Life Sciences Industry Day 2019 is a professional development event for graduate students in the life sciences and related fields. The program will feature speakers from career fields such as biotechnology, medical technology, science communication, biorisk management, intellectual property, regulatory affairs, consulting, and business development.

Featuring presenters such as...

- **Felipe Sarmiento**  
  (PhD ’13, MBA ’18)  
  Associate Director, Commercial Operations, Ginkgo Bioworks

- **Craig Reed**  
  (PhD ’95)  
  President & CEO, Inspirion Biosciences

- **MaryBeth Culp**  
  (MPH, ’14)  
  Sr. Associate Scientist in Surveillance Research, American Cancer Society

- **Jessica Chiaruttini**  
  (BS, ’02)  
  Product Quality Microbiology Reviewer, U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

- **Alencia Washington**  
  Research & Development Manager, Avanos Medical

- **Al Jacks**  
  Sr. Vice President of Quality Assurance, Vero Biotech

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Life Sciences Industry Day 2019 - Conference Agenda*

*Session times/topics are subject to change

8:30 am – 4:00 pm   Registration / Exhibitor Booths Open
8:30 am – 9:30 am   Morning Check-In + Networking
9:30 – 10:30 am     Opening Session:

Career Hacks for Industry Success

Jacqueline (Jackie) Neilson, MBA, CPC, Executive Coach

Excellent technical skills are a requirement for securing a position in your Industry of choice. However, what gets you in the door won’t necessarily put you on a pathway to success. The expectations of collaboration, negotiation, problem solving and overall leadership are equally important in defining your career journey.

Jackie Neilson enjoyed a 35-year career at Merck & Co which spanned assignments in Basic and Clinical Research, Sales, Managed Markets, Commercial Operations, Business Development, and Global Marketing. She held a variety of senior management roles including Vice President for US Strategy and Commercial Model Innovation and Vice President and General Manager of the Global Women’s Health Franchise. Now a Leadership and Executive Coach, Jackie draws on her diverse experiences as a Leader and Executive in the Corporate environment. She received her Coaching Certification from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC) and is a member of the International Coach Federation (ICF) and the Institute of Coaching (IOC). Her Corporate Coaching clients include Celgene and Novo Nordisk. More information may be found at JackieNeilsonCoaching.com.

10:45 – 11:45 am    Breakout Session 1

- Making Biology Easier to Engineer at Ginkgo Bioworks
  Felipe Sarmiento (PhD ’13, MBA ’18), Associate Director of Commercial Operations at Ginkgo Bioworks

- Careers and Intellectual Property
  Rebecca Kaufman, Partner at King & Spalding, LLP (presented in partnership with the Georgia Intellectual Property Association, GIPA)

- Science, Regulation, and Health: Improving the Public Health with Careers in the Federal Government
  Jessica Chiaruttini, PhD (BS ’02), Product Quality Microbiology Reviewer at the FDA
12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch Keynote:

**Maximizing Professional Memberships to Succeed in Science**
*Sonia Hall, PhD, President & CEO at BioKansas*

Professional memberships are often a gateway for early career scientists to build broad networks across the scientific landscape. Understanding how to leverage these powerful resources to obtain professional development training and build a robust professional portfolio is important for preparing early career scientists for a competitive job market.

Dr. Hall is committed to supporting the bioscience enterprise through the development of novel programs and engagement activities. As an early career researcher, she has worked with numerous organizations and individuals to implement broad reaching professional development activities for domestic and international researchers. Those experiences inspired her to commit her career to building partnerships in the spirit of advancing the bioscience ecosystem.

1:30 – 2:30 pm Breakout Session 2

- Industry Career Management: Understanding Roles, Evaluating Options
  *Frank Milward, DVM, MS, Global Assay Development & Services at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health*

- Cancer Surveillance Research at the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  *MaryBeth Culp, MPH, Sr. Associate Scientist, Surveillance Research at the American Cancer Society*

- The Other Side: Navigating a Life Science Career in MedTech
  *Alencia Washington, PhD, R&D Manager at Avanos Medical*

2:30 – 3:00 pm Snack Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm Breakout Session 3

- Biorisk Management as a Business Field and Career Path
  *Craig Reed (PhD ’95), CEO at Inspirion Bioscience*

- Working in a BioTech Startup
  *Ian Biggs, Sr. Associate Director and Tim Martin, Associate Director – UGA Innovation Gateway; with Jessica Hutcheson, Lab Manager - Athens Encapsulation*

- Career Opportunities at Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Companies: How to Get Started?
  *Al Jacks, Senior Vice President of Quality Assurance at Vero Biotech*
4:10 – 5:15 pm  Closing Session:

**Trends in Hiring: How to Bridge the Talent Gap**  
*Moderator: Kristin Boscan, Director, Georgia BioEd Institute*

Panelists:
- Drew E Kohlhorst, Ph.D., Scientific Program Manager, IHRC, Inc.
- Panelist TBA
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5:15 – 6:30 pm  Networking Happy Hour

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**Rates:** $25 UGA Graduate Students, $35 UGA Faculty, Staff, and Postdoctoral Researchers, $50 Non-UGA Graduate Students, $75 Standard Registration

For more information, contact **Andrew Crain** (acrain@uga.edu) in the UGA Graduate School.

**Conference Venue:**  
UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel (1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602)  
*Parking is available (for a fee) at the adjacent South Deck. Several UGA bus routes also have stops nearby to the conference venue.*