

CV/Resume Consultations

19th Annual NIEHS Biomedical Career Symposium

We are glad to announce that we will have over 90 individual appointments for the popular one-on-one CV and Résumé consultation sessions this year!

CV and Résumé consultations will be conducted by appointment throughout the day. They will take place in the cafeteria. There will be four sessions broken up into 25-minute time slots, with a 5 minute break at the end.

- Session I – 10:20 - 11:50 a.m.
- Session II – 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
- Session III – 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.
- Session IV – 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up will begin when registration opens at 7:45 a.m.. Appointments fill quickly so be sure to arrive early to secure your preferred slot.

A table of reviewers and information about each reviewer is provided below to help you decide on the most appropriate reviewer.

NOTE: Some reviewers specialize in reviewing only certain types of CV/resumes. Please refer to their expertise listed on the table when making an appointment.

Consultant	Title	Affiliation
Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, Ph.D.	Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs	UNC
Melissa Bostrom, Ph.D.	Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development	Duke
Patrick Brandt, M.S., Ph.D.	Director of Career Development and Training	UNC
Art Burke, Jr., SPHR, CCP	Executive and Professional Recruiter	Blair Search
Nisha Cavanaugh, Ph.D.	Manager of Postdoctoral and Academic Programs	Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute
Tammy Collins, Ph.D.	Director, Office of Fellows' Career Development	NIEHS
Lori Conlan, Ph.D.	Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services	NIH
Caren Cooper, Ph.D.	Assistant Director of the Biodiversity Research Lab	North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences
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<u>Lori Davis, M.S., Ph.D., RAC</u>	Senior Clinical Research Scientist	Impact Pharmaceutical Services
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<u>Kenneth Elstein, M.B.A.</u>	Organizational Development Specialist	US EPA
<u>Ali Ghiassi</u>	Global Talent Acquisition	Catalent Pharma Solutions
<u>Erin D. Hopper, Ph.D.</u>	Research Director, UNC Office of Research and Graduate Education	UNC
<u>Jacqueline Kinyamu-Akunda, D.V.M., Ph.D.</u>	Director, Pre-Clinical Safety - Oncology	Novartis
<u>Susan Lankford, Ph.D.</u>	Program Analyst, Science and Technology Development	North Carolina Biotechnology Center
<u>Rebekah (Beka) Layton, Ph.D.</u>	Assistant Director of Professional Development	UNC
<u>Mahendra S. Rao, M.D., Ph.D.</u>	Vice President of Strategic Affairs	Q Therapeutics
<u>Amy Rawls, Ph.D., PHR</u>	HR Director	Research Square
<u>David Reif, Ph.D.</u>	Associate Professor, Biological Sciences	NC State University
<u>Kathryn Remington, Ph.D.</u>	Principal Scientist	BioReliance
<u>Jennifer Richmond-Bryant, Ph.D.</u>	Senior Physical Scientist	National Center for Environmental Assessment, US EPA
<u>Denise Saunders, Ph.D.</u>	Career Counselor, OITE	NIH
<u>Stacy Schnieber, M.A.</u>	Director of Human Resources	Camargo Pharmaceutical Services
<u>Molly Starback, MSLS</u>	Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services	Duke
<u>Beth Sullivan, Ph.D.</u>	Associate Professor, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology	Duke
<u>Deb Wojcik, Ph.D.</u>	Director, Career and Professional Development Center	Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, Ph.D.

Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sibby serves as Director of Postdoctoral Affairs in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. She brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education administration. Her expertise is in serving and supporting the success of international, women and underrepresented minority students and postdoctoral scholars. Previously, Sibby served as Assistant Dean of Students and Assistant Dean in the Office of Student Academic Counseling here at Carolina. In addition, she served as an associate dean of student affairs at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. Prior to her return to Carolina, she served as a clinical faculty member in education and dean of advising at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. Sibby has been an active member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) serving as the NPA's first Diversity Officer. Additionally, she has served on the Advisory Group for the NPA ADVANCE Project (*From Postdoc to Faculty: Transition Issues for Women Scientists*) and the Science, Engineering and Public Policy of the National Academies charged with reporting the *State of the Postdoctoral Experience for Scientists and Engineers Revisited*

