

MPOWIR Newsletter

Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention

Fall 2014

Website updates

As the fall semester gets underway, MPOWIR is updating and reinvigorating our web presence and online resources. Did you know the MPOWIR website contains resources for writing, job searching, as well as resources for mentoring? Stop by and see what's new!

Along with our current resources, MPOWIR plans to enhance its blog with posts from the greater Oceanography community. Posts will feature advice and opinion pieces about topics like teaching, balancing work and life, negotiations, and career tracks. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Sarah Clem (sarah.clem@duke.edu).

Mentor Groups

This fall, MPOWIR will be taking registration for new Mentor Groups. Groups are comprised of 6-7 participants and two facilitators that meet monthly for one hour via conference call. Mentor Groups are intended to give participants an avenue for advice and feedback from peers and advisors

outside their home institution. Past and current participants frequently comment on the unique lasting relationships and collaborations stemming from the Mentor Groups. Interested in joining a mentor group?

Visit: <http://mpowir.org/get-involved/mentor-groups/> to find out more, and register.

* This opportunity is open to all female physical oceanographers in the last year of a U.S. PhD program (within 1 year of completing the dissertation), in a postdoctoral position, or in a permanent position for no more than two years.

NOAA Internship and NASA Speaker Series

Over this summer and fall, MPOWIR participants have been actively participating in several internship and speaking engagement opportunities. This year Alejandra Sanchez-Franks and Lindsay Roupe participated in the NOAA internship. Lindsay worked on the Western Boundary Time Series Program with Molly Baringer and Chris Menen at AOML and Alejandra at GFDL with Rong Zhang on Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation.

Martha Buckley and Kristen Thyng spoke at NASA-JPL and NASA-GSFC respectively.

Both found the opportunity very rewarding. Kristen and Martha commented particularly on how engaged their audiences were, and how productive it was to receive feedback on their research. Posts about their experiences can be found on the MPOWIR blog.

Steering Committee

While much of MPOWIR's outreach and communication focuses on the opportunities available, there is a dedicated group of scientists serving on the MPOWIR Steering Committee. Their leadership gives the program guidance and feedback as we continually work to monitor and improve the quality of our opportunities. New to the Steering Committee this year are Matthew Alford and Amit Tandon.

Current Steering Committee:

Matthew Alford (Scripps)
Silvia Garzoli (AOML/NOAA)
Sonya Legg (GFDL/NOAA)
Susan Lozier (Duke University)
Colleen Mouw (Michigan Technological University)
Fiammetta Straneo (WHOI)
Amit Tandon (University of Massachusetts Dartmouth)

Upcoming

- Mentor groups
- registration will open this fall
- NOAA internships 2015
- applications will open in December (pending continued funding)
- Pattullo conference 2015
- registration will open in January