

Newsletter



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FMHS Postdoctoral Society

For Research Fellows and Senior Research Fellows

November 2018

Coffee Monday!



Warm up with a coffee and biscuits at Superfino on **Monday 12 Nov, 10.30-11.30am.**

Meet our PDS Treasurer



Dr. Erika Freemantle is a research fellow in the department of Anatomy and Medical Imaging. She obtained her PhD in the genetics of depressive disorders at McGill University in Canada. Following that she pursued post-doctoral training at Åbo Akademi, Finland in neuronal kinase signaling cascades before returning to Université de Montréal to study dendrite localized translation in synaptic plasticity and autism spectrum disorder. From there, she arrived at the University of Auckland this year and is currently researching synaptic plasticity in neurodegenerative disorders in the Curtis lab at the Centre for Brain Research. She enjoys swimming, skiing, hiking, and not having to trudge to the lab through the blowing arctic snow.

Un-Alternative Careers for Postdocs



Academia is the 'alternative' career. How we are valued in terms of skills and achievement within academia is quite different to the rest of the jobs market. Research is your life but being on 'soft money' in academic research will always come with a side helping of insecurity and the ever present potential for loss of funding (a.k.a. Unemployment). It would be foolish not to have one or two brain cells thinking about your career options in the background. Alternatively, you might feel academia is not for you in the long-run so you might want to allocate a few more brain cells to the task of finding your future-career happy-place. Come and find out about a couple of other career paths that utilise your skills and qualifications, hear some stories from past colleagues about their journeys as well as getting some advice from an expert career consultant from OCG about deciding what you want to do and how to get there.

Panel line up

- Dr Verity Todd – Clinical Research Fellow (St John NZ)
- Dr. Christina Pachel – Post Market Surveillance Manager (Fisher and Paykel Healthcare)
- Dr Jonathan Robson – Senior Clinical Research Scientist (Fisher and Paykel Healthcare)
- Julie Cressey – Manager (OCG Consulting)

9 Nov 12-1:30pm, Room 501-110

[RSVP and submit your questions for the panel](#)

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