

# ND POSTDOC NEWSLETTER

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## Important Resources

**Tax Season Info**

## Postdoc Corner

### An Introvert Walks Into a Conference...

By Melissa D. Vaught for the [The POSTDOCKET](#)

"Networking" may be one of the top words that makes early career professionals



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cringe. But career development articles and seminars hammer at the importance of networking. "Most jobs are found via networks, not job postings," they preach. "It's not what you know, but who you know and who knows you. Network, network, network!" As an introvert, though, putting myself out there and trying to meet people for the purpose of finding a job felt inauthentic, daunting and exhausting.

Click [here](#) to read how Melissa learned to re-frame her networking style, and enjoy the process!

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### Transition from Postdoc to Tenure Track

Matthew Kuiper completed his PhD from the Notre Dame Department of Theology's World Religions and World Church program in the summer 2016. His dissertation is a study of the history of *da'wa* ("inviting" to Islam or Islamic missionary activity), and the unique contributions the Muslims of India have made to the global resurgence of *da'wa* in the modern period.



Matthew is currently serving as a postdoctoral teaching scholar at Notre Dame. This semester, he has responsibility for nearly 80 Notre Dame undergraduates in two sections of his course "Christianity and Other Religions." Matthew's research interests include classical and modern Islam, the Qur'an, inter-religious relations, the



### 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](mailto:vsarvesw@nd.edu) to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

### International Postdocs

history of the Indian subcontinent, and the history of Christianity. He recently accepted a tenure-track appointment in the Religious Studies Department at Missouri State University, where he will begin teaching Islamic studies and world religions in the fall of 2017.

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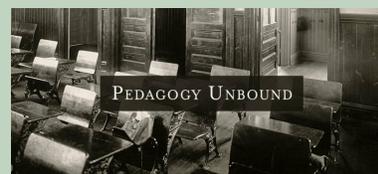
**The ND Postdoc Newsletter wants to share your research or article you have written with the ND Postdoc Community. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email [Valli Sarveswaran](mailto:Valli Sarveswaran).**

## Career Services

### Same Lesson, Different Semester

By David Gooblar for [Vitae](#)

I'll be the first to admit that I haven't been teaching at my best this semester. Oh, there have been some good classes. And I think I'm finally getting a handle on the one group of students who don't want to speak up in class.



But in general it feels like I'm going through the motions a little bit, not fully reaching as many students as I have in the past, talking too much from the front of the room. I have a theory as to why this is happening.

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

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### Five Tips to Help You Create a Great Research Paper Title

By [Editage Insights](#)

One of the most important components of a research paper is its title. The title is the first thing readers, even the journal editor and reviewer, see when they come across a research paper. Not only should your title be attractive but it should also capture the essence of your research. Watch [this video](#) to learn how you can create the perfect research paper title!



## Events and Workshops

### Introduction to Course Design Session III: Writing a Syllabus



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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 outlines the components of a learning-centered syllabus, incorporating the goals and



assessment methods from the first "Fundamentals of Course Design" workshop. Participants will begin drafting a syllabus for their course during the workshop and receive feedback from participants and Kaneb Center staff. Individual follow-up sessions can be scheduled with Kaneb staff.

- Date: March 1, 2017
- Time: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
- Location: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center

For more information on this and other events or to register, please 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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## Free Yoga at the Rockne

Yoga prepares and conditions the body via various postures or asanas in



order for the mind to practice meditation more or less without obstacles. Asanas are special positions of the body that strengthen, purify and balance bodily systems.

No registration required, but please arrive early to reserve your spot. Open to students, faculty, staff, spouses, and retirees.

- Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017
- Time: 11:00AM - 12:00 PM
- Location: Rockne 205

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



Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Monday, April 10, 2017

- 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Poster Session - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 1:15pm - 3:15pm  
Trainee presentations - The Morris Inn, Formal Dining Rooms
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Career Panel - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 4:30pm - 6:00pm  
Keynote: by Dr. Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society  
*"The Evolution of the Cancer Control Movement"*  
Followed by the awards - The Morris Inn, Ballroom



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## Funding Opportunities

### 2016-17 Indiana CTSI Postdoc Challenge

Grant funding to use CTSI- Designated Core Facilities.



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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](http://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 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 at 5:00pm EDT. Awardees will be announced in April 2017. Questions can be directed to Wendy Field at [wfield@purdue.edu](mailto:wfield@purdue.edu).

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## Hodson Trust - John Carter Brown Library Fellowship

Deadline: March 15, 2017

- 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

- [Assistant or Associate Professor - Construction and Environmental Engineering](#)
- [Mechanical Engineer](#)

### Humanities

- [Assistant Professor, African-American and African Studies](#)
- [EAP Post-Doctoral Fellowship](#)

### Business

- [Director of Applied Organizational Studies, Assistant Professor](#)
- [Director, Ag Business and Fiscal Admin \(Chief Financial Officer\)](#)

### Science

- [R & D Sr. Scientist](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellow/Ophthalmology](#)

### Social Science

- [Public Health Principal Research Scientist](#)

The Hodson Trust-John Carter Brown Library Fellowship supports work by academics, independent scholars and writers working on significant projects relating to the literature, history, culture, or art of the Americas before 1830. Candidates with a U.S. history topic are strongly encouraged to concentrate on the period prior to 1801. The fellowship is also open to filmmakers, novelists, creative and performing artists, and others working on projects that draw on this period of history.



The four month fellowship is divided into two parts - two months of research at the John Carter Brown Library during the academic year and two months of writing at the C.V. Staff Center at Washington College in Chestertown, MD during the following summer. The stipend is \$5,000 per month for a total of \$20,000, plus housing and university privileges. Application details may be found [here](#).

The deadline to apply for a Hodson Trust-John Carter Brown Library Fellowship is March 15, 2017.

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

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## 2018-19 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards are open to U.S. scholars who have recently completed their doctoral degree -



typically within the five previous years. Postdoctoral awards are available in STEM fields, the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Deadline: August 1, 2017

Click [here](#) for further detail.

Postdoctoral scholars who consider applying for the above award can contact the Office of Grants and Fellowships at [gradgrants@nd.edu](mailto:gradgrants@nd.edu). The Institute of International Education listed Notre Dame as one of the top-producing institutions for the 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

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## Fellowships in Energy Research for Postdocs

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## Positive Productivity Points



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## GPS for Mind, Body & Soul



[Your Gym Doesn't Want You to Read This Curated List of Free YouTube Workouts](#)

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## Social Media



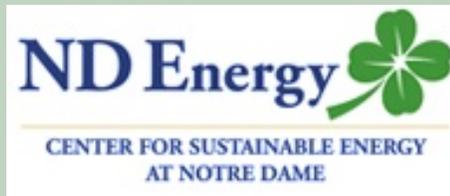
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[ND Energy](#)

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

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

The 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.

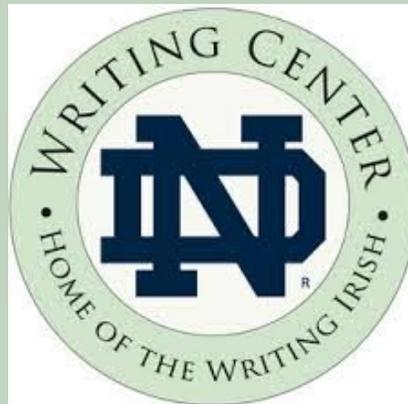
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## Workshops from the Writing Center

### *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 writing assignments. We welcome instructors from every discipline, especially STEM subjects. Email [writing@nd.edu](mailto: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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