Watch Out, MBAs! Ph.D.s Are After Your Jobs

By Erin Zlomek for Bloomberg

Els van der Helm tried to sign up for a corporate recruiting event through the University of California at Berkeley's business school last year, but she was turned away. "I got the response, 'Oh, actually this is just for the MBAs,' which makes sense," says Van der Helm, who graduated from Berkeley last May with a Ph.D. in psychology and now works as a junior associate for McKinsey. The MBAs "pay a lot of money to get their time with the recruiters," she says. "Everything is very nicely laid out for them. For Ph.D.s, it's not."

Now, some of the largest and most active recruiters of Ph.D.s are Amazon.com, JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America, IBM, General Electric, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, United Technologies, Boeing, and Pfizer.

Click here to discover just how much Ph.D.s are transforming the job market!

How not to write a PhD thesis

By Tara Brabazon for Times Higher Education

My teaching break between Christmas and the university's snowy reopening in January followed in the footsteps of Goldilocks and the three bears. I examined three PhDs: one was too big; one was too small; one was just right. Put another way, one was as close to a fail as I have ever examined; one
questions about professional development, career exploration, and other services offered by the Postdoc Office in particular and Notre Dame as a whole. International scholars are also welcome to discuss matters specific to them.

**Date:** Friday, April 7th  
**Time:** 2-4 pm  
**Location:** O'Shaughnessy 100

**Date:** Thursday, April 20th  
**Time:** 2-4 pm  
**Location:** Stinson Remick 100

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### Tax Season Info

**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/](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.

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### 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

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### Before You Buy Another Planner...

**By Dr. Melanie Nelson for Chronicle Vitae**

No two people have identical time-use issues. Some of us tend to overcommit, others...
are prone to procrastination, and still others suffer from excessive perfectionism. In each case, the end result may be high stress and long hours as a deadline approaches, but those are just the symptoms. To solve the problem, you need to look at the root cause, and then tailor the solution to your specific issue.

Too often, we think of "getting organized" as a one-approach-fits-all endeavor, which leads people to accumulate calendars, planners, and journals. In a burst of determination, we use them for a short period of time and then set them aside when it turns out that they don't actually help. So instead of going shopping for the latest planning tool, take the time to identify your biggest time-use issue.

Click here to read more.

Events and Workshops

Learning Inside Out with Portfolios in Sakai

Normally students submit papers and projects from the outside in a gated learning management system (Sakai) for a lone instructor to grade. What if there was a way to push the products of student learning from the inside out— to publish it to peers and external audiences? This workshop will provide a guided tour of a digital learning environment to show how ePortfolios can be integrated with Sakai to make learning and skills visible outside the classroom and increase authenticity by identifying targeted external audiences. Participants will sketch a design for their digital learning environment and be able to take advantage of campus support resources.

- Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
- Time: 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
- Location: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center
- Register here

For more information on this and other events, please click here.

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NDnano Symposium
A secure, easily accessible, online repository for your academic and professional 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.

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.

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.

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)

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,
Versatile PhD - Humanities & Social Sciences

- 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 Professor, Biophotonics Engineering - Texas A&M](#)
- [Research Associate/Intern (PhD or Masters) - Deep Learning & Probabilistic Modelling](#)

**Humanities**
- [Teaching Fellow, Philosophy - University of Edinburgh](#)
- [EAP Post-Doctoral Fellowship (for ND Graduate Students Only!)](#)

EAP Workshop: Conferences and Networking

Conferences are often fun, motivating events that will push your research forward and allow you to interact with other researchers in your field. But just as often, conferences cause anxiety, because we are all told of the importance of using them to “network” but find the process of doing that intimidating or mystifying. This workshop will decode the conference as an event, discuss what networking means, and provide you with strategies to successfully utilize conferences as networking opportunities.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 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.

Notre Dame International: Global Cafe

All students and postdocs are invited to Global Café, a gathering for conversation, FREE coffee/tea, cookies and great company.

- Date: Tuesday, April 18
- Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Remick Commons

Click here for more information.

Funding Opportunities

*For professional assistance in applying for competitive external funding opportunities, email Notre Dame’s 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
Business

- **Associate Professor, Information Systems - University of Hawai‘i**
- **College of Business: Teaching Faculty**

Science

- **Assistant/Associate Professor, Condensed Matter Theory**
- **Scientist II, Computational Chemistry**

Social Science

- **Assistant Professor, Sociology - Kentucky State University**
- **Research Analyst - Human Capital Research Corporation**

Positive Productivity Points

4 Productivity Tips That Changed My Life This Year

*From Entrepreneur*

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

Despite the anti-carb diet fads, whole grains are still good for you

*From The Washington Post*

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](#).

Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology

The international Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology is awarded annually to one young scientist for the most outstanding neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology conducted by him/her during the past three years.

The Prize is intended to encourage and support the work of promising young neurobiologists who are not older than 35 years. It is awarded annually to one young scientist for the most outstanding neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology conducted by him/her during the past three years, as described in a
1,000-word entrance essay.
Prize money: $25,000
Deadline: June 15, 2017
Click here for more information.

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).

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 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.

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 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.

**How to read 11 million books**

- Thursday, March 30, 2017
- Center for Digital Scholarship Classroom 129 | Hesburgh Library, 1st Floor Northeast
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM

*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

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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