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Important Resources

Monthly Postdoc Open Forum

Come meet Valli, Associate Program Director of the Postdoc Office, to ask

Postdoc Corner

Watch Out, MBAs! Ph.D.s Are After Your Jobs

By Erin Zlomek for [Bloomberg](#)

Els van der Helm tried to sign up for a corporate recruiting event through the University of California at



Berkeley's business school last year, but she was turned away. "I got the response, 'Oh, actually this is just for the MBAs,' which makes sense," says Van der Helm, who graduated from Berkeley last May with a Ph.D. in psychology and now works as a junior associate for McKinsey. The MBAs "pay a lot of money to get their time with the recruiters," she says. "Everything is very nicely laid out for them. For Ph.D.s, it's not."

Now, some of the largest and most active recruiters of Ph.D.s are Amazon.com, JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America, IBM, General Electric, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, United Technologies, Boeing, and Pfizer.

Click [here](#) to discover just how much Ph.D.s are transforming the job market!

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How not to write a PhD thesis

By Tara Brabazon for [Times Higher Education](#)

My teaching break between Christmas and the university's snowy reopening in January followed in the footsteps of Goldilocks and the three bears. I examined three PhDs: one was too



big; one was too small; one was just right. Put another way, one was as close to a fail as I have ever examined; one

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: Friday, April 7th

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: O'Shaughnessy 100

Date: Thursday, April 20th

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: Stinson Remick 100

Tax Season Info



Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College Tax Assistance Program (TAP)

This service is free for those who made an annualized income of \$45,000 or below during the 2016 tax period. For international visitors, appointments will be offered Mondays through Thursdays from 2/20 through 4/13. For US citizens, no appointments are necessary. Visit <https://tap.nd.edu/> for more information.

Beware - even if you didn't receive a pay check from Notre Dame or other sources regarding your appointment, you still may be expected to submit a document to IRS.

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

passed but required rewriting to strengthen the argument; and the last reminded me why it is such a pleasure to be an academic.

Concurrently, I have been shepherding three of my PhD students through the final two months to submission. These concluding weeks are an emotional cocktail of exhaustion, frustration, fright and exhilaration. Supervisors correct errors we thought had been removed a year ago. The paragraph that seemed good enough in the first draft now seems to drag down a chapter. My postgraduates cannot understand why I am so picky. They want to submit and move on with the rest of their lives.

Click [here](#) to read Brabazon's insightful tips on how *not* to write a PhD thesis.

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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](mailto:Valli.Sarveswaran).

Career Services

The Importance of Understanding the Emotions of Potential Employers

By Joseph Barber for [Carpe Careers](#)

In addition to working with graduate students and postdocs at the University of Pennsylvania on their career exploration and development, I also teach an Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare course at Hunter College of the City University of New York as an adjunct professor.



Since job searching is a discrete set of human behaviors that can be defined and even measured, I find several topics discussed in my animal behavior course to be relevant when talking about career-related topics with students and postdocs at Penn. It's important to realize that employers see the world differently than you do and to understand their specific emotional states.

Click [here](#) to read Barber's advice.

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Before You Buy Another Planner...

By Dr. Melanie Nelson for [Chronicle Vitae](#)

No two people have identical time-use issues. Some of us tend to overcommit, others

- CV, resume or cover Letter feedback
- LinkedIn/Google scholar profile
- Prepare for upcoming interviews

Contact Valli Sarveswaran at vsarvesw@nd.edu to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

International Postdocs



- [English for Academic Purposes](#)
- [ESL Classes for Spouses](#)
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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

are prone to procrastination, and still others suffer from excessive perfectionism. In each case, the end result may be high stress and long hours as a deadline approaches, but those are just the symptoms. To solve the problem, you need to look at the root cause, and then tailor the solution to your specific issue.



Too often, we think of "getting organized" as a one-approach-fits-all endeavor, which leads people to accumulate calendars, planners, and journals. In a burst of determination, we use them for a short period of time and then set them aside when it turns out that they don't actually help. So instead of going shopping for the latest planning tool, take the time to identify your biggest time-use issue.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Events and Workshops

Learning Inside Out with Portfolios in Sakai

Normally students submit papers and projects from the outside in a gated learning management system



(Sakai) for a lone instructor to grade. What if there was a way to push the products of student learning from the inside out-- to publish it to peers and external audiences? This workshop will provide a guided tour of a digital learning environment to show how ePortfolios can be integrated with Sakai to make learning and skills visible outside the classroom and increase authenticity by identifying targeted external audiences. Participants will sketch a design for their digital learning environment and be able to take advantage of campus support resources.

- Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
- Time: 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
- Location: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center
- Register [here](#)

For more information on this and other events, please click [here](#).

