From the Lab to Life: Setting Goals and Plans to Achieve Them

By Harini S. Aiyer for The POSTDOCket

Being the Type-A personality that I am, I have always been all about setting goals. I split my goals into four categories (physical, personal, professional, and spiritual). At the beginning of each year, I write down at least one goal for each category—and look at how I did in the previous year. Across all four categories, I achieved about 15 percent of my goals for 2016. One could think that, given this relatively low success rate, I should not set goals for 2017. However, I believe that being a scientist means taking a closer look at your failure, learning, and doing better next time.

Click here to read Aiyer’s plan for setting realistic goals and achieving them this year!

Ansari family’s $15 million gift to Notre Dame aims to unite global religions

By Dennis Brown for Notre Dame News

Rafat and Zoreen Ansari and their family, of South Bend, Indiana, have made a $15 million gift to the University of Notre Dame for the creation of an institute dedicated to the study of religion around the world.
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 weaknesses 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 need for people of faith to focus on what unites us rather than on what divides us has never been more urgent," said Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president. "This extraordinary gift from an esteemed local Muslim family, longtime friends of Notre Dame, will allow us to bring together scholars of the first order to foster dialogue and deepen understanding. We are immensely grateful to the Ansaris for making this aspiration a reality."

The Rafat and Zoreen Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion will be a part of Notre Dame’s new Donald R. Keough School of Global Affairs. Through research, teaching, outreach and interaction with religious communities worldwide, the institute will be a center of public deliberation and education about all religions. In particular, faculty will study how religious teachings, traditions, history, practice and thought inform the rapidly shifting patterns of global migration, conflict and peacebuilding, political culture and human development.

Click here to read the full article.

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
Alt-Ac Ph.D.s Should Take Advantage of Myriad Campus Career Development Opportunities

By Melissa Dalgleish for Carpe Careers

It was early 2012, and I had become sure that I didn’t want to go down the tenure-track career path. I’d been training to become a professor since I started my master’s degree, and now I had no idea about how to apply my training to another field. I’d have to find some kind of job after I defended my Ph.D., but I didn’t know what an employer would be willing to pay me to do. I needed help getting from where I was (total panic and despair) to where I needed to be: in a post-Ph.D. life that at worst paid the bills and at best let me do meaningful work for good pay.

Never again after graduate school will you have access to so many free, high-quality career development services, writes Melissa Dalgleish, who advises how to make the most of what your campus offers.

Click here to read Dalgleish's recommendations!
Scholars Talk Writing: Advice From an Editor

By Dr. Rachel Toor for Chronicle Vitae

You know how you can be listening to someone talk, nodding and thinking, "Yes. Yes. I agree. I know. Duh." - and then they say something that stops you cold? That happened to me when I chaired a panel on writing at the American Historical Association last month. Timothy Bent, executive editor of Oxford University Press and one of the panelists, mentioned that many writers have "'But' issues."

I realized I'm one of them. His punishment for saying so many smart and interesting things during that discussion was that I peppered him with more questions afterward about writing, editing, and, yes, "'But' issues."

Click here to read Toor's enlightening interview with Timothy Bent.

Events and Workshops

Global Cafe: St. Patrick's Day Edition

Notre Dame International will be hosting Global Cafe St. Patrick’s Day Edition. Enjoy berries, Irish treats, traditional Irish music and, dancing from the ND & SMC Irish Dance Team. You will also enjoy FREE specialty coffee by The Coffee Cart and a fun photo booth with awesome props.

- Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Ballroom of the LaFortune Student Center

Register here. All postdocs are welcome to attend.

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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

Online Writing Tools

For most of us, the most challenging step in producing a publication-worthy piece of writing comes in the revision process. What are the best practices for improving an already-written article or chapter? How should you make best use of the commentary and feedback you receive from peers and faculty? This workshop will answer these questions while also discussing various online writing tools that can aid in the process.

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 5:15PM - 6:30PM
Location: 302 DeBartolo Hall

Please register for the workshop here. If you have any questions concerning the EAP Workshop Program, please contact the CSLC at (574) 631-5881 or email EAP postdoc Ryne Close.

Click here for more information on CSLC workshops.

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Having Your Students Prepared for Class Discussion

Professors Kasey Buckles (Economics) and Brad Gregory (History) will speak about how they use pre-class writing assignments to set the stage for productive and engaging class discussions. After brief presentations and a Q & A period, participants will have the opportunity to consider how they might adapt these tools for use in their own classrooms.

- Date: Friday, March 24, 2017
- Time: 9:30 - 10:45 a.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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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
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/Associate Professor of Aeronautical Science
- Biomedical Engineer

Humanities

- English and Comparative Literature - American University in Cairo
- FAP Post-Doctoral Fellowship (for ND Graduate Students Only!)

Business

- Assistant Professor, Human Resources Management - University of Texas
- Director, Foundation Relations

Science

- Assistant Professor, Physics - University of Alabama
- MCAT Chemistry Instructor - The Princeton Review

Social Science

- Assistant Professor, Sociology

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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)

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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

For professional assistance in applying for competitive external funding opportunities, email Office of Grants and Fellowships.
2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships in Austria

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is offering Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships for the year 2017. Applicants of all nationalities are eligible to apply for these fellowships.

The goal of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is an independent, non-profit research Institute in the heart of Vienna (Austria). It brings together high-level expertise from economists, sociologists, and political scientists to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices.

Applicants will get Living allowance around EUR 4,870 per month, Mobility allowance around EUR 600 per month, Family allowance around EUR 500 per month.

The deadline to apply for a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship is April 11, 2017.

For more information, click here.

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.
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).

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!

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 NCFF 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
- 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? cds@nd.edu

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

PhD Humor

Courtesy of PHD Comics
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