Melissa Bostrom, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development,
Duke

Melissa began her current position in February 2013. In her role at Duke, she provides strategic direction and leadership for graduate student professional development, and her charge includes assembling a comprehensive program that addresses broad and discipline-specific professional development opportunities designed to help graduate students in diverse fields prepare for professional life beyond the graduate degree. She directs the Professional Development Series and the Emerging Leaders Institute at Duke, administers the Professional Development Grant program, and co-founded Duke's professional development blog.

Prior to her current position, Melissa served as Director of Graduate Academic and Professional Development in the Graduate School at NC State University, where she directed the Preparing the Professoriate program, the Graduate Leadership Development Series, the Certificate in Career Development, and the Professional Development Seminar series, all part of the Preparing Future Leaders professional development initiative. During her five years at NC State, these programs served over 6000 participants.

Melissa's background includes experience teaching management and corporate communication at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, as well as teaching in the English department at NC State and UNC. She received her master's and PhD in English from UNC, and her bachelor's in English (writing) and psychology from Denison University. In addition to her current role at Duke, Melissa remains active as a consultant in business communication by teaching in the Executive MBA program at Kenan-Flagler, and as a personal development coach using the Human Patterns instrument.

Patrick Brandt, M.S., Ph.D.

Director of Career Development and Training,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Patrick directs the Training Initiatives in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (TIBBS) career awareness and professional skills development programming as well as the Immersion Program to Advance Career Training (ImPACT). Initiated in 2006, TIBBS is UNC's professional development program for life science graduate students. Funded by an NIH BEST grant in 2014, ImPACT is UNC's career exploration, job shadowing, and internship program that serves close to 1000 graduate student and postdoctoral trainees in the life sciences.

Patrick also directs the Certificate Program in Translational Medicine, which started as an HHMI funded program in 2006. He developed the Summer of Learning and Research (SOLAR) undergraduate research program and was SOLAR director from 2009 through 2013. Patrick also developed and oversees RCR training for first year PhD students who enter through BBSP. Patrick has a track record of grant writing success and was instrumental in securing \$5.4 million in grant funding from HHMI, NIH, BWF, and NCBC to fund career development, outreach, and training initiatives.

Patrick earned his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Rochester School of Medicine where he studied the enzymes involved in lagging strand DNA replication and a related DNA repair pathway. After a short postdoc at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Patrick joined the Office of Graduate Education in 2008.

Art Burke, Jr., SPHR, CCP

Executive and Professional Recruiter,

Blair Search

Art Burke, Jr. holds a Masters degree in Change Management and Strategic HR from The Johns Hopkins University. He is currently working as an Executive and Professional Recruiter at Blair Search, an HR recruiting group. He also serves as an Executive Career Coach and Consultant for the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Prior to his career at Blair Search, Art served as Co-Founder and Executive Vice-President for the Nautical Group and as Director of Human Resources for Novartis and Purdue Pharma. Art is a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SHRP) and a Certified Compensation Professional (CCP).

Nisha Cavanaugh, Ph.D.

Manager of Postdoctoral and Academic Programs,
Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute

Nisha Cavanaugh, Ph.D., recently became the Manager of Postdoctoral and Academic Programs for Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, a non-profit research institute located in La Jolla, CA after serving as the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs for three years at NC State University (NCSU). In her current role, she develops and organizes career and professional development workshops and programs for 130 postdocs in the biomedical sciences. In addition, she has designed, developed, and facilitated her own career development workshops and has been invited to present at NCSU, UNC-Chapel Hill, and SAMSI. She is an active member of the National Postdoctoral Association's Advocacy Committee and co-presented at the 2014 Association for the Study of Higher Education conference as part of *The Postdoctoral Landscape: Collaborating through Research and Practice*

to Address Policy session. She received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder and was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; her research focused on the enzyme mechanisms of DNA replication initiation and DNA repair protein complexes.

