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Important Resources

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Postdoc Corner

Postdocs and Early-Career Researchers: Be More than a Name on a Website

By David Payne for [NatureJobs](#)

After a few months working as an associate editor at [Nature Photonics](#), chief editor [Oliver Graydon](#) asked [Gaia Donati](#) if the role was what she had imagined it to be. She answered that in most aspects it had, with one significant exception: she hadn't realized that finding referees to assess submitted manuscripts would be such a daunting task!



[Here](#), Gaia urges peer reviewers to make things easier by setting up a personal web page outlining their research experience and interests.

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How Administrators Can Help Prepare Ph.D.s for Nonfaculty Careers

By L. Maren Wood for [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

For the past four years, I've worked as a career coach helping Ph.D.s prepare for nonfaculty job searches. Most come to me after several years on the academic job market. They have never thought about nor planned for a career beyond the professoriate.



I'm excited, then, that some institutions are experimenting with ways to prepare students for a range of career opportunities. As institutions build these programs, I'd ask that they keep two important points about the non-faculty job market in mind:

- People find jobs through their networks. Over 70



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

percent of jobs are never posted. Submitting a résumé to an online job posting, without a contact at that organization, works less than 4 percent of the time.

- Employers hire based on a combination of skills, knowledge, and abilities. Candidates must clearly articulate in professional documents and in-person interviews how their background can benefit an organization.

Wood suggests that institutions should build programs to address these two points. [Here](#) are a few ideas on how that might happen.

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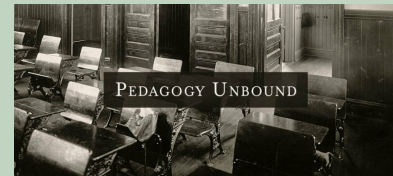
The ND Postdoc Newsletter wants to share your research or article you have written with the ND Postdoc Community. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email Valli Sarveswaran.

Career Services

7 Strategies for Tenure-Track Success

By Tanya Golash-Boza for [Inside Higher Ed Career Advice](#)

Securing a tenure-track position in this academic market is difficult. Of course, once you have such a position, the trials are not over, as you now



have to work to achieve tenure. And the very thought of working toward tenure can be overwhelming.

However, I encourage tenure-track faculty members not only to think about achieving tenure but to be strategic and focused to ensure you are on the right path. Even if tenure is a few years off, new tenure-track faculty can take a few important steps now (other than, of course, work on publishing their dissertations, improving their courses and developing new research projects). Here are a few examples.

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

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The Art of the On-Campus Interview

By Mark W. Pleiss for [Vitaes](#)

I asked my mentor for advice before leaving for my first campus interview. It



was 2015, I was about to finish my dissertation, and I was off to interview at a small liberal-arts college in the lower Midwest. In all truth, I was expecting to hear some traditional bit of wisdom: "The interview starts the second



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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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they pick you up," "don't drink at dinner," or "don't talk about money until an offer is made." Instead, he responded with a sigh.

"Always be the professional in the room."

I didn't know what he meant, so I asked him to clarify.

"Whatever happens, just always be the professional in the room."

Click [here](#) to read more about Pleiss' first on-campus interview experiences.

Events and Workshops

Grantwriting: What Not to Do!

Featuring: Dr. Samantha Lee, Program Director for the Office of Grants & Fellowships at the The Graduate School

Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Office for Postdoctoral Scholars and the Postdoc Women's Committee

Participants will be introduced to topics related to merit-based competitive funding, learn about common pitfalls, and adopt practices that will improve the odds of winning the award.

- Date: March 7, 2017
- Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Location: 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall
- Bring your own lunch!

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Workshop on: Authentic Teaching

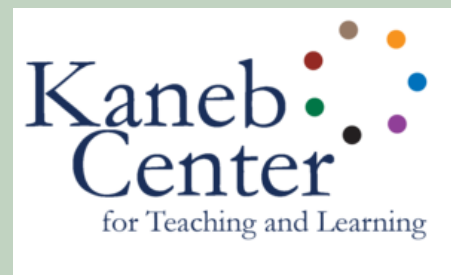
In this unconventional workshop, participants will explore what teaching means to them and reflect on being

true to themselves in the classroom. This will lead to opportunities to set personal goals for development as a teacher and to consider how to put those goals into practice. Participants should be prepared for lively open-ended activities that have many right answers.

- Date: March 9, 2017
- Time: 3:30-4:45 p.m.
- 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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- information
- An index of your publications, presentations, grants, work 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

ND/ISSA Spring Break Volunteer Opportunity and Chicago Trip

On campus for spring break? Join Notre Dame's Office for International Student and Scholar Affairs as they:

- Volunteer at The Food Bank of Northern Indiana
 - Monday, March 13, 2017
 - 1:30-4:00 p.m.
 - Free!
- Tour Chicago
 - Tuesday, March 14, 2017
 - 8:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 - \$20, includes transportation and guided city tour

Register in 105 Main Building. Click [here](#) for more information.

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ND Postdoc Shamrock Shindig!

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars and your fellow ND Postdocs at the Shamrock Shindig!



