrepreneur, he was a Medicinal Chemist and Project Leader at Takeda California since 2007, where he contributed to the discovery of a number of key molecules entering or already in the clinic. Dr. Jin received his B.S. in Chemistry from Nankai University, and PhD in Chemistry from Texas A&M University in 2002, and conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Notre Dame. He hopes to share his struggles and lessons learned as a first-time entrepreneur.
DEFOREST MCDUFF

DeForest McDuff, Ph.D. is a Vice President of Quant Economics and an expert economist in the areas of antitrust & competition, intellectual property, labor & employment, and securities & finance. He is an expert in the economics of technology and intellectual property and his work spans the life sciences (including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, diagnostics, and medical devices), electronics (including consumer electronics, semiconductors, computers, and telecommunications), and a diverse range of other industries (such as scuba diving equipment, golf clubs, and contact lenses). He is known for his exceptional communication skills, as evidenced by earning the Towbes Teaching Prize for outstanding teaching at Princeton University.

Dr. McDuff earned his Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University. While at Princeton, he was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to fund his academic research studying economic and statistical properties of housing markets and financial derivatives. He has published economic research in several peer-reviewed academic journals. Dr. McDuff graduated summa cum laude with undergraduate degrees in economics and mathematics from the University of Maryland.

SOYEON PARK

Soyeon Park is a co-founder of Whova, Inc and takes on various roles within the company, including business development and product management. Whova, Inc was created from an academic project Dr. Park was involved in while she was working in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at UC San Diego (UCSD) as a project scientist. Since joining UCSD in 2009 as a postdoc, her focus has been on big data analytics, software reliability, failure diagnosis, distributed systems, and operating systems. Dr. Park was formerly a postdoc in Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). She earned her PhD and Master’s Degree in Computer Science from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST).
Dr. Brandon Zeidler is the Vice President, CTO, and co-founder of Adaptive Dynamics, Inc. He is responsible for leading the design and commercialization of novel technologies for a wide range of DoD and commercial applications. Brandon completed his Ph.D. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Communications Theory and Systems) at the University of California, San Diego in 2006, his M.S. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from University of California, San Diego in 2002, and his B.S. Degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara (Cum Laude) in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1999.

His Ph.D. dissertation investigated the effects of multi-path interference in time-spread CDMA optical communications. Prior to founding Adaptive Dynamics, Inc in 2003 he worked at the TRW Avionics Division, the SPAWAR Systems Center, San Diego, Digital Transport Systems, and Alliant Techsystems. At TRW he was assigned to the Mode S IFF (Interrogate Friend or Foe) Transponder Project, the Boeing Joint Strike Fighter Link-16 software radio project, and was a team member of 1999 TRW IR&D Gold Award.
MATTHEW HEDAYAT

Dr. Matthew Hedayat has been managing the engineering development, operation and quality departments of several Fortune 100 companies for the last 25 years. He is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, with a proven track record in consumer electronics, medical devices, and commercial products for companies like Motorola, Philips, Johnson & Johnson, and Hewlett-Packard. He has managed multi-disciplinary functions teams, and suppliers worldwide, and is responsible for several product developments in wireless, handheld, and medical devices from concept to launch. Dr. Hedayat has been an Advisor, Mentor, and Adjunct Professor for UCSD and National University since 2005. He has earned his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from University of Florida, and is a member of ASQ and a volunteer in Public School Science Academy. Currently, he is helping startup companies with their technical and business challenges.

PAULA LEVIN

Paula Levin is a Senior Lecturer and serves as Graduate Adviser in the Department of Education Studies at the University of California, San Diego. In these capacities, she is responsible for the M.A. and Doctor of Education programs in Teaching and Learning. In addition to her appointment in Education Studies, she has an appointment as affiliated faculty in the Program in Human Development, the Department of Anthropology, and the Joint Ph.D. Program in Math and Science Education. In recognition of her contributions to teaching, she was named by the Academic Senate as a recipient of UCSD's Distinguished Teaching Award. Since 2008, Levin has served as the Associate Faculty Director and is currently the Acting Director of the Programs Abroad Office at UCSD. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology, and has conducted research on language, schooling and culture in the United States, as well as in French Polynesia and Papua New Guinea.
DINA MIYOSHI

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