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Important Resources

Tax Season Info

Postdoc Corner

Balancing Act: We Need Engineers in Research, Not Just in Industry

By Richard France for [The Higher Education Network](#)

The problem of the UK's engineering shortage is well known, but the answer could lie in guiding more



brilliant minds towards academia.

I'm not disputing the fact that we need great engineering minds working in industry, but we also know that world-class research- which we have a long history of in the UK- plays a key role in economic growth and improves the health and wellbeing of society.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Is There a Place for a Place for Beauty and the Good in Science?

By Timothy Reilly for the [Notre Dame Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing](#) blog "*Origins. Natures. Futures.*"

Timothy Reilly is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the [Developing Virtues in the Practice of Science Project](#) [here at the University of Notre Dame](#). He is a developmental psychologist whose work



draws from a variety of approaches, including positive psychology, moral development, sociocultural theory, and action theories of development.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.



Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College Tax Assistance Program (TAP)

This service is free for those who made an annualized income of \$45,000 or below during the 2016 tax period. For international visitors, appointments will be offered Mondays through Thursdays from 2/20 through 4/13. For US citizens, no appointments are necessary. Visit <https://tap.nd.edu/> for more information.

Beware - even if you didn't receive a pay check from Notre Dame or other sources regarding your appointment, you still may be expected to submit a document to IRS.

One-on-One Consultations



Do you need assistance?

- Career counseling
- Plan and define career goals
- Explore career options
- Identify strengths and weakness and plan for skills development
- CV, resume or cover Letter feedback
- LinkedIn/Google scholar profile
- Prepare for upcoming interviews

Contact Valli Sarveswaran at vsarvesw@nd.edu to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

International Postdocs

The ND Postdoc Newsletter wants to share your research or article you have written with the ND Postdoc Community. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email Valli Sarveswaran.

Career Services

Let Your STAR Potential Shine

By Sandra Loffredo for [Carpe Careers](#) at [Inside Higher Ed](#)

Sandra Loffredo offers a four-step process to help you answer those challenging interview questions that require you to draw on previous experiences.



Click [here](#) to read Loffredo's advice.

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If You're a Ph.D. and Do This, You'll Never Get a Job(?!)

By Isaiah Hankel, Ph.D. for [The Cheeky Scientist](#)

Getting a great job is not just about doing the right things, it's about not doing the wrong things!



In classic *Cheeky Scientist* fashion, Isaiah Hankel provides some tongue-in-cheek advice for those on the academic and industry job markets.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

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Events and Workshops

Introduction to Course Design Series

This four-part series focuses on the theory and practice of designing courses for enhancing student learning.



Date: Monday, February 20

Time: 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Place: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center



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ND Calendar & Events



For a full listing of events on the Notre Dame campus for this week click [here](#).

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Academic iNDex



- A secure, easily accessible, online repository for your academic and professional information
- An index of your publications, presentations, grants, work

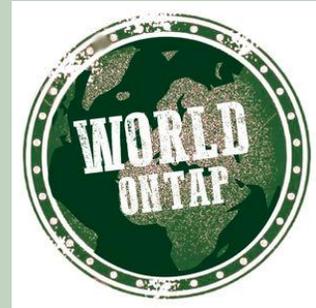
This workshop will primarily consist of a guided discussion about assessment and exam design and tips for creating them with course learning goals and objectives in mind. Time will be allotted during the workshop for participants to develop an assessment or exam questions for their course and receive feedback, as well as to work in groups to evaluate and assess whether these match course goals.

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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World on Tap

All postdocs are invited to The World on Tap, a social at Rohr's held every first Wednesday of the month. Free appetizers will be served, and the first 50 attendees will receive a free drink ticket valued up to \$6. Please bring a valid photo ID to this event.



- Date: March 1, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: Rohr's at the Morris Inn ([map](#))

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The Harper Cancer Research Institute's 6th Annual Research Day

Monday, April 10, 2017

- 7:30am - 9:00am Registration - The Morris Inn, Pre-function Area
- 9:00am - 1:00pm Poster Session - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Trainee presentations - The Morris Inn, Formal Dining Rooms
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Faculty presentations - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Career Panel- The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Keynote: by Dr. Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society
- 6:10pm - 8pm Reception



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Funding Opportunities

2017-2018 Hanna H. Gray Fellows Program

The Hanna H. Gray Fellows Program seeks to increase diversity in the biomedical research community by recruitment and retention of individuals from groups

- history, and other academic achievements
- A resource for identifying scholars eligible for specific grant and fellowship opportunities
- A tool to quickly create personalized CVs, resume, lists of publication or presentations, and more

For more information about Academic INdEx and how to use it, click [here](#).

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National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)



The NPA is a member-driven organization that provides a unique, national voice for postdoctoral scholars. Since 2003, they have taken on the ambitious agenda to enhance the quality of the postdoctoral experience in the US. They have assumed a leadership role in addressing the many issues confronting the postdoctoral community that are national in scope and requiring action beyond the local level.

- The University of Notre Dame is a sustaining member of the NPA.
- ND Postdocs can join the NPA for **free**.
- Learn about the benefits of a NPA membership [here](#).

For more information about the NPA and to become a member, click [here](#).

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Versatile PhD - Humanities & Social Sciences



successful careers in the life sciences. Through their successful careers as academic scientists, Hanna H. Gray Fellows will move science forward and inspire the next generation of scientists from America's diverse talent pool. The Institute will select and support up to 15 Fellows in this first competition, which is now open for applications.

Fellows will receive a non-renewable grant of \$80,000 annually for up to four years of postdoctoral training support followed by a non-renewable grant of \$270,000 annually for up to four years of the faculty phase, if program criteria are met.

Deadline: 3:00 p.m. (ET) on February 15, 2017

Click [here](#) to learn about Hanna H. Gray Fellows Program

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RAND Corporation Transatlantic Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline:
February 27,
2017



RAND Corporation has put forward an amazing fellowship named The Transatlantic Postdoctoral Fellowship for International Relations and Security. The program is funded by Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and participating institutes.

The program is open to all candidates who have recently received their doctorate in social and political sciences or economics and whose research focuses on topics of international relations and/or international peace and security issues. The fellowship aims to involve fellows actively in the work and research of leading international think tanks. Winner's candidates will receive a monthly stipend, allowance for health insurance and one-time travel allowance.

For more information, click [here](#).

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2016-17 Indiana CTSI Postdoc Challenge

Grant funding to use CTSI-Designated Core Facilities



Postdoctoral research associates from the University of Notre Dame are encouraged to submit applications that clearly articulate their translational strategy (ie: from lab bench to bed side) and how this strategy can be advanced through the use of technologies offered by a core facility (www.indianactsi.org/servicecores). Applicants must make contact with and request a Letter of Support from the Core Facility Manager(s) to confirm that the proposed project can be accomplished in their

- Discover interesting career paths as an alternative to the faculty track
- Join a large community of post-academics to consult about your situation and the versatility of your PhD, MA, or postdoctoral appointment
- Read job listings appropriate for postdocs
- Network with successful post-academic PhDs nationwide

For more information about Versatile PhD and how to use it, click [here](#).

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Spotlight Jobs of the Week



Engineering

- [Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering at George Mason University](#)
- [Assistant Professor, Princeton University](#)

Humanities

- [Assistant Professor, Classics at University of Chicago](#)
- [Postdoc Fellowship in Religious Studies: New Testament & Early Christianity, University of Virginia](#)

Business

- [Research Professional, University of Chicago](#)
- [Postdoctoral Research Associate in Economics, Princeton University](#)

Science

- [Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Cancer Biology, San Diego State University](#)

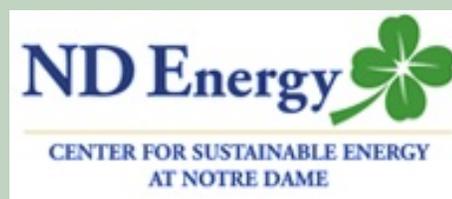
core facility. Awardees will be expected to develop and manage a project budget that aligns with the translational strategy. A six-month and a final progress report will be required over the 1-year project period. If you are interested in participating, you must discuss your proposal with your advisor prior to beginning the application process to ensure your participation will be approved.

Application: Click [here](#) for more information. A letter of support from the applicant's advisor is necessary for participation in this challenge. Applications are due by Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:00pm EDT. Awardees will be announced in April 2017. Questions can be directed to Wendy Field at wfield@purdue.edu.

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Fellowships in Energy Research for Postdocs

[ND Energy](#) offers competitive fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral research



associates to conduct energy-related research at Notre Dame. These fellowships support new advancements in energy technologies, while broadening the educational experiences for students and postdocs receiving these awards. If you are interested in energy-related research and would like to apply for a postdoc fellowship, please click on the appropriate link below. For Postdocs, the applications will be accepted year round.

Click [here](#) for the ND Energy Postdoctoral Fellowship Program application guidelines.

Information is also available via the [Funding Opportunities Webpage](#) with an ND Net ID and Password required. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact [Barbara Villarosa](#) (574-631-4776).

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Professional Development

Graduate School Professional Development Programs: Lunch and Learn: Managing Crucial Conversations

When stakes are high, opinions vary and emotions start to run strong, casual conversations become crucial and sometimes difficult. Ironically, the more crucial the conversation, the less likely we are to handle it well. The consequence of either avoiding or fouling up these conversations can be severe. When we fail a crucial conversation, every aspect of our lives can be affected, from our careers, to communities, to relationships, to our personal health. As we learn how to

- [Research Assistant Professor in Physics, University of Washington](#)

Social Science

- [Assistant Professor of International Studies, College of Charleston](#)
- [Assistant Professor of Clinical/Counseling Psychology, University of Wisconsin](#)

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Positive Productivity Points

15 Productivity Hacks for Procrastinators



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GPS for Mind, Body & Soul



[How to Deal with Stress as a Postdoc](#)

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step up to these conversations- and handle them well- with one set of skills, we can influence



virtually every domain of our lives. What is this all-important skill-set? What do people who sail through difficult conversations actually do? More importantly, can we do it too?