Tammy Collins, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Fellows' Career Development,
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Institutes of Health

Tammy Collins received her B.S. in chemistry from Appalachian State University, and her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Duke University. After a brief postdoc at Duke University, she joined the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) as a postdoc in 2009 where she developed her passion for working in the scientific career development field. Tammy currently directs the activities of the Office of Fellows' Career Development at the NIEHS. In this role, she develops and organizes professional career development and scientific training opportunities for the postdoctoral community. She also provides individual CV/resume consultations and facilitates networking opportunities with area professionals. Aside from these responsibilities, she performs a range of additional duties including those in conflict resolution, policy implementation, strategic planning, and event planning. Her central mission is to assist others in finding their career path and to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to become successful and independent.

Lori Conlan, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services,
National Institutes of Health

Lori M. Conlan is trained as a biochemist, receiving her B.S. in biochemistry from Michigan State University and her Ph.D. in biochemistry and biophysics from Texas A&M University. She worked for several years as a postdoc at the Wadsworth Center, NYS Department of Health, before transitioning from the lab to focus on career issues for the next generation of scientists. Lori started as the director of the Science Alliance, an international career development program for graduate students and postdocs sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences. She now is at the NIH in the Office of Intramural Training & Education assisting the 4,000 NIH postdocs in their personal career choices. Lori is the director of two offices, the Office of Postdoctoral Services and the NIH Career Services Center. She speaks at universities and institutions around the nation on career development topics for young scientists.

Caren Cooper, Ph.D.

Assistant Director of the Biodiversity Research Lab,
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

Caren Cooper received her undergraduate science degree from North Carolina State University, a master's degree from the University of Wyoming, and her Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. For 14 years, Cooper helped design several citizen science projects at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology including My Yard Counts, YardMap, NestWatch, Celebrate Urban Birds, and the House Sparrow Project. Cooper is currently the Assistant Director of the

Biodiversity Research Lab at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. The goal of Cooper's citizen science research lab is to support the Museum's mission "to illuminate the interdependence of humanity and nature." Her lab focuses on promoting community participation in avian research for stewardship and pollution biomonitoring and mapping.

Carolyn Couch, M.A.

Principal Career Coach,

The Next Step Career Coaching LLC

For over 20 years, Carolyn has been coaching individuals and groups in the areas of career transition, planning, and management. Her own career path has consisted of staff and project management, training, and administration at Wake Forest University. Carolyn currently serves as the Online Career Counselor for students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and maintains a private practice, The Next Step Career Coaching LLC. Her advice columns have appeared in the USAToday Online Career Center and HerCampus.com. Carolyn is a Certified Master Coach and National Certified Counselor.

Lori Davis, M.S., Ph.D., RAC

Senior Clinical Research Scientist,

Impact Pharmaceutical Services

Lori Davis, M.S., PhD, RAC is a Senior Clinical Research Scientist at IMPACT. Prior to joining IMPACT, Dr. Davis was a contract Staff Toxicologist at ILS, Inc., supporting endocrine disruptor work for the National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM). Her primary responsibilities included data analysis, writing and editing of reports, manuscripts, and Federal Register notices, and preparing presentations for meetings. Dr. Davis received her B.S. in physiology and M.S. in biology from California State University at Long Beach, and her Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, where she also concurrently managed the Fish Endocrinology and Environmental Physiology Lab, and at the US EPA Endocrine Toxicology Branch. Dr. Davis earned her US Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC) from the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society (RAPS) in 2012.

Laura Demarse, Ed.D., NCC, MCC

Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs,

North Carolina State University

Laura Demarse holds a doctorate in higher Education from the University of Memphis and a master's in counseling psychology from Fordham University. She is currently the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at NC State University. Prior to serving in this role, Laura has served as Assistant Dean in the School of Business at NC Central University, Assistant Dean of Postdoctoral Affairs at the University of Utah and Director of Career Development at the College of Charleston. Laura is a Nationally Certified Counselor, Master Career Counselor and advocate for professional and career development for postdocs.

