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Important Resources

Monthly Postdoc Open Forum

Come meet Valli, Associate Program Director of the Postdoc Office, to ask 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: Thursday, May 4th

Postdoc Corner

Catching Up With a Postdoc

By Vaneh Darakjian for UNLV News

Landing a tenure-track position can be tough for new Ph.D. graduates. But completing a postdoctoral fellowship can help smooth the transition from student to professor.

Miesha Marzell came to UNLV as a biobehavioral health postdoc from Pennsylvania State University. Her work with psychology professor Brad Donohue from 2013-14 set her career path as a professor.

"You really need a bridge before you go into a tenure-track faculty position, and [being a postdoc at] UNLV was a huge factor in my next steps as a researcher and faculty member," Marzell said.

Marzell is now an assistant professor of social work at Binghamton University.

Click here to read more.

A Candid and Humorous Look at Life on the Tenure Track in "Academaze"

By Hanaa Hariri for The POSTDOCket

If you are a postdoctoral scholar on the job market or a newly hired assistant professor, Academaze is just the book you need to read. The pseudonymous author Sydney Phlox is a tenured physical science professor at a large public research university in the United States and a famous academic.
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 to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

International Postdocs

- English for Academic Purposes
- ESL Classes for Spouses
- ESL Classes for Staff
- J1 Scholar Information
- Last Payment Process
- Living in the United States
- ND International - Upcoming Events
- Tax Assistance Program
- Temporary Protected Status

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

Building Your Personal Brand

By Gaia Vasiliver-Shamis for Carpe Careers

As academics (and probably as decent human beings) we are taught to be humble. When we write a paper or present our work, we often say "we" even if it is "I" that did the work. I believe that is one of the underlying reasons why it is so hard for Ph.D. students and postdocs to market themselves when it comes to networking and job searching.

Once you gain self-awareness and have a good understanding of your skills, you should start thinking of yourself as a brand -- yes, you read that correctly. It does not matter if you are looking for a faculty position or trying to break into science policy. You need to know your brand and then project it in everything you do.

Click here to learn how to build your personal brand!

Career Lingo: "Participate in Multidisciplinary ..."

By Dr. David D. Perlmutter for Chronicle Vitae
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 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, visit [their website](#).

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Events and Workshops

Mendoza Lecture: The Ethics-Productivity Dilemma

On Friday, April 28 the Mendoza College of Business will host Lamar Pierce from Washington University. Lamar's research offers professionals (such as researchers) insight into how their professional ambitions can lead to ethical misconduct in the workplace. More information about Lamar can be found [here](#).

- Date: Friday, April 28
- Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Room 159 Mendoza College of Business

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [McKenzie Rees](#) by Friday morning.

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World on Tap

You can tell you've been in a profession a long time when the bold new idea of the moment sounds familiar. Lately, it is impossible to read a strategic plan or a vision statement in higher education and not hear about "multidisciplinary" or "interdisciplinary" collaboration. I have used those words myself, for nigh on 20 years. Yet the fact that we keep needing to restate the importance of cross-disciplinary cooperation suggests how difficult it actually is to achieve in practice.

Hence my concern when I see junior faculty being evaluated on this front - without adequate planning, leadership, and resources by senior faculty and administrators. True collaboration only works if everyone is engaged and supportive beyond paying lip service to buzzwords. So when a job ad includes an expectation that a candidate will "participate" or "conduct" work across disciplines, it becomes both an opportunity and a danger zone.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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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.

Postdoc Women Family Bowling Event!

The Notre Dame postdoc women’s committee is hosting their May social event at Chippewa Bowl! This event is only for postdoc women and their families.

- Date: Sunday, May 21
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Chippewa Bowl
  225 W. Chippewa Ave.
  South Bend, IN 46614

Contact Angélica Vázquez-Ortega for more information.

Summer Course Offerings from the Writing Center

SCIENTIFIC WRITING (GRED 60500)

WHAT: Scientific Writing, 2-credit graduate course in scientific and technical writing

DATES: June 19-July 28

TIMES:

- Section 01: Tuesday, 1:00-3:05 p.m. and Thursday, 1:00-3:05 p.m.
- Section 02: Tuesday, 10:30-12:35 p.m.

This course offers graduate students in the sciences and engineering a focused study of the conventions of scientific writing and fosters a clearer understanding of what constitutes good writing in these fields. Through close analysis of published scientific papers, guest lectures from faculty in the sciences and engineering, and focused writing activities in a workshop environment, students will hone their writing skills and make a clear plan for their continued development as writers in their home disciplines.
Positive Productivity Points

9 Amazingly Simple Life Lessons from Timothy Ferriss

From Income Diary

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

Exactly How This Top Trainer Spends 30 Minutes At The Gym

From Women's Health

Funding Opportunities

For professional assistance in applying for competitive external funding opportunities, email Notre Dame's Office of Grants and Fellowships.

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,...

TEACHING WITH WRITING (GRED 60615)

WHAT: Teaching With Writing, 2-credit graduate course in the teaching of writing in your discipline

DATES: June 5-16

TIME: Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 11:30am

INSTRUCTOR: Matthew Capdevielle, Ph.D., Director of the University Writing Center

This course is for graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty looking to enhance their teaching by honing their skills as teachers of writing in their home disciplines. Participants will develop a deeper understanding of the role that writing plays in the learning process and will use that understanding to design writing assignments and activities that best support the learning goals of participants' courses.

Topics include:
* Understanding the role of writing in the learning process
* Understanding the writing process itself
* Designing writing assignments to foster creativity, deepen understanding, and ensure academic integrity
* Defining standards for evaluation of student writing
* Sequencing writing assignments to optimize student engagement
* Commenting on student writing to maximize the learning benefit for students and minimize the time spent grading
* Using rubrics for assessment
* Handling plagiarism
* Productive conferencing with students (one-to-one)
* Talking with search committees about your writing pedagogy

Register for these courses here.

Facilitating Discussion in Social Sciences and Humanities

When done well, classroom discussions can meaningfully engage students with course material and improve learning. The panel will discuss effective methods for facilitating discussion in the Social Sciences and Humanities, followed by an active Q&A session.

After successfully completing this workshop you will be able to identify multiple strategies for engaging students in discussion, and articulate the best practices and pitfalls in leading discussion.

- Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017
- Time: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Location: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center
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.

For more information on this and other events, please 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

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

Workshops from the Writing Center

Use Writing to Teach Critical Thinking

The University Writing Center is pleased to offer consultations with instructors who want help designing and integrating writing assignments into their courses. We welcome instructors from every discipline, especially STEM subjects. Email writing@nd.edu with the subject “Teaching Consultation” to set up a meeting!
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. 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).

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. For a list of NCFDD 2017 webinars, click here.

PhD Humor

Courtesy of The Upturned Microscope

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