## Fall 2015 Professional Development Catalyst Series Schedule

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| Sept. 16 | **Adapting to learning in graduate school**  
A. Introduction to the program and people  
B. An illustrated guide to a Ph.D.  
C. Discussion about adapting to learning in graduate school  
D. The importance of a good CV  
E. Individual Development Plans  
(http://myidp.sciencecareers.org/) |
| Sept. 23 | **Choosing a Mentor**  
A. 10 minute quiz: Thinking about mentoring  
B. Lecture and Discussion about choosing a mentor |
| Sept. 30 | **Excelling in research rotations**  
A. Lecture and Discussion about what makes a research rotation successful  
B. Activity: PhD predictions |
| Oct. 7 | **Efficient and effective reading: Tips and tools**  
A. Finding, reading, and organizing scientific papers.  
B. Handout on efficient reading |
| Oct. 14 | **Research ethics**  
A. A presentation by Dr. Steven Fliesler about research ethics |
| Oct. 21 | **The importance of networking**  
A. A presentation by Bob Orrange, Associate Director of UB Career Services |
| Nov. 4 | **A guide to oral presentations**  
A. Know your audience: Tips for scientific presentations and advice on using PowerPoint |
| Nov. 11 | **A guide to lab reports**  
A. What to report and how  
B. Data visualization tools and techniques |
| Nov. 18 | **Collaborating and working with people that are different than you: Understanding Myers-Briggs Personality Types**  
A. Introduction to Myers-Briggs personality types  
B. Discussion about effectively communicating with others |
| Dec. 2 | **Interview with Scientists**  
An interview about science and careers with the Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Professions, Dr. Jean Wactawski-Wende. |
| Dec. 9 | **A look back on the semester and planning for the spring** |