Free appetizers for all! Free drink ticket to ND Postdocs who wear their ND Postdoc Green T-Shirt. Don't have the green ND Postdoc T-Shirt? Email the [ND Postdoc Office](#). Spouses/significant others of Postdocs are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

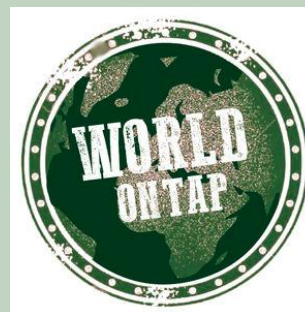
- Date: March 17, 2017
- Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Location: Rohr's ([map](#))
- Free!

Please register [here](#) to let us know you are coming.

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

- 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 Professor - Civil Engineering](#)
- [Research Associate](#)

Humanities

- [Visiting Assistant Professor, Medieval History - NYU](#)
- [EAP Post-Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Business

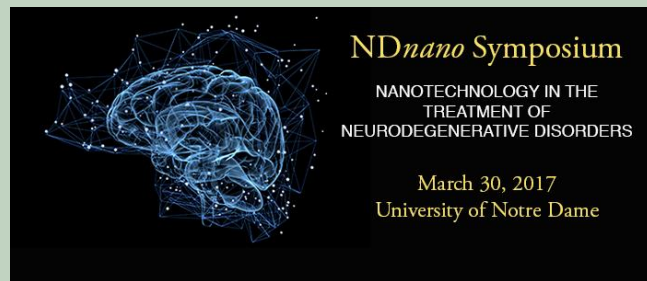
- [Adjunct Professor, Nonprofits and Nonprofit Management - Johns Hopkins University](#)
- [Assistant/Associate Professor \(Health Care Management\)](#)

Science

- [Curriculum Fellow, Cancer Biology - Harvard University](#)
- [Lecturer, Microbiology -](#)

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NDnano Symposium



NDnano is hosting a one-day, on-campus symposium on Thursday, March 30 entitled "Nanotechnology in the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Disorders." The event, to be held at Eck Visitors Center, includes technical presentations as well as a student poster session.

The symposium brings together leading experts in neuroscience and nanotechnology to share research and enhance collaborations. It is sponsored in part by a grant from Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) and will also be offered as a webinar to ORAU affiliates.

- Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017
- Time: 10:45 am - 6:00 pm; Student Symposium 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Location: Eck Visitors Center, University of Notre Dame

Please register [here](#) by March 17.

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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

Hodson Trust - John Carter Brown Library Fellowship

The Hodson Trust-John Carter Brown Library Fellowship supports work by academics, independent scholars and writers working on significant projects relating to the

Social Science

- [Social Scientist](#)
- [Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Economics - UNC Chapel Hill](#)

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Positive Productivity Points



Best Productivity Apps

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GPS for Mind, Body & Soul



How to Spring Clean Your Lifestyle

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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.

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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Cornell-Funded Data Science Fellowship



[The Data Incubator](#) is a Cornell-funded data science training organization. We run a free advanced 8-week fellowship (think data science bootcamp) for PhDs looking to enter industry. A variety of innovative companies partner with The Data Incubator for their hiring and training needs, including LinkedIn, Genentech, Capital One, Pfizer, and many others. The program is **free** for admitted Fellows.

Fellows have the option to participate in the program either in person in New York, San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, or online.

Dates: All sections will be from 6/19/2017 to 8/11/2017.

To request an application, 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. 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

[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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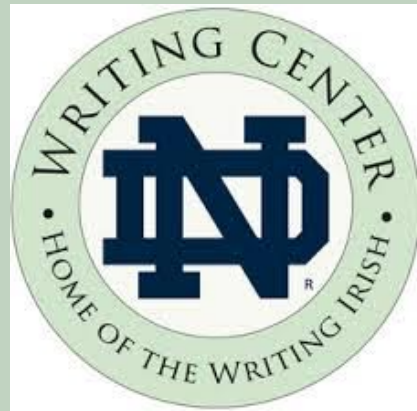
Professional Development

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

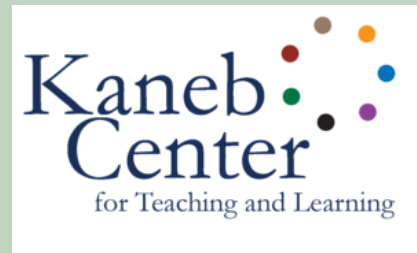


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Workshops from the Kaneb Center

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 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

Library Workshop

Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops

Questions? [cgs@nd.edu](mailto:cds@nd.edu)

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Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures



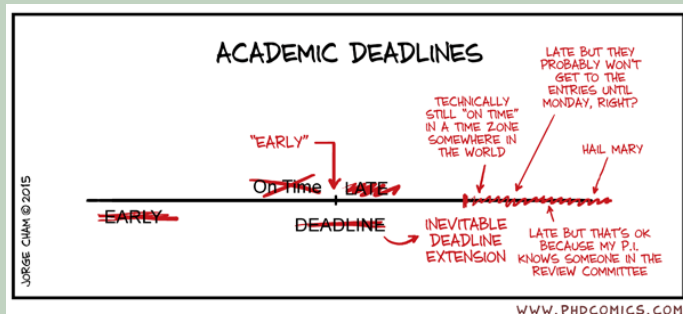
The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures' English for Academic Purposes program offers workshops that are open to all ND Postdocs and their spouses. The center helps postdocs & their spouses develop their writing, conversational, and speaking skills.

Visit the center's [website](#) for more information on [tutoring and consultations](#) and [workshop registration](#).

Questions? Contact [Lisa Joy Oglesbee](#)

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PhD Humor



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