The Health Sciences Postgraduate Association (HeSPA), University of Adelaide and Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA) invite you to a Career Development Forum

**Different career trajectories after PhD - choices and opportunities**

**Wednesday 22 October 2014**
**9.30am - 11.30am** (registration from 9.00am)
Rumours Café, level 6, Union House, University of Adelaide (North Tce Campus)

**Dr Steven Polyak**  
Research Fellow, School of Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, University of Adelaide  
*The life and times of a grant funded academic*

**Dr Kerstin Holata**  
Commercial Development Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, Adelaide Research & Innovation Pty Ltd - The Commercial Development Company of the University of Adelaide  
*Transitioning to a career in industry: how to create ‘lucky breaks’*

**Ms Carmel Williams**  
Acting Director, Public Health Partnerships Branch  
Public Health and Clinical Systems, Department of Health and Ageing  
*Making a difference in the public sector*

**Chaired by Professor Julie Owens**  
Head, School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health /  
Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Adelaide

This is a FREE event open to postgraduate students and early career researchers from all three universities. Join us for presentations and panel discussion followed by morning tea.  
**RSVPs essential for seating and catering requirements by Thursday 16 October to anne.jurisevic@adelaide.edu.au**
Chair

Professor Julie Owens is Head of the School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Adelaide. She is also Co-Leader of the Theme - the Early Origins of Health and Disease, in the Robinson Institute. Prof Owens is internationally recognised for research into pregnancy and the regulation of placental and fetal growth and functional development, and the early life programming of growth, obesity and metabolic homeostasis and their endocrine regulation. She has >170 publications, >100 invitations to speak at national and international conferences and has had continuous external research competitive funding of >$16M since her PhD in 1984.

Speakers

Dr Steven Polyak is a graduate of the University of Adelaide. He obtained a major in Biochemistry and undertook his PhD project on a protein required for the utilization of the vitamin biotin (aka Vitamin B7). After a short postdoctoral position at the Centre for Cancer Biology, he returned to the University of Adelaide where he continued his work on biotin enzymes focusing on how these can be targeted for the discovery of new antibiotics. Dr Polyak has published 31 original research papers and 2 book chapters, has filed 3 patent applications and overseen the successful completion of 10 Honours, 2 Masters and 4 PhD students.

Dr Kerstin Holata is a professional with broad experience working within the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. With a PhD in electrophysiology / ion channel research, she has previously held industry based positions at Pfizer in the US and as Director of Drug Discovery at Bionomics Ltd. Her expertise include 10+ years devoted to research in the therapeutic areas of pain management, central nervous system disorders and Influenza, as well as significant experience in the establishment and management of high throughput drug discovery laboratories. Her scientific and management career has been further underpinned by the completion of an MBA at Melbourne Business School. Kerstin is currently employed in the role of Commercial Development Manager at Adelaide Research & Innovation, the technology transfer office/commercial arm of the University of Adelaide, with her portfolio spanning across Pediatric and Reproductive Health and Dentistry.

Ms Carmel Williams is the Manager of the Strategic Partnerships Unit, South Australian Department for Health and Ageing, which incorporates the work she lead as Manager of the former Health in All Policies Unit. Carmel has overseen the development, implementation and evaluation of South Australia’s Health in All Policies approach, and each Health Lens Analysis project. Carmel is the Convenor of Health Promotion Special Interest Group, Public Health Association of Australia. Carmel has worked extensively with the World Health Organization including, most recently, a review on inter-sectoral action on health through the WHO Kobe Centre. Carmel has a long and extensive experience in the field of health promotion and public health. She is recognised as a leader in the health promotion arena, working at national and international levels. In 2008, she was awarded the Leadership in Health Promotion Award by the Australian Health Promotion Association. She has substantial expertise in health promotion policy development and practice, with a particular emphasis on the inter-sectoral approaches which have been instrumental in moving South Australia’s Health in All Policies approach from conceptual development to practical implementation. Carmel has background in education and holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Adelaide.