



15th Annual Postdoc Symposium

The Importance of Postdocs: Our impact in academia and beyond

Thursday, March 21, 2019

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Eric P. Newman Education Center

The Postdoc Symposium is an annual opportunity to recognize and showcase the important contributions of postdocs to the university's research and teaching mission. This annual event is sponsored by the WashU Postdoc Society, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

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Keynote Speaker:

Holden Thorp, PhD

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Rita Levi-Montalcini Distinguished University Professor

Holden Thorp, PhD, became Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Washington University on July 1, 2013. He holds appointments in the Department of Medicine at the School of Medicine as well as in the Department of Chemistry in Arts & Sciences. Thorp joined the university after spending three decades at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he served as the 10th chancellor from 2008 through 2013. He began his academic career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry. He received a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the California Institute of Technology and completed post-doctoral work at Yale University. He holds an honorary Doctor of Law from North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Thorp co-founded Viamet Pharmaceuticals, which developed oteseconazole, now in Phase 3 clinical trials. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Board of Directors of the College Advising Corps, and the Rework America Task Force. Thorp teaches classes in higher education administration and teamwork in music and science. He is the co-author with Buck Goldstein of *Engines of Innovation and Our Higher Calling: Rebuilding the Partnership Between America and its Colleges and Universities* from UNC Press.

Postdoc Storytelling Talks

In today's world, telling a powerful story can make all the difference. This year the postdoc research talks are being replaced with a storytelling session to showcase the importance of postdocs and their impact in the university and beyond. Visit the [Postdoc Symposium page](#) for more details.

Small Format Work/Poster Session

The afternoon session is open to posters or other small format work presented by postdocs across all fields. If posters are not a common format in your field, please submit a description of your work and preferred presentation method. Submissions will be accepted from **January 21 - February 8, 2019**. Visit the [Postdoc Symposium page](#) for more details.

Faculty Mentor Award

Every year, the postdocs of the symposium organizing committee select the faculty mentor award. Submission deadline is **February 8, 2019**. Visit the [Postdoc Symposium page](#) for a nomination form.

Outstanding Mentor or Teacher Award

This year the symposium organizing committee has created a new award to recognize a postdoc who is an outstanding mentor or teacher. Submission deadline is **February 8, 2019**. Visit the [Postdoc Symposium page](#) for a nomination form.