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GWISE March Newsletter

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Newsstand

[The Art of Informational Interviewing](#)

Job seekers often hear that they should be striving to get informational interviews in their search. However, few people ever talk about what those are supposed to look like and how to do them well.

[15 Women to Watch in Tech](#)
Collectively, these talented start-up founders are leaving their mark on everything from healthcare to online video to Web security and e-Commerce. Based on what they've done so

What's Up GWISE?

Hello GWISE,

As spring peeks around the corner, we hope your research and courses are going stupendously. You should take an afternoon or evening off and join us at one of our upcoming events - we've got a seminar on international careers, a special guest speaker who is a kick-butt advocate for women in STEM, AND a panel and dinner discussion on how to push through those middle years of grad school. How can you lose?

Also, elections will be coming up and we need a few good (wo)men to join the executive board to help make events like these happen! If you or someone you know is interested in helping out and gaining professional skills in the process, chat us up at a GWISE event or send us an email at gwise@bu.edu.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

GWISE

GWISE Event: How to Succeed in an International Career, with Masha Hareli, PhD



Date & Time: TODAY! Monday, March 5th, 6-7:30pm

Location: ERB Room 203, 44 Cummington St.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Please join us for a special talk and discussion about how to have a successful career in a foreign country. Whether you are a foreign student planning to stay in the US or an American interested in doing a post-doc or getting a job abroad, this talk will be beneficial for you!

We are privileged to have Dr. Masha Hareli as our guest speaker. Dr. Hareli is an immunologist, consultant and inventor with extensive experience in academia and industry. She has been actively involved with professional organizations promoting women's careers since 2006, and served as the Mass-AWIS president in 2011.

Pizza will be served.

GWISE Event: Success Strategies for Beating the Grad School Slump

Panel & Dinner Discussion

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 4th @ 5PM-7PM

Location: CAS Room 522, 725 Commonwealth Avenue

[RSVP here](#)

Are you settled into grad school and wondering how best to set yourself on a path for success in the future? Do you have questions about advisor relationships or building networks? Do you want to hear about how to continue productivity over the long haul?

Come and hear stories from those who have survived and thrived and now can tell the tale- postdocs and professors. We'll start with a brief panel where we address some of the common bumps mid-track PhD students face, and how to overcome them. Then, we'll grab some food and drinks and head to small group discussions led by postdocs and professors who are glad to share lessons learned from their paths to the PhD.

Some topics we'll cover: advisor relationships, the job market, impostor syndrome, how to get and deal with feedback, keeping on track to finish on time, mentoring relationships, and more! Come prepared with all your questions.

GWISE Event: March Book Club - *Why We Make Mistakes*, by Joseph Hallinan

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 14th, 12pm

Location: Alumni Board Room, SMG 7th floor

[RSVP HERE](#)

far, that's only the beginning.

[Women in Science: Why So Few?](#)

Women make up just about half of the American workforce, but we hold less than a quarter of the STEM jobs.

[Shrinking Numbers, Growing Need for Women in Tech Jobs](#)

Groups continue efforts to encourage girls to seek careers in math, science, and tech.

[Mixed News for Female Sci-Tech Faculty](#)

For female faculty in scientific or technical fields, a new study has good news, with some caveats.

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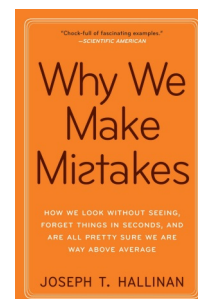
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This month, GWISE will be reading *Why We Make Mistakes: How We Look Without Seeing, Forget Things in Seconds, and Are All Pretty Sure We Are Way Above Average*. Written by Joseph Hallinan, this nonfiction novel dives into the nature of human fallibility, asking questions such as, "Why do we make mistakes? And could we do a little better?" In his quest to understand our imperfections, Hallinan delves into psychology, neuroscience, and economics, with forays into aviation, consumer behavior, geography, football, stock picking, and more. He discovers that some of the same qualities that make us efficient also make us error prone. We learn to move rapidly through the world, quickly recognizing patterns--but overlooking details. Which is why thirteen-year-old boys discover errors that NASA scientists miss--and why you can't find the beer in your refrigerator.

Why We Make Mistakes is enlivened by real-life stories--of weathermen whose predictions are uncannily accurate and a witness who sent an innocent man to jail--and offers valuable advice, such as how to remember where you've hidden something important. You'll learn why multitasking is a bad idea, why men make errors women don't, and why most people think San Diego is west of Reno (it's not). *Why We Make Mistakes* will open your eyes to the reasons behind your mistakes--and have you vowing to do better the next time.

Contact Rachel at rcs204@bu.edu to borrow a copy of the book.



GWISE & WISE Event: Spring Talk & Reception with Dr. Maria Klawe



Date & Time: Thursday, March 22nd, 3pm Keynote address (followed by reception)

Location: SMG Trustee Ballroom, 1 Silber Way

Join GWISE and WISE for our Annual Spring Talk and Reception with special guest speaker Dr. Maria Klawe, President of Harvey Mudd College. The title of her talk is Increasing the Participation of Women in STEM Careers.

A renowned computer scientist and scholar, Dr. Maria Klawe is the first woman President to lead Harvey Mudd College since its founding in 1955. Prior to joining HMC, she served as dean of engineering and professor of computer science at Princeton University.

Klawe has made significant research contributions in several areas of mathematics and computer science, including functional analysis, discrete mathematics, theoretical computer science, human-computer interaction, gender issues in information technology and interactive-multimedia for mathematics education. Her current research focuses on discrete mathematics.

Klawe is one of the ten members of the board of Microsoft Corporation, a board member of Broadcom Corporation and the nonprofit Math for America, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, a trustee for the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley and a member of both the Stanford Engineering Advisory Council and the Advisory Council for the Computer Science Teachers Association. She is a past president of the Association of Computing Machinery in New York, past chair of the board of trustees of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology in Palo Alto, and a past trustee of the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics in Los Angeles. Klawe has held leadership positions with the American Mathematical Society, the Computing Research Association, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and the Canadian Mathematical Society.

GWISE Elections: Would you like to become a GWISE Officer? NOW is your

chance!

Why you should you apply to be a GWISE Officer?

Being a GWISE officer is a GREAT experience that offers many, many benefits. In addition to learning how to lead and plan events with other officers, you'll expand your network to include women students, professionals, as well as leaders in the community. Being a GWISE officer is a great opportunity to set yourself apart and illustrate your organizational and leadership talents! You'll be able to initiate projects that are of interest to YOU. What more could you ask for?

What we are looking for?

GWISE is looking for capable, committed, and fun people who would like to show their support for women in science and engineering by helping plan and lead events and reach GWISE initiatives.

How can you apply?

Fill out the [Application HERE!](#)

Applications for the new officer positions are due on Friday, April 20th, 2012. Elections will be held the following week and new officer announcements will be made in the first week of May.

GWISE Evening Fitness Group @ FitRec



Days & Locations:

Wednesdays 7-8pm, FitRec RM L126

Fridays 5-6pm, FitRec RM 220

Come join the free awesome GWISE workout group! The workouts include: cardio-kickboxing, core, stability ball and more.

If you'd like to be in the group and get updates about the schedule, please add yourself to the gwise-fitness google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/gwise-fitness>

Contact limor@bu.edu if you have any questions.

Women in Bio Boston Kickoff Event

Please celebrate with us on **March 8, 2012** for the kickoff of Women In Bio Greater Boston's chapter. We plan a high value evening with words of leadership wisdom from special guest, Abbie Celniker, CEO of Eleven Therapeutics and one of FierceBiotech's 2011 Women in Biotech. We also plan speed networking, delicious food, and great company. Registered guests are welcome!

Come learn more about our organization and our program plans for 2012 and beyond. We guarantee you'll be glad you did.

March 8 2012

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fish & Richardson

1 Marina Park Drive

Boston, MA 02210

<http://www.fr.com/Boston/>

[Additional Event Information](#)

Register by March 2, 2012

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Meet and greet: unwind with wine and food

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Welcome remarks by WIB National Leadership, Phyllis Dillinger and Valerie Fremont, and comments from Abbie Celniker, Ph.D., CEO, Eleven Biotherapeutics

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Speed networking (Get Your Game On! This will be your most favorite game of musical chairs, ever.)

8:00 p.m. Event concludes

Cost

Members: \$0

Non-Members: \$25 (attendees who join WIB within 2 weeks of the event will receive a discounted membership)

Event Speakers

Abbie Celniker, CEO, Eleven Therapeutics

Phyllis Dillinger, WIB

Valerie Fremont, WIB

Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Events

Come to GSO Meetings!

Monday, March 26th in CAS 200

Tuesday, April 17th in CAS 200

Wednesday, May 9th in CAS 200

All meetings will take place 5:30-6:30 pm.

Please remember that in order for your department to be eligible for Travel Grants and Cosponsored Events, you must send a representative to at least three of the five meetings this semester. You can find out your department's attendance from last semester here: http://www.bu.edu/gso/files/2011/11/GSO_Attendance-2011-Fall.pdf

Goodbye to Winter Reception

Time: Thursday, March 8th, 7-10pm

Location: The Metcalf Ballroom, GSU Second Floor

Join us for a relaxing evening of music, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and of course, the company of your fellow grad students from across GRS at the fourth-annual Goodbye to Winter Reception on March 8th in the Metcalf Ballroom.

There is NO cover charge and drink tickets will be \$2 each.
Bring your valid ID and student ID.

You can also learn about our other events, such as cosponsored events as well as find other useful links for BU graduate student life at our website

[bu.edu/gso](http://www.bu.edu/gso) <<http://www.bu.edu/gso>>

Standing Up For Science Media Workshop

Sense About Science/Voice of Young Science media workshop in conjunction with the Cambridge Science Festival

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2012 | AT THE BROAD INSTITUTE, CAMBRIDGE, MA

- Are you PASSIONATE about your RESEARCH?
- Do you think it is important for GOOD SCIENCE and EVIDENCE to be communicated to a wider audience?
- What can you do to address SCIENTIFIC MISCONCEPTIONS and MISINFORMATION?

This full day event is FREE and open to early career researchers in all sciences, engineering and medicine (PhD students, post-docs or equivalent in first job)

- Science in the media: What happens when research announcements go wrong; statistics are manipulated; risk factors are distorted; or discussions become polarised?
- What journalists are looking for: How do journalists approach stories and balance the need for news and entertainment with reporting science? And deal with accusations of polarising debates and misrepresenting facts?
- Standing up for science; the nuts and bolts: This session offers practical guidance for early career researchers to get their voices heard in debates about science; how to respond to bad science when

you see it; and top tips for if you come face-to-face with a journalist!

The Standing Up for Science workshops have been held in the UK since 2005. This will be the first full-day workshop in the US and participants will be invited to join the newly formed Voice of Young Science USA network.

TO APPLY: Send a CV and short COVER LETTER to Leonor Sierra (international@senseaboutscience.org) by WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2012. Our workshops are very popular and there are limited places available.

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