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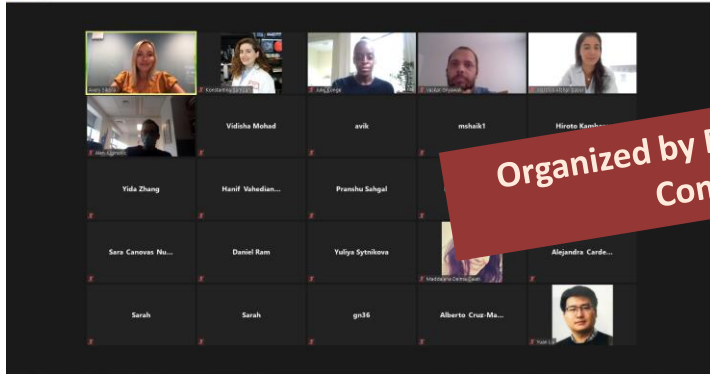
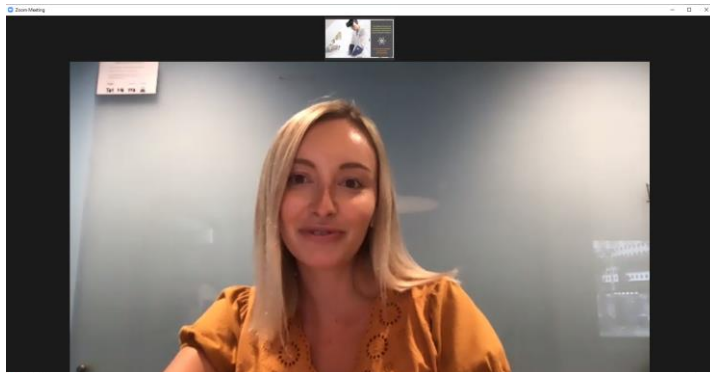
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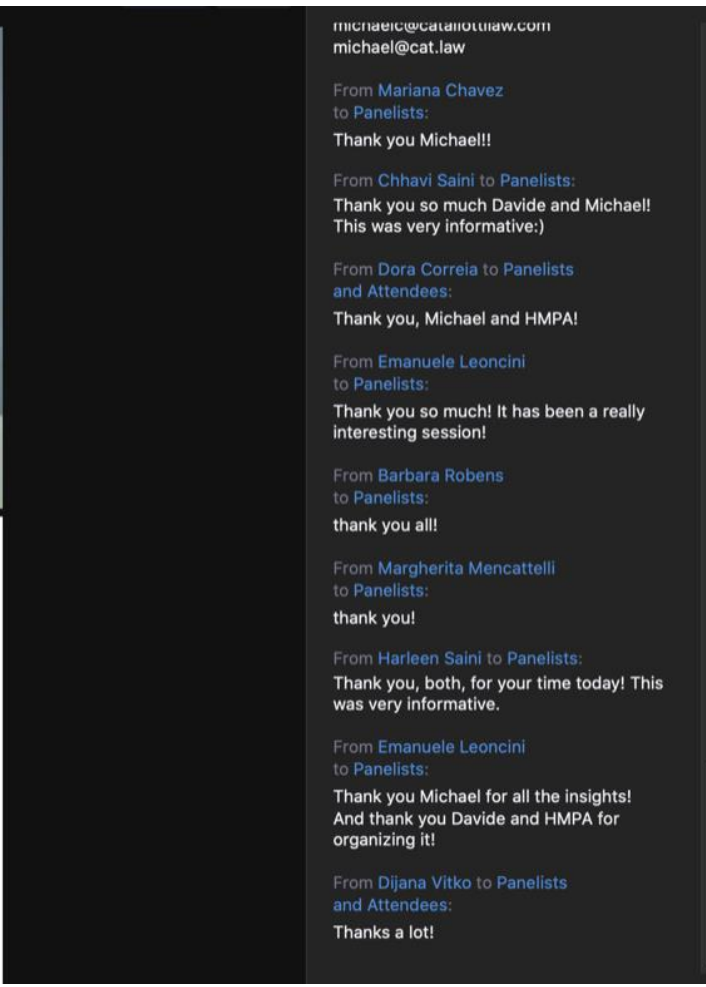
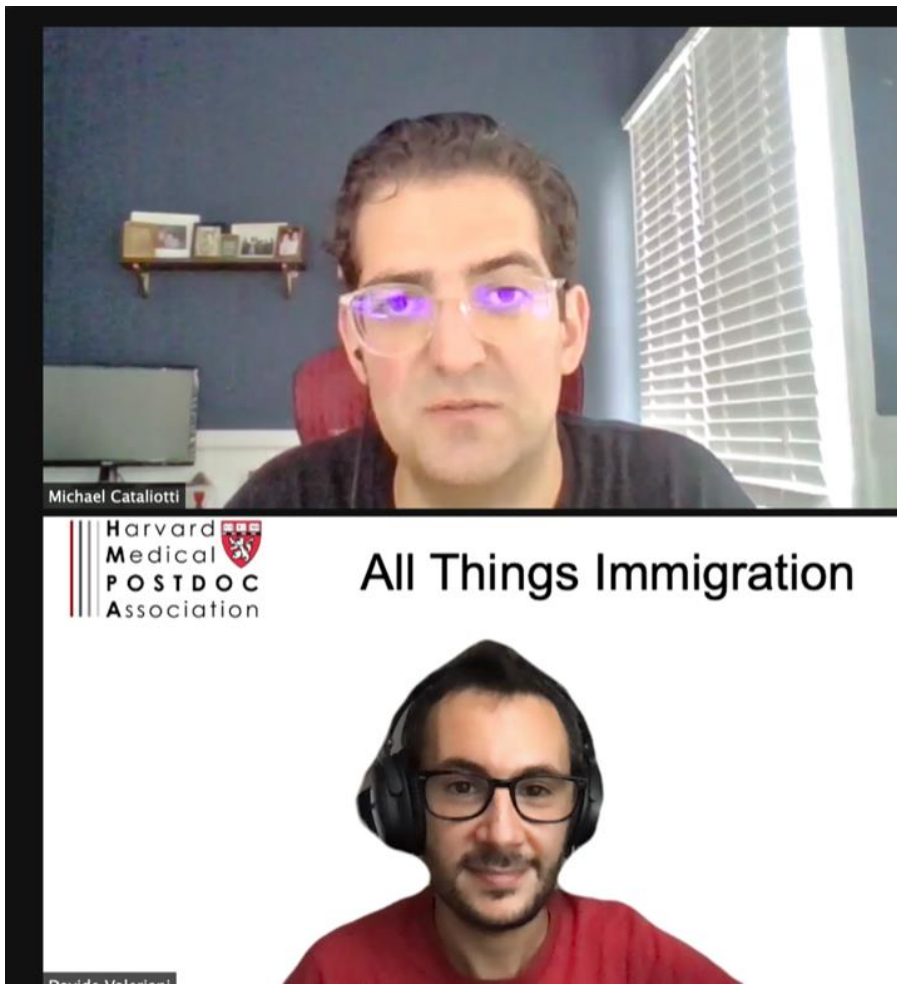
Highlight | Coffee with a CEO: How to start a startup | September 17

Thank you everyone for joining this event! We had about 30 people in total attend this session and Avery Sikora walked us through the Harvard Innovation Labs ecosystem and had a very engaging discussion with the group answering all of the questions.



Organized by Entrepreneurship Committee

Highlight | All Things Immigration | September 29



We had about 30 people in total attend this session and Michael spent almost 2 hours answering questions about visas and immigration. Topics covered were:

- Visa status changes while residing in the US
- Clarifications on leaving and re-entering the US in the wake of COVID-19 restrictions and new immigration limitations
- Which visas are affected or not affected by the new restrictions announced by the US federal government

Organized by Advocacy Committee

Highlight | HMPA Survey: Having your voice heard

The HMPA community has been significantly impacted by the tremendous changes brought by 2020. To varying extents, the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, visa/ international travel restrictions, and social justice movement have affected our physical and mental health, as well as the flow of our work lives. In unprecedented times like these, we need the collective mind of our community to best advocate for the health and well-being of postdocs. Therefore, the HMPA Advocacy Committee invites all postdocs to make their voices heard by participating in a 15 minute anonymous survey covering topics like the COVID-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter, and general work environment.

So far, we count more than 300 participations and survey's deadline has been extended to mid-October. HMPA looks forward to hearing the voices of all postdocs and to the changes we can make together!

Survey links:

-HMS/HSDM postdocs: https://hms.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9AZ73oxvOSruTcN

-HMS-affiliated postdocs https://hms.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_er4Na9KO7KIDSoR

Organized by Advocacy Committee

Highlight | HMPA Survey: Social (virtual) night ideas

The HMPA Social Committee invites all postdocs to share their ideas and help to tailor down the social events' alternatives that may be interested in attending virtually! Please participate in a 5-minute anonymous survey and contribute to our efforts for social, professional and academic networking during these unprecedented moments.

Survey link: [here](#)



Organized by Social Committee

Highlight | "Postdoc Recipes": a cookbook by the HMPA

We invite you to share your recipe for the HMPA cookbook, "Postdoc Recipes". Inspired by many great cookbooks that have come out from scientific research institutes showcasing recipes from researchers such as the Martinos cookbook and the GSAS Cookbook, we have decided to compile a collection of recipes by the Harvard Medical School postdoc community! Please submit your tried and true, go-to, favourite recipe that you love to cook! Please check out a preview of the cookbook - I will be adding the recipe submissions as I receive them. We hope to get at least 50 recipes which will fall into the categories of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Dessert. Please submit by October 15th 2020.

All details for submission and more please visit this [link](#).



Organized by Communications Committee

Highlight | Skype a Scientist

Our HMS postdoc Megan Sperry shares her experience with ‘Skype a Scientist’!

<<One of my favorite experiences with the organization Skype a Scientist was chatting with a family at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Callie, Christina, and their mom asked many questions about my research, but we also spent a lot of time talking about the path I took to a scientific career and what my day-to-day life is like as a researcher. I especially enjoyed talking with a smaller group since there was time to learn about Callie and Christina’s interests as well and even get some great tips for when I travel to their home state of Texas!>>



If you want to experience a similar story follow this [link](#) and communicate your science with classrooms across the globe!

Future Events |

October 8 | Coffee with a CEO: Curious about starting a career in Science Writing?, HMPA [link](#)



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Eventbrite: [hmpa_ceo.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hmpa-ceo-event)

Zoom Seminar
Time: Thursday, October 8th
5:30pm – 6:30pm



Dr. Andrea Gwosdow, PhD
Gwosdow Associates Science Consultants

October 5-6 | Harvard Biotech Club - Career Fair 2020, Virtual Event, [link](#)

October 6 | Adapting Your Job Search Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic [link](#)

October 7 | Imaging Solutions for Scientific Communication: Figures for Journals, HMS/HSDM OPF [link](#)

October 7 | Global Perspectives on COVID-19, HMS and MassCPR [link](#)

October 8 | Develop Your Mentoring Plan, HMS/HSDM OPF [link](#)