Kenneth Elstein, M.B.A.

Organizational Development Specialist,
US Environmental Protection Agency

After 18 years as a widely published bench scientist in cellular toxicology, Mr. Elstein obtained his M.B.A., and subsequently pursued a career in organizational improvement during which he became a certified facilitator, certified professional coach, and Distinguished Toastmaster. Since 2004, he has served as an Organizational Development Specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development, providing coaching, training, consulting, conflict-management, and meeting design & facilitation services to help employees at all levels become more effective and influential. For a more personalized assessment of your application materials, Mr. Elstein recommends also bringing a copy of your cover letter and introduction or thumbnail sketch to your CV/Resume review session, if possible.

Ali Ghiassi

Global Talent Acquisition,
Catalent Pharma Solutions

Ali Ghiassi earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina with a triple major in international business, economics, and Spanish. He has over eight years of demonstrated success as a sales and recruiting professional in talent acquisition and project management in Life Sciences, Manufacturing, Engineering, and Finance sectors. Currently, Ali is part of the Global Talent Acquisition team at Catalent Pharma Solutions.

Erin D. Hopper, Ph.D.

Research Director,
UNC General Administration

Erin Hopper, PhD is the Research Director for the Research Opportunities Initiative (ROI) in the Office of Research and Graduate Education at UNC General Administration (GA). As director of ROI, she manages the competitive process for distribution of research funds in six priority areas as outlined in the strategic plan for the North Carolina university system. Her role also involves supporting the commercialization of research across the state and communicating the significance of North Carolina research to the broader community.

Before joining the staff at UNC GA, Erin served as Director of Training Initiatives in Biomedical and Biological Sciences (TIBBS) in the Office of Graduate Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In this role, she provided professional development support and programming for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Erin received her B.S. in chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earned her PhD in chemistry from Duke University, and completed her postdoctoral training at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), where she was active in education and training initiatives for science trainees.

Jacqueline Kinyamu-Akunda, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Director, Pre-Clinical Safety – Oncology,
Novartis

Jacqueline Kinyamu-Akunda is a Director of Preclinical Safety (PCS) at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) and serves as a Project Team Member (PTM) in the oncology therapeutic area (TA). As a PTM, Jacqueline represents PCS in drug development teams in all phases of development and is responsible for all the nonclinical safety aspects of drug candidates including the nonclinical strategy, study designs and interpretation, and nonclinical content of clinical and regulatory submissions. She also ensures resolution of nonclinical issues arising during discovery, clinical development or patient use. Jacqueline is also the current Science and Portfolio Manager responsible for scientific, operational and logistic support of the PCS oncology TA strategy team. Prior to joining Novartis, Jacqueline was a Toxicology Project Leader at Eli Lilly and Company. Jacqueline holds a D.V.M. and M.S. in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Nairobi – Kenya, and a Ph.D. in toxicology from Iowa State University. She was a postdoctoral scientist at NC State University and a Research Fellow at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences before joining the pharmaceutical industry.

Susan Lankford, Ph.D.

Program Analyst, Science and Technology Development,
North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Susan earned a B.S. in zoology from Eastern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in comparative biomedical sciences from NCSU. She has held positions in research labs at NCSU and UNC. Currently she is a Science and Technology Development Program Analyst at the NC Biotechnology Center where she coordinates the Jobs Network.

Rebekah (Beka) Layton, Ph.D.

Director, Career Training Initiatives in Biological and Biomedical Sciences,
Assistant Director of Professional Development,
University of North Carolina

Rebekah is the acting Director of the UNC BEST award. These NIH awards are competitive grants given to support innovative approaches that prepare graduate and postdoctoral scholars for careers in the Life-Science industry. Rebekah's main focus is helping each fellow create an individualized career plan that fosters development of skills necessary to succeed in their chosen career path.

Mahendra S. Rao, M.D., Ph.D.

Vice President of Strategic Affairs,
Q therapeutics
Adjunct Faculty Member,
Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine

Mahendra Rao received his M.D. from Bombay University in India and his Ph.D. in developmental neurobiology from the California Institute of Technology. Mahendra Rao is internationally known for his research involving human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) and other somatic stem cells and has worked in the stem cell field for more than twenty years with stints in academia, government and regulatory affairs and industry. Dr. Rao has published more than 300 papers on stem cell research and is the co-founder of a neural stem cell company Q therapeutics

based in Salt Lake City (Utah) and more recently, NxCell based in California. Dr. Rao was the founding Director of the NIH Center of Regenerative Medicine and also the Chief of the Laboratory of Stem Cell Biology at the NIH. Currently, Dr. Rao is an adjunct faculty member at Wake-Forest Center For Regenerative Medicine and the V.P. of strategic Affairs at Q therapeutics. He serves as a consultant on Regenerative Medicine for the New York Stem Cell Foundation and continues to provide consultant and advisory services to biotechnology companies in the regenerative medicine field.

Amy Rawls, Ph.D., PHR

Human Resources Director,
Research Square

Amy earned her Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics at Washington University in St. Louis studying pattern formation in the *Drosophila* retina. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship, also at Wash U, focused on developing a mouse model of a congenital bone marrow failure syndrome, she took some time away from bench science. During that time, Amy started editing and writing scientific content as a freelancer. In 2010, she joined Research Square (then, American Journal Experts) as a Managing Editor. After some time in a manager role, Amy found a way to apply her strengths and interests in the HR realm, first in recruitment and talent development and now as HR Director. She enjoys the puzzle of helping trained scientists find new ways to apply their own strengths, interests, and knowledge to a new field when that's the right path for them.

David Reif, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Biological Sciences,
North Carolina State University

David M. Reif (www.reif-lab.org) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at NC State University and a resident member of the Bioinformatics Research Center. He earned his B.S. in biology from the College of William and Mary, where he was a Monroe Scholar. He earned his M.S. in applied statistics and his Ph.D. in human genetics from Vanderbilt University, under the mentorship of Jason H. Moore. Upon graduation, David came to the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) as a postdoc under Elaine Cohen Hubal. Prior to joining the faculty at NC State, David was a Principal Investigator (PI) with the US EPA's National Center for Computational Toxicology. His overarching research goal is to understand the complex interactions between human health and the environment through the integrated analysis of high-dimensional data from diverse sources. His efforts in research, teaching, and outreach have been recognized with several awards, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), and selection to expert committees, including those for the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO / IARC).

Kathryn Remington, Ph.D.

Principal Scientist,
BioReliance

Kathryn Remington joined BioReliance in 2010 as a Principal Scientist. BioReliance provides biological safety testing for biopharmaceuticals as well as biomanufacturing of cell banks, virus seed stocks, vaccines and gene therapy products. Kathy assists clients in designing their viral clearance studies to demonstrate the capacity of manufacturing processes for biopharmaceuticals to inactivate or remove adventitious viruses. She also provides technical expertise to support Clearance Services. Kathy came to BioReliance from Catalent Pharma Solutions, where she established and managed their viral safety program for 7 years. Prior to that, she was the Section Head of the Viral Validation group for Bayer Healthcare. During her 18 years in viral clearance, she authored a number of publications on the viral safety of biopharmaceuticals. She has also worked in research, studying drug resistant feline immunodeficiency viruses. Kathy earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Montana and was an IRTA fellow under Dr. Kashia Bebenek at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Jennifer Richmond-Bryant, Ph.D.

Senior Physical Scientist,
National Center for Environmental Assessment

Jen Richmond-Bryant has served as a Physical Scientist with the US EPA National Center for Environmental Assessment's Atmospheric and Exposure Sciences team since 2008. Jen's research and work on Integrated Science Assessments focuses largely on characterizing spatial variability in air pollutants for interpreting exposure data. Jen received her PhD from the UNC Environmental Sciences and Engineering program in 2003 and was an Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences at the City University of New York prior to taking her current government position.

Denise Saunders, Ph.D.

