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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 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!

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 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

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.

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
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
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

Funding Opportunities

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 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.

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.

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.

**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. 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.

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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**Positive Productivity Points**

15 Science-Backed Memory Tips to Help You Succeed

*From [Entrepreneur](#)*

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**GPS for Mind, Body & Soul**

Your Gym Doesn't Want You to Read This Curated List of Free YouTube Workouts

*From [Refinery29](#)*

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**Social Media**

[ND Postdoc Facebook Group](#)

[@NDPostdocs](#)

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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.

**Workshops from the Writing Center**

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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 with the subject "Teaching Consultation" to set up a meeting!

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.

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

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

**Finding and Using Images**

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

**CDS Workshop Information and Registration:**
[library.nd.edu/cds/workshops](http://library.nd.edu/cds/workshops)

**Library Workshop Calendar:**
[nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops](http://nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops)

Questions? [cds@nd.edu](mailto: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/](https://cslc.nd.edu/programs/eap/workshops/)
Registration: [https://gradconnect.nd.edu/portal/prof-dev-events](https://gradconnect.nd.edu/portal/prof-dev-events)
Questions? Contact [Lisa Joy Oglesbee](mailto:lisa.ogle@nd.edu)

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**PhD Humor**

![PhD Humor](chart.png)

Courtesy of [PhD Comics](http://www.phdcomics.com)

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