**Postdoc Corner**

**From Postdoc to Higher Education Administration**

Dr. Curtis C. Urban, a 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar in the History Department at Notre Dame, is joining the Office of Pre-College Programs in the Enrollment Division of the University of Notre Dame as a Program Coordinator. Curtis Urban, PhD

Curtis received his Ph.D. in American History from Notre Dame, with research that focused on the transnational origins of American identity during the American Revolution. As a postdoc, he taught for a semester at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies in Heidelberg, Germany, offering a seminar on colonial American history. Additionally, Curtis assumed an administrative role in the History Department upon his return to Notre Dame, working with both the Director of Graduate Studies and Director of Undergraduate Studies to recruit prospective students and create graduate student professional development programs.

As a Program Coordinator for Pre-College Programs, Curtis will develop courses and plan events in collaboration with Notre Dame faculty for prospective high school students interested in ND. In addition to recruiting for summer programs and reviewing applications for Pre-College Programs, Curtis will manage Pre-College’s online application tools as well as serve as the chief liaison to Shared Services. Curtis credits his postdoc experiences for helping to obtain his new position: “The postdoc was exactly the training I needed to find a career in college administration,” Curtis noted. “The flexibility on the part of the postdoc office in terms of my responsibilities allowed me to create position that provided me with the tools for future success. Teaching my own course in Heidelberg, recruiting students to the History major, and facilitating professional development programs were all

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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, September 21st  
Time: 2 - 4 pm  
Location: Stinson Remick 100

Date: Thursday, October 5th  
Time: 2 - 4 pm  
Location: McCourtney 206

**One-on-One Consultations**

Do you need assistance with...
- Career counseling
- Planning and defining career goals
- Exploring career options
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses and plan for skills development
- CV, resume or cover letter feedback
- Linkedin/Google scholar profile
- Preparing for upcoming interviews

Contact [Valli Sarveswaran](mailto:valli.sarveswaran@nd.edu) 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

**ND Calendar & Events**

- The Week @ ND

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**Career Services**

**The stories behind a CV**

"Based on my CV, you might think my path to becoming a tenured faculty member was pretty smooth: master's degree, Ph.D., two postdocs, faculty position. The true story, however, is much more twisted."

Click [here](mailto:valli.sarveswaran@nd.edu) to read how NYU associate professor of neuroscience and psychology, Wei Ji Ma, is shaking up our conventional perceptions of life in academia.

**Events and Workshops**

**Networking for Scientists and Engineers**

This webcast, led by Anthony Fasano (PE), addresses the importance of networking throughout your career and provides strategies for effective networking and relationship building.

- **Date:** September 12, 2017  
  **Time:** 12:30 PM EST  
  **Presenter:** Anthony Fasano (PE)  
  (Professional Development Coach, Author and Speaker) The Engineering Career Coach  
  **Registration:** Click [here](https://www.aaas.org/meetings-and-conferences) (AAAS membership required)

**Topics Covered Include:**

- Putting the other person's needs ahead of your own
- What, how, why, with who, where
- Building trust and asking the right questions
- Networking with goals in mind
- How to select the right events to attend or associations to join
- How to build a complete LinkedIn profile
For a full listing of events on the Notre Dame campus for this week click here.

Academic iNDex

A secure and easily accessible online repository for your academic and professional information, where you can upload your CV publications, presentations, grants, work history, and other academic achievements.

For more information about Academic iNDex and how to use it, click here.

National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)

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.

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). 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
- R&D Staff Engineer

Humanities

How to Effectively Cope with Stress During the Postdoc Years

The postdoc years are an exciting time to further your career and develop your professional identity, but they can also be filled with a number of stressors. Going on the job market, moving to a new town (or even country), balancing work and personal life, finances, and the uncertainty of what lies ahead can make the postdoc years an especially stressful time. This informational session will cover how to identify common signs of stress and how to effectively cope with times of stress and uncertainty using evidence-based strategies. We all are likely to experience the stress of the postdoc years at one time or another, and we hope this informational session will help start this important conversation about stress in academia and provide you with the resources to help you be successful.

- Presenter: Prof. Jennifer Hames, Psychology
- Date: September 14, 2017
- Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- Location: 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall

Please click here to register.

Career Development Grants for Pre- and Postdocs

Notre Dame Research and the Graduate School offer a grant-writing workshop for postdoctoral researchers at Notre Dame.

- Date: September 15, 2017
- Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Location: McCourtney Hall B01

All departments and disciplines are encouraged to attend where the following topics will be addressed.

- Writing successful grants
- Career development grants for pre- and postdocs
- Understanding the pre-award process
- Proposal reviews

Please click here to register.
- Research Associate and Visiting Faculty, Women's Studies and Religion
- Research Consultant, Government Practice

Business
- Accounting Faculty Position
- Senior Grants Administrator

Science
- Assistant Professor, Biology
- NASA Postdoctoral Program
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Hematology

Social Science
- Assistant Professor, International Relations & Transnational Politics
- Assistant Professor, Economics

Multidisciplinary
- Associate Consultant
- Technology Transfer Postdoctoral Scholar

Positive Productivity Points

15 Surprising Things Productive People Do Differently
From Forbes

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

The Beginner's Guide to Cutting Out Processed Foods
From Well + Good

Funding Opportunities

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

National Postdoctoral Association - 16th Annual Conference

Dates: April 6-8, 2018
Location: Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

The National Postdoctoral Association is offering travel awards and child care awards for those who are interested in attending. Click the links to register.

Monday, Sept. 18
- NPAAW Kickoff Event with breakfast
- 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Venue TBD

Tuesday, Sept. 19
- Immigration and employment options - presented by an immigration lawyer
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Montgomery Hall, LaFortune Student Center
- Click here to register
- If you would like to have a free, 10-15 minute individual consultation (limited spots available), please email your CV and Google Scholar profile to Stacy Rinkenberger

Wednesday, Sept. 20
- National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) explained -by Prof. Amy Hixon
- 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- Fitzpatrick Hall 258
- Click here to register

Thursday, Sept. 21
- Postdoc etiquette dinner
- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- IEI-Visitation Hall 210, Remick Commons
- Click here to register

Friday, Sept. 22
- Ice cream social
- 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- Venue TBD

**Every event you attend during the NPAW, you will be able to enter your name into drawings for Notre Dame Football Tickets. Five lucky winners will win a pair of tickets for Notre Dame football home games. Drawing will be held on Friday, September 22nd at 4 pm during the Ice Cream Social.

Income Tax Information Meeting

It is never too early to plan for 2017 tax filing. Professor Milani will make a general presentation on how U.S. tax laws affect international visitors, and practical ways to save tax dollars and your time.

- Wednesday, Setp. 20
- 4:00 pm
- 339 Mendoza College of Business

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12 Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research Abroad

Click here for the ProFellow site!

Applications to NIH Loan Repayment Programs Open Soon

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. Check the following links for more information.

National Postdoctoral Association
NIH Division of Loan Repayment

2017-2018 Origins Project Postdoctoral Lectureship Award

This $10,000 award is the most generous of its kind, and is open to outstanding junior scholars from around the globe from any field of study relevant to the Origins Project at ASU.

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Click here for more information!

World on Tap

International postdocs and friends are invited to World on Tap, a monthly social sponsored by Notre Dame International. Join us on first Wednesdays for community and free appetizers; the first 50 attendees will receive a free drink ticket valued up to $6. Please bring a valid photo ID.

- Date: October 4, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Location: Rohr's at the Morris Inn (map)

Professional Development

TEDxUND Speaker Application

The IDEA Center at the University of Notre Dame is pleased to partner with Student Government to host TEDxUND 2018 on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Click here for further information and the application.

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, click here and then click "Ask to Join." Make sure to update your profile, profile picture, and check notification settings. If you need help creating or optimizing your LinkedIn profile, please contact Valli.

Social Media

ND Postdoc LinkedIn Group
ND Postdoc Facebook Group
@NDPostdocs

Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

The Hesburgh Libraries and Center for Digital Scholarship workshops are offered to all ND Postdocs.
Library Workshop
Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops
Questions? cds@nd.edu

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.

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!
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. 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

PAGE LIMITS

As a student:
- Are our papers a few pages too short?
- How do we make it longer?
- Write longer papers?
- Take fewer classes?
- Make fewer posters?

As a professor:
- Are our grant proposals a few pages too short?
- How do we make it longer?
- Decrease the scope!
- Make fewer posters!
- Take more classes!

www.phdcomics.com

Courtesy of PhD Comics

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