Career Counselor,
National Institutes of Health

Denise Saunders, PhD is a Career Counselor and Consultant for the Office of Intramural Training and Education at the NIH. She provides career services to trainees at NIEHS in the RTP of North Carolina. She enjoys helping graduate students and early career professionals with their career planning and job search strategies. In addition to her work with OITE, she maintains a private practice in Chapel Hill, NC where she provides personal and career counseling and consultation to her clients. She is a Licensed Psychologist and National Certified Counselor who holds an MS in Counseling and a PhD in Counseling Psychology from Florida State University. She has worked in higher education, independent practice, for-profit business and government.

Stacy Schnieber, M.A.

Director of Human Resources,
Camargo Pharmaceutical Services

Stacy Schnieber graduated with her B.S. in communication from Ohio University and her M.A. in human resources from the University of Cincinnati. Currently, she is the Director of Human Resources at Camargo Pharmaceutical Services. In this role, her primary responsibilities include creating and implementing the people strategies that are foundational for the continued growth at Camargo including strategic workforce planning, talent acquisition and retention, and training and development.

Molly Starback, MSLS

Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services,
Duke University

Molly Starback, MSLS, is the founding Director of the Duke Office of Postdoctoral Services. Opened in 2006, Duke Postdoc Services is the central resource for over 700 postdocs, serving both Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine appointees. Duke Postdoctoral Services promotes postdocs as a key part of the Duke research enterprise and strives to integrate postdocs into University life. As Director, Molly oversees postdoctoral policy and serves as the career advisor for postdoctoral appointees in the life sciences, natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Molly develops and oversees programs including the annual Postdoctoral Responsible Conduct of Research Forum and career development seminars on topics including the Academic Job Search, the Non-Academic Job Search, Lab Management, and Grantsmanship. In 2006 Molly created Postdoctoberfest, a yearly appreciation event at which awards are presented to Duke's Outstanding Postdoc and Outstanding Postdoc Mentor. She also established annual professional development awards and helped create the Provost's Postdoctoral Scholars for Diversity Program.

In addition to working with postdocs, Molly is an academic adviser for first- and second-year Duke undergraduates. She is the Co-Chair of the National Postdoctoral Association Resource Development Committee, and past member of the AAMC GREAT Group Postdoctorate Leaders Steering Committee, NPA Membership Committee and NPA Website Taskforce. In 2008 Molly received the Duke Meritorious Service Presidential Award in recognition of her work on behalf of postdocs.

Beth Sullivan, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology,
Duke University

Beth Sullivan is Associate Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at Duke University. She graduated from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in 1990 with a B.A. in biology, and minors in chemistry and classics. She earned her Ph.D. in human genetics from University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1995. Dr. Sullivan did postdoctoral work at the MRC Human Genetics Unit (Edinburgh, Scotland), and at the Salk Institute. In 2002, she

established her lab at Boston University, but was recruited to Duke in 2005. Dr. Sullivan's research focuses on genomics and epigenetics of human centromere function and formation of chromosome abnormalities associated with birth defects, reproductive abnormalities, and cancer. Her lab uses genomics, high-resolution microscopy, and chromosome engineering to study *de novo* centromere assembly and behavior of experimentally produced dicentric human chromosomes. In addition to doing graduate teaching, Dr. Sullivan teaches in and is director of the Duke Focus Genetics and Genomics cluster, an undergraduate course for first semester freshman. Outside of Duke, Dr. Sullivan is also an Associate Editor for *PLOS Genetics* and Executive Editor of *Chromosome Research*.

Deb Wojcik, Ph.D.

Director, Career and Professional Development Center,
Nicholas School of the Environment,
Duke University

Deb Wojcik is Director of the Career and Professional Development Center at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. She provides one-on-one career coaching, professional development workshops, leadership and management skill building opportunities, and strategic vision for graduate students pursuing a wide range of environmentally focused careers. Deb earned her Ph.D. from the University of Florida's School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and has Master of Environmental Management, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Bachelor of Science degrees from Duke University. She conducted postdoctoral research at Stanford University on a joint appointment with the Woods Institute for the Environment and Graduate School of Education.