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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

Announcing the 2017 RIT Future Faculty Career Exploration Program

The Office of Faculty Recruitment at the Rochester Institute of Technology is announcing its 2017 Future Faculty Career Exploration Program. This program brings scholars nearing the end of their Ph.D., M.F.A., or postdoc, to experience RIT as a prospective faculty member. See the program brochure here.

Application deadline: May 31, 2017

Click here to receive more information about the program, as well as application requirements and instructions.

"Good Enough for Government Work"

By Karen Elkins for The POSTDOCket

For most of my years as a research scientist in various U.S. government positions, I’ve heard the phrase "good enough for government work" used derisively to describe the supposedly half-baked efforts of government employees. Only recently did I learn that the expression originated during World War II to boast about work that was of the highest quality, and thus "good enough" to be accepted by Uncle Sam. Needless to say, I like the original concept a whole lot better, in part because it tracks with my experience.

I can say without hesitation that the vast majority of my colleagues have been exceptionally smart and creative and have ridiculously high standards. If that sounds like you, there are plenty of opportunities for both postdoctoral...
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
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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

Being Foreign on the U.S. Academic Market

By Christopher Garland for Carpe Careers

International graduate students are faced with an added challenge on the U.S. job market -- get a job or go home -- but it’s possible to turn their foreignness to their advantage, Christopher Garland writes.

Click here to learn how to navigate the American tenure-track job search!

Lessons From Year 1 on the Faculty

By Mark Tonelli for Chronicle Vitae

Well here it is already - the end of my first year of full-time teaching. With 25 years of experience in the music industry, and 20 of those years teaching music as an adjunct, I’d felt well-prepared for academia. In fact, I was raring to go.

Last fall, as I walked across campus during the first week of classes, I felt the excitement of being part of the whole enterprise. I traveled the hallowed halls, bustling with the commotion of students. I sat in faculty meetings and glanced around at my new colleagues, the collective braintrust charged with developing, monitoring, scrutinizing, and ultimately teaching the curriculum. I met with my classes for the first time, and in between, retired to the solitude of my very first faculty office. It felt exhilarating.

As you can probably guess, the honeymoon period soon came to a close, as it does with any job. What remained was the business of getting down to work - teaching.
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

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Events and Workshops

FREE Professional Head Shots for Postdocs!

Graduate Career Services and the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars are offering FREE professional head shots for graduate students and postdocs.

Walk-In Opportunity: No appointment necessary.

Attire: Business formal. Dress for success!

- Date: Wednesday May 3, 2017
- Time: 1:00PM - 5:00PM
- Location: North Entrance/Lobby, Jordan Hall of Science

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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: May 3, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: Rohr’s at the Morris Inn (map)

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"Thank You for Playing" Film Screening

The Harper Cancer Research Institute is again providing another excellent film, "Thank You for Playing." If you need a reminder why you are working so hard, this movie is for you! View trailer here.

This is a FREE but TICKETED event. So contact the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center to reserve your ticket today.

- Date: May 3, 2017
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Location: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Browning Cinema (map)

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2017 COS-JAM for Graduate Students &
Notre Dame Graduate Student, Spouse, and Significant Other Network (GSN)

- The Graduate Student Union (GSU) is accepting postdocs as members in the Graduate Student, Spouse and Significant Other Network (GSN).
- The goal of this group is to act as a sustainable support system and social networking community for the significant others of all graduate students/postdocs and their partners, and to facilitate the involvement in the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

For more information about the GSN and how to get involved, visit their Facebook page.

Spotlight Jobs of the Week

Engineering
- Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Director - Research & Development

Humanities
- Assistant Professor, Multicultural American Literature
- Director of Humanities - Critical Reading and Writing for test prep

Business
- Assistant Professor, Organizational Management
- Quantitative Analytics Economist

Science
- Assistant Professor, Sustainable Coastal Systems
- Research Associate, Nanotechnology

Social Science
- Assistant Professor, Psychology
- John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow

Postdoctoral Fellows

The first annual College of Science-Joint Annual Meeting will take place in Jordan Hall of Science on Thursday, May 4. All COS graduate students and postdocs are invited!

2017 COS-JAM for Graduate Students & Postdoctoral Fellows

Benefits:
- Foster integrative & interdisciplinary research & knowledge across the college
- Develop presentation & mentoring skills
- Obtain advice on career development
- Practice for extramural scientific & job presentations to diverse audiences

When: Thursday, May 4, day before undergrad COS-JAM

Location: Jordan Galleria & associated auditoriums

Schedule:
- Morning Period (10-12:00pm): poster session in Jordan Galleria – 42 participants total (snacks/drinks in Galleria; posters taken down at end of day)
- Lunch (12-1:30pm): Jordan Galleria – participants, discussants & moderators only
- Panel Discussion (12:15-1:15pm): “From Collegian to Colleague: Setting Yourself up for Success” (Graduate Career Services, Office of Grants & Fellowships, Office for Postdoctoral Scholars)
- Afternoon Period (1:30-3:30pm): podium presentations in Jordan auditoriums – 16 total (snacks/drinks in Galleria; 2 mixed-subject concurrent sessions)

- Date: May 4, 2017
- Time: 10:00AM - 3:30PM
- Location: Jordan Hall of Science

Please direct any questions about the COS-JAM to Matthew Ravosa.

Postdoc Women’s Committee 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:
Positive Productivity Points

Boost Your Productivity with Themes

From Forbes

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

New diploma? New job? Here are 4 healthy habits to start right now.

From The Washington Post

Funding Opportunities

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

NIH Director's Early Independence Award Program

The NIH Director's Early Independence Award Program supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency. The University of Notre Dame can nominate up to two projects.

Award amount: up to $250,000.

Please send your email expression of interest to limited@nd.edu by 5PM Eastern time on May 4, 2017.

Click here for more information.

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

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

Registered for these courses here.

Professional Development

Join the Notre Dame Postdoc LinkedIn Group!
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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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.

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2018-19 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards

The Notre Dame Office for Postdoctoral Scholars has created a special LinkedIn group for all ND postdocs, graduate students, and faculty to share professional information.

To join the group, first connect with Valli Sarveswaran, Associate Program Director.

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Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

The Hesburgh Libraries and Center for Digital Scholarship workshops are offered to all ND Postdocs.

**Research & Statistical Tools Camp**

Join the Hesburgh Libraries Center for Digital Scholarship and the Center for Social Research for a full day of workshops covering specific statistical software packages / programming languages, geographic information systems software, and technical/scientific document preparation/citation management!

- **Date:** **Thursday, May 18**
- **Time:** 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Location:** Room 129 Center for Digital Scholarship Hesburgh Libraries - 1st Floor Northeast
- **Register** [here](#)

**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.

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

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

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Kaneb Center Workshops

The Kaneb Center supports graduate students and postdocs in the pursuit of teaching excellence by stimulating scholarly reflection and conversation about teaching, and encouraging the adoption of practices that enhance learning.

For more information on Kaneb Center workshops and other events, please 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. 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 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!

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.