UPCOMING EVENTS

• **September 7th, 2016** YMSRN Welcome Reception

• **September 21st, 2016** Dr. Anton Bennett, Professor of Pharmacology and Director of Minority Affairs BBS Program

• **October 19th, 2016** Special BBS Alumni Lecture - Dr. Eleone (Crew) Smith

• **November 16th, 2016** Dr. Daniel Colon-Ramos, Associate Professor of Cell Biology and Neuroscience, Co-Director of Minority Affairs BBS Program

• **December, 2016** Winter Break

• **January 18th, 2017** Dr. Nancy Carrasco, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology

• **February 15th, 2017** Dr. Oscar Colegio, Associate Professor of Dermatology

• **March 15th, 2017** Giovanna Guerrero-Medina, Director, Yale Ciencia Initiative and Executive Director, Ciencia Puerto Rico

• **March 27th, 2017** “Second Look” Recruitment Luncheon

• **May 17th, 2017** Dr. Nadia Ameen, Associate Professor of Pediatrics

YMSRN Organizing Committee: Deborah Ayeni, Lauren Moore, Victor Ruiz, Santiago Salazar and Ashley Schloss

PAST EVENTS & SPEAKERS

• **September 2nd, 2015** YMSRN welcome reception

• **September 16th, 2015** Dr. Carl Hashimoto, Professor of Cell Biology and Assistant Dean Graduate School

• **October 21st, 2015** Dr. Susan Baserga, Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Genetics and Therapeutic Radiology

• **November 18th, 2015** Dr. Angelique Bordey, Professor of Neurosurgery and of Cellular and Molecular Physiology

• **January 20th, 2016** Dr. Keith Baker, Professor of Physics

• **February 17th, 2016** Dr. Themis Kyriakides, Associate Professor of Pathology and of Biomedical Engineering

• **March 16th, 2016** Student Round Table Discussion

• **April, 2016** “Second Look” Recruitment Luncheon

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The students in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences who represent those from underrepresented backgrounds participate in a monthly forum called the “Yale Minority Scientist Research Network (YMSRN).” The goals for these meetings are to foster community among, share academic interests, and provide resources specifically for people of color who are pursuing careers in the biological and biomedical sciences. Yale faculty, in particular faculty of color, are invited to discuss their research, as well as provide insight and guidance to students on how to navigate graduate school and beyond. The meetings are open to graduate students, post docs, medical students, and faculty.

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YMSRN is a close-knit community. I cannot overemphasize the advantages of the mentorship I received from upper level graduate students who shared their experiences as well as mistakes. YMSRN has also been a great resource for a glimpse into the career trajectories of a rich variety of several principal investigators at Yale. These seminars provide a relaxed, semiformal atmosphere to ask career and work-life balance related questions from professors whom several graduate students might never have had the opportunity to interact with otherwise.

I had never thought about applying to Yale for graduate school, but at a conference I met a friendly and energetic graduate student that made me feel like I could go to Yale. I was encouraged to apply, and that following Fall I got in. The attitude and friendliness of that graduate student I met was representative of the great atmosphere I found when I arrived at Yale, and I feel the diverse and passionate group of scientist here is what makes this place great.

The BBS program at Yale has an abundance of top level research laboratories, but what makes Yale BBS exceptional to me is the program's commitment to it's students. YMSRN has been the most influential network in my development as a graduate student. Through YMSRN, I have gained informal mentors, a support network of peers, and the opportunity to discuss unique issues that I have faced as a minority in the biological sciences.