

**Wesleyan University Biology and Molecular Biology & Biochemistry  
Graduate Student Career Retreat**

*Saturday March 29, 2008*

**The Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate, Middletown, CT**

**8:00 - 8:30**

**Breakfast** (and Poster Setup)

**8:30 - 9:25**

**Introduction**

**Keynote Speaker** - Joshua Boger, Vertex Pharmaceuticals

**9:25 - 11:00**

**Session I – Academia**

9:25 - 9:50 - Jacek Majewski, McGill University

9:50 - 10:15 - Patricia Labosky, Vanderbilt University

10:15 - 10:30 - James Mulrooney, Central Connecticut State University

10:30 - 10:45 - Mark Barreuther, Albertus Magnus College

10:45 - 11:00 - Additional Q&A and Discussion with Panel Members

**11:00 - 11:30**

**Panel Discussion** – “Finding a Postdoc”

Kristen Martins-Taylor, UCONN Health Center

Joseph Carpentino, McKnight Brain Institute - University of Florida

Mark Barreuther, Albertus Magnus College

**11:30 - 1:00**

**Lunch and Poster Session**

**1:00 - 2:35**

**Session II – Industry**

1:00 - 1:25 - Judith Dunn, Sepracor

1:25 - 1:50 - Anne Schmidt, Pfizer

1:50 - 2:05 - Katrina Catron, Boehringer Ingelheim

2:05 - 2:20 - Bethanie Wilkinson, Pfizer

2:20 - 2:35 - Additional Q&A and Discussion with Panel Members

**Session II ALT– Alternative Careers in Ecology and Evolution**

1:00 - 1:20 - Jessa Forte Netting, McGraw-Hill and Access Science

1:20 - 1:40 - Adam Whelchel, The Nature Conservancy, CT Chapter

1:40 - 2:00 - Jane Brawerman, CT River Coastal Conservation District

2:00 - 2:20 - Robert E. Marra, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

2:20 - 2:35 - Additional Q&A and Discussion with Panel Members

**2:35 - 2:50**  
**Break**

**2:50 - 4:25**

**Session III – Alternative Careers**

2:50 - 3:05 - Ben Muskin, Wesleyan University

3:05 - 3:30 - Stephen Dahl, Johns Hopkins Medicine

3:30 - 3:50 - Stephen Saxe, Alexion Pharmaceuticals

3:50 - 4:10 - Roopashree Narasimhaiah, Yale University

4:10 - 4:25 - Additional Q&A and Discussion with Panel Members

**4:25 - 4:35**

**Wrap-up** (Statement by David Bodznick, Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics)

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