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Postdoc Corner

Attention: Invitation to Participate in Research Project on STEM Postdocs

The following is a request from Prof. Richard Pitt, Associate Professor of Sociology at Vanderbilt University:

"Dear Notre Dame Postdoctoral Associate,

Greetings from Nashville and Vanderbilt University! We would like to invite you to consider participating in a research study examining the training experiences and career trajectories of postdoctoral associates and fellows in STEM fields. We need your help in understanding persistence in and/or attrition from various STEM career paths for people who have attained temporary post-doctoral training/research positions in academic settings.

Your participation would be confidential and anonymized. You can opt out at any time. Upon completion of the survey, respondents will offered a thank-you gift for their participation.

Specifically, we are interested in the experiences of US citizens or permanent residents in the first year of their first appointments. In regards to STEM disciplines, the scope of our research is limited to the following broad categories: biological and biomedical sciences (not including medical specialties, such as anesthesiology or pediatrics), physical sciences, engineering, and mathematics. We especially encourage participation by women and racial/ethnic minorities.

If you meet those criteria and are interested in joining us in this important research, please go to the link below to access the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Oluchi Nwosu-Randolph at onwosu@beyondthephd.net."

Click here to access the survey.

Quick Links
- Past Postdoc Newsletters
- ND Postdoc Website
- ND Resources
- Community Links
- Job Search Sites
- ND Human Resources
- Parking Shuttle Schedule
- Faculty-Staff Classifieds
- One Button Studio

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, December 7th
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Location: McCourtney 206
Date: Thursday, January 18th  
Time: 2 - 4 pm  
Location: Stinson Remick 100  

One-on-One Consultations

Do you need assistance with...

- Career counseling  
- Planning and defining career goals  
- Exploring career options  
- Identifying strengths and weakness and plan for skills development  
- CV, resume or cover Letter feedback  
- Linkedin/Google scholar profile  
- Preparing for upcoming interviews  
- Salary negotiation  

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

Ask an Immigration Attorney:

The Postdoc Office has partnered with immigration attorney Thomas Arkell, a partner with Dunn Law Firm, LLP in Chicago. He will graciously answer up to two immigration law questions per month for free. Any complete and appropriate questions received before the 20th of each month will be included for a monthly drawing. Two randomly selected questions will be passed to Mr. Arkell's office by the end of the month.

If you would like to submit a question, you must send it to Valli Sarveswaran as well as a statement giving us permission to pass the question and your email address to Mr. Arkell's office, who will then contact you directly with

Career Services

Ph.D.s Are Still Writing Poorly, Part 1  
By Rachel Toor for Chronicle Vitae

To get published now, your book must be well-written. So why are new faculty members still producing deadly dull monographs? Click here to learn how you can produce a well-written, engaging first book.

Events and Workshops

Jingle Bell Ball!  
The Jingle Bell Ball is the GSN's annual semi-formal holiday dance. This year's event will be held on Friday, December 1 at "The Vault," a venue located in the Whiskey Exchange downtown. Heavy appetizers will be served, and a live DJ will be present, so make sure to wear your dancing shoes! All graduate/professional students and postdocs, and their partners, spouses, or significant others are welcome at this event. Co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Union, University Village, Gender Relations Center, Graduate Student Life, and Graduate School.

Tickets are $15 and can be purchased online NOW here!
their answer. The template is:

Name:
Preferred email address:
Question:
Statement: I hereby give the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars my permission to send the above question and my email address to Mr. Arkell’s office. I understand that any further communication with Mr. Arkell’s office may cost money. I also understand that neither the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars nor the staff will be responsible for any outcome or consequences.

**The postdoc office staff has the right not to include your question to the pool if it is deemed incomplete or considered off-topic. The postdoc office will not entertain any communications once the questions are submitted to the attorney. Once a postdoc’s question is selected for response, that postdoc will not be able to submit another question for 6 months.**

ND Calendar & Events

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)

Colleges of Science and Engineering Joint Annual Meeting: COSE-JAM

The inaugural Colleges of Science and Engineering - Joint Annual Meeting (COSE-JAM) for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows will take place in Jordan Hall on **Friday, December 8, 2017**. This will occur in conjunction with the IDEA Center, Office for Postdoctoral Scholars, Graduate Career Services, and Office of Grants and Fellowships, who will have representatives available to offer development counseling, CV advice, and information about research funding opportunities. COSE-JAM aims to highlight the achievements of graduate and postdoctoral researchers, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and provide mentoring about careers.

Please send any queries about COSE-JAM to Prof. Matt Ravosa, Biological Sciences ([mravosa@nd.edu](mailto:mravosa@nd.edu)).

Postdoc Holiday Get-Together

The Office for Postdoctoral Scholars invites all Postdocs and their families to celebrate the holiday season with ice skating, pizza, cookies, and a hot chocolate bar. Free skate rental for everyone!

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017
- **Time:** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Compton Ice Arena
- **Registration:** Click [here](#) to register - we want to make sure we have enough food for everyone!

Please register by **Sunday, December 10th**.

Professional Development

Hesburgh Libraries Workshops
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

- Chief Engineer, Information Technology
- Postdoctoral Research Scientist at Oculus VR

Humanities

- Assistant Professor, History
- Content Editor, Proquest

Business

- Assistant Professor Finance
- Director - Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy

Science

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Biostatistics
- Research Scientist II

Social Science

- Research Professor, Social Science
- Ethnographer

Multidisciplinary

- Graduate Career Consultant at Notre Dame (3 positions)
- Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Haptic Perception (Oculus/Facebook)

Positive Productivity Points

Manage Your Energy, Not Your Time

Sail to the Cloud with Docker!

Friday, 12/1
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Hesburgh Library, Center for Digital Scholarship Classroom 129

Unless otherwise noted, all CDS workshops take place in the CDS Classroom (Room 129), Hesburgh Library 1st Floor Northeast. Check the calendar link to view the list of workshops and register.

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

Data Science Fellowship

Data Scientist - "the sexiest job in the 21st century," according to the Harvard Business Review.

The Data Incubator is an intensive 8 week fellowship that prepares masters students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. The program is free for Fellows and supported by sponsorships from hundreds of employers across multiple industries.

Click here to apply and find further information

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.
Durham International Fellowships for Research and Enterprise (COFUND)

The Durham International Fellowship Scheme is designed to attract the most talented researchers in Europe and beyond and across the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities, to build international networks of scholars with a common passion for today's most important research challenges. Up to 21 postdoctoral Junior Research Fellowships are available commencing between 1 July 2018 and 1 October 2018.

Application deadline: 01 December 2017

The normal period of the Fellowship will be 1 year with starting salaries in the range £32,548 - £36,613 p.a. Click here to apply!

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.

Lilly Fellows Program

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts at Valparaiso University is accepting applications. Deadline: January 10, 2018

Click here for more information.

12 Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research Abroad

Click here for the ProFellow site!
**Council of American Overseas Research Centers Postdoc Fellowship**

Applications are now available for the CAORC NEH Senior Research Fellowship! This fellowship supports advanced research in the humanities for US postdoctoral scholars, and foreign national postdoctoral scholars who have been residents in the US for three or more years.

Fellows carry out research in a country which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Eligible countries: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Georgia, Indonesia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Tunisia.

**Deadline:** January 31, 2018.

Click [here](#) for more information!

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**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](#).

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**PhD Humor**

Courtesy of [The Upturned Microscope](#)

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