- Date: February 17, 2017
- Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- Location: Carey Auditorium, 107 Hesburgh Library

For more information on this and other events or to register, please click [here](#).

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2016-17 Indiana CTSI Postdoc Challenge: Reviewers and Applicants Needed!

Indiana CTSI is in need of proposal reviewers for



the 2016-17 Postdoc Challenge! If you would like to be a proposal reviewer, please forward your current CV to [Wendy Field](#) by Monday, February 20. Click [here](#) for the RFA.

Reviewer Workshop: March 23, 1:00-2:00pm

Review Session: April 18, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Did you apply for the challenge? You can also participate as proposal reviewer.

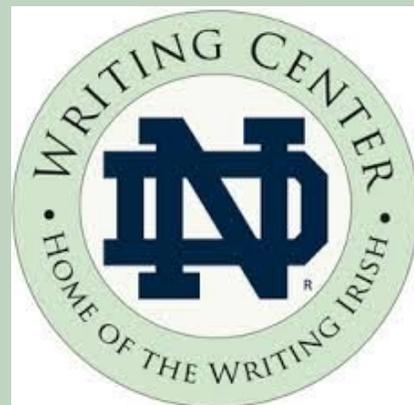
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Workshops from the Writing Center

Use Writing to Teach Critical Thinking

Want to transform your students into active learners, engage them in solving disciplinary problems, and foster their critical thinking?

Research shows that one of the best ways to achieve these goals is to integrate writing assignments into your classes. The University Writing Center is pleased to offer consultations with instructors who want help designing and integrating



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writing assignments. We welcome instructors from every discipline, especially STEM subjects. Email writing@nd.edu with the subject "Teaching Consultation" to set up a meeting!

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Workshops from the Kaneb Center

Are you interested in learning more about discipline-specific teaching and learning in the university setting? The university offers workshops on university teaching and learning in various fields through the Kaneb Center! Consider enrolling in one of the workshops.



For workshop descriptions, click [here](#).

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Workshops from the NCFDD

The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity is an independent professional development, training and mentoring community of over 71,000 graduate students, postdocs, and faculty members. The NCFDD is 100% dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. They offer on-campus workshops, professional development training, and intensive mentoring programs.

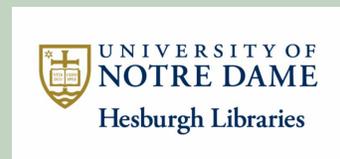
The University of Notre Dame is an institutional member of the NCFDD. Through Notre Dame's membership, ND Postdocs may claim an Institutional Sub-account Membership at no cost and enjoy all the benefits of a NCFDD Individual Membership. Register [here](#) to join NCFDD.

For a list of NCFDD 2017 webinars, click [here](#).

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Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

The Hesburgh Libraries and Center for Digital Scholarship workshops are offered to all ND Postdocs.



Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

- Register: <http://library.nd.edu/about/workshops.shtml>
- Click [here](#) for this week's list of workshops.

Most of the CDS workshops take place in the CDS Classroom (Room 129), Hesburgh Library 1st Floor

Who Said That? Citation Management

- o Tuesday, February 21st
- o 228 Coleman Morse - Learning Resource Center
- o 5PM - 6PM

Finding and Using Images

- o Tuesday, March 21st
- o 228 Coleman Morse - Learning Resource Center
- o 5PM - 6PM

CDS Workshop Information and Registration:
library.nd.edu/cds/workshops

Library Workshop
Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops
Questions? cds@nd.edu

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English for Academic Purposes Workshops

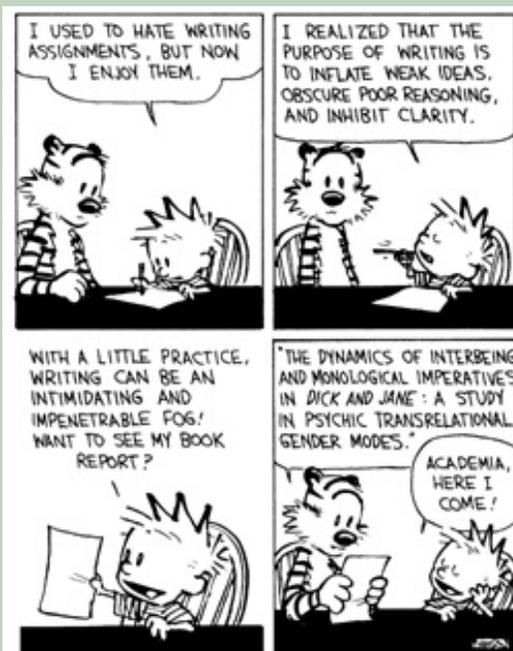


The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures' English for Academic Purposes program offers workshops that are open to all ND Postdocs.

More information: <https://cslc.nd.edu/programs/eap/workshops/>
Registration: <https://gradconnect.nd.edu/portal/prof-dev-events>
Questions? Contact [Lisa Joy Oglesbee](#)

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PhD Humor



Courtesy of [Calvin and Hobbes](#)



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