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NDnano Symposium

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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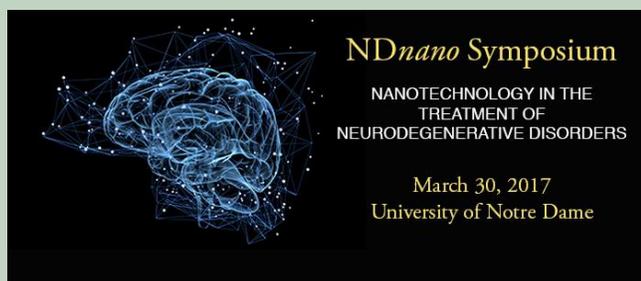
National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)



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, click [here](#).



NDnano is hosting a one-day, on-campus symposium on Thursday, March 30 entitled "Nanotechnology in the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Disorders." The event, to be held at Eck Visitors Center, includes technical presentations as well as a student poster session.

The symposium brings together leading experts in neuroscience and nanotechnology to share research and enhance collaborations. It is sponsored in part by a grant from Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) and will also be offered as a webinar to ORAU affiliates.

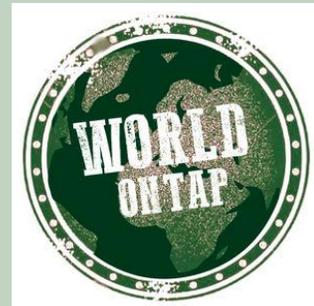
- Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017
- Time: 10:45 am - 6:00 pm; Student Symposium 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Location: Eck Visitors Center, University of Notre Dame

Please register [here](#) by March 17.

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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: April 5, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: Rohr's at the Morris Inn ([map](#))

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The Harper Cancer Research Institute's 6th Annual Research Day

Monday, April 10, 2017

- 9:00am - 1:00pm Poster Session - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 1:15pm - 3:15pm Trainee presentations - The Morris Inn, Formal Dining Rooms
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Career Panel - The Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 4:30pm - 6:00pm Keynote: by Dr. Otis Brawley,



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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](#).

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Spotlight Jobs of the Week



Engineering

- [Assistant Professor, Biophotonics Engineering - Texas A&M](#)
- [Research Associate/Intern \(PhD or Masters\) - Deep Learning & Probabilistic Modelling](#)

Humanities

- [Teaching Fellow, Philosophy - University of Edinburgh](#)
- [EAP Post-Doctoral Fellowship \(for ND Graduate Students Only!\)](#)

Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society
"The Evolution of the Cancer Control Movement"
Followed by the awards - The Morris Inn, Ballroom

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EAP Workshop: Conferences and Networking

Conferences are often fun, motivating events that will push your research forward and allow you to interact with other researchers in your field. But just as often, conferences cause anxiety, because we are all told of the importance of using them to "network" but find the process of doing that intimidating or mystifying. This workshop will decode the conference as an event, discuss what networking means, and provide you with strategies to successfully utilize conferences as networking opportunities.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Time: 5:15PM - 6:30PM
Location: 302 DeBartolo Hall

Please register for the workshop [here](#). If you have any questions concerning the EAP Workshop Program, please contact the [CSLC](#) at (574) 631-5881 or email EAP postdoc [Ryne Close](#).

Click [here](#) for more information on CSLC workshops.

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Notre Dame International: Global Cafe

All students and postdocs are invited to Global Café, a gathering for conversation, FREE coffee/tea, cookies and great company.

- Date: Tuesday, April 18
- Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Remick Commons

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Funding Opportunities

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

2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships in Austria

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is offering Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships for the year 2017. Applicants of all nationalities are eligible to apply for these fellowships.

The goal of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative

Business

- [Associate Professor, Information Systems - University of Hawai'i](#)
- [College of Business: Teaching Faculty](#)

Science

- [Assistant/Associate Professor, Condensed Matter Theory](#)
- [Scientist II, Computational Chemistry](#)

Social Science

- [Assistant Professor, Sociology - Kentucky State University](#)
- [Research Analyst - Human Capital Research Corporation](#)

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Positive Productivity Points



[4 Productivity Tips That Changed My Life This Year](#)

From [Entrepreneur](#)

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GPS for Mind, Body & Soul



[Despite the anti-carb diet fads, whole grains are still good for you](#)

From [The Washington Post](#)

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potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is an independent, non-profit research Institute in the heart of Vienna (Austria). It brings together high-level expertise from economists, sociologists, and political scientists to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices.

Applicants will get Living allowance around EUR 4.870 per month, Mobility allowance around EUR 600 per month, Family allowance around EUR 500 per month.

The deadline to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship is April 11, 2017.

For more information, click [here](#).

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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



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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

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

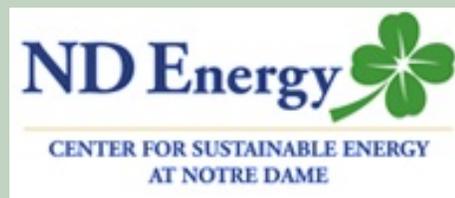
Click [here](#) for further detail.

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.

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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. These fellowships support new advancements in energy technologies, while broadening the educational experiences for students and postdocs receiving these awards. If you are interested in energy-related research and would like to apply for a postdoc fellowship, please click on the appropