



BEST @ CORNELL

Events for February 2016

3MT Competition – Preliminary Rounds | 2, 10, 23 February and 2 March
Preliminary rounds for the Three Minute Thesis competition. Registration needed.
Location: *Big Red Barn*. 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Click [here](#) for info.

Women Entrepreneurs Conference | 6 February
Gathering of female leaders in industry. Hosted by Rev Ithaca, Johnson, and others.
Location: *Kennedy Hall*. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Click [here](#) for info.

BEST - Careers in Governance, Risk, and Compliance | 11 February
Panel featuring a variety of speakers and engaging discussions.
Location: *226 Weill Hall*. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Click [here](#) for info.

Physics Beyond the Lab | 16 February
Panel featuring advice on careers and data management. Registration needed.
Location: *401 Physical Sciences Building*. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Click [here](#) for info.

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Perspectives

Ryan Alex Coots

Part of understanding what you want to do after academia is identifying what you like to do. All too often I hear students say something to the effect of, "I think I'd like a career in industry" or "Science writing might be fun". These remarks indicate that the student is taking a step in the right direction, however it's not enough. Students must take meaningful steps towards these notional interests to understand if it's something they could spend a career doing.

This means looking for and pursuing internships in industry, or approaching newspaper editors with science stories for publication. These steps are important because they will either reify the student's interest in that career, or will help re-orient the student's interests towards an alternate career. If a student knows that they don't want an academic career, the only mistake they can make is to not explore other options.

Ryan Alex Coots is a graduate student at the College of Human Ecology – Nutritional Sciences.

Sprouting Business

BEST would like to congratulate postdoctoral fellow and BESTie Gabriel Rodriguez-Calero on being awarded a SBIR grant last December. This follows a NEXUS-NY startup grant that was awarded in 2014. Click [here](#) for the story.



BEST HIGHLIGHTS



A Place at the Table

A few thousand miles away in Africa, millions depend mainly on one single crop: cassava. Growing up in Nigeria, Dr. Sarah Adeyemo had always been surrounded by the staple crop; it was in college that she started studying it, earning a Ph.D. at the Max Planck Institute of Plant Breeding Research. As a postdoc at Cornell she has focused in the study of cassava flowering using transgenic models and plant hormones, under the auspices of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant. Her efforts are focused on developing better crops and "get [them] out there to the people."

Focused on maximizing direct level contact, Dr. Adeyemo's plans for the future involve management at an agribusiness-oriented company.

Oluwabusayo Sarah Adeyemo is a postdoctoral associate at CALS – School of Integrative Plant Science. In addition to being a researcher, she is also a mother to two girls.

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