A Tenure Track for Teachers?

By Leonard Cassuto for The Chronicle of Higher Education

One of my doctoral students just got a tenure-track assistant professorship. That's excellent for her, but a decade ago, it wouldn't have rated mention in a newspaper column. Of course, that was before the amount of tenure-track openings dropped like a barometer during hurricane season. Today, getting a tenure-track position feels more like a "Man Bites Dog" event.

During that same period, undergraduate enrollment at American colleges and universities continued to rise - as it has for decades. Clearly more and more students need to be taught, so where have all the teaching jobs gone? They've gone to the same people who have been doing a lot of our undergraduate teaching all along: contingent faculty members, meaning graduate students and adjuncts.

That's not exactly news to anyone who has been watching the faculty labor market - or to the graduate students doing so much of the work. In the humanities, we've seen nontenure-track jobs (NTTs) multiply year after year.

Click here to read more.

Transition from Postdoc to Tenure-Track

Dani Brake has been a postdoc in Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics at Notre Dame under the mentorship of Assistant Professor Jonathan Hauenstein since Fall
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

Congratulations, Dani!

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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

The importance of Internships

By Ashley E. Brady and Kimberly A. Petrie for Carpe Careers

"But how do I know if I'm going to like teaching?" That was the sentiment expressed by one of the very first postdoctoral fellows to come through Vanderbilt University's career development office more than 10 years ago. He was applying for teaching-focused faculty positions because he had enjoyed being a teaching assistant and guest lecturing for graduate-level courses, but his lack of significant experience in an undergraduate classroom left him feeling woefully uncertain about his next step.

His concern is still echoed by many Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows today, regardless of their career interests, who are in the midst of determining what they will do when they finish their training.

Click here to learn more!

Recommendation Inflation

By Howard Gardner for Chronicle Vitae
I am always suspicious of claims that "things used to be easier" in higher education, or "more straightforward" in the past. In reading C.P. Snow’s novels about academe in England, I’ve learned that intrigue has regularly hovered over coveted faculty appointments. That said, things certainly used to be different when it comes to writing letters of recommendation.

As a veteran faculty member, I am often asked to write such letters, and the most challenging ones to draft are for young scholars applying for tenure-track jobs. In an academic job market that remains highly competitive - with dozens or even hundreds of qualified candidates for each coveted position - I (as well as other senior professors) am not infrequently asked to write letters for more than one candidate for the same job.

Click here to read Gardner’s advice.

Events and Workshops

Research & Statistical Tools Camp for Postdocs and Grad Students

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! You can register for individual sessions, or all of the offerings.

- **Date:** Thursday, May 18
- **Time:** 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Location:** Center for Digital Scholarship, Hesburgh Libraries-1st Floor Northeast
- **Register** here

Questions? Contact cds@nd.edu

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.
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, Mechanical Engineering
- Research & Development Engineer

Humanities

- Assistant Professor, Theology
- Special Collections Outreach Librarian

Business

- Assistant Professor, Economics
- Management Consultant

Science

- Assistant Professor, Biology
- Postdoctoral Research Scientist

Social Science

- Assistant Professor, Anthropology
- Statistician- United Nations Conference on Trade & Development

Positive Productivity Points

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: June 7, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Location: Rohr’s at the Morris Inn (map)

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, 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...
10 Powerful Gmail Extensions To Supercharge Your Productivity

From Forbes

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

3 Super Easy Ways to De-Stress at Work in Under 1 Minute

From Well + Good

Funding Opportunities

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

Mirzayan Fellowship Program

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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.

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Professional Development

Join the Notre Dame Postdoc LinkedIn Group!

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, go to the Postdoc LinkedIn group page https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12039762 and click on "Join Group".

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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.

Library Workshop Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops
Questions? cds@nd.edu

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Kaneb Center Workshops
The Mirzayan Fellowship Program is now accepting applications for the 2018 session. The session will begin on January 16 and conclude on April 6, 2018 and the deadline to apply is September 8, 2017. The Fellowship stipend is $9000. Postdocs are eligible to apply. Click here for more information.

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.

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.

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!

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 NCDFF 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.
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

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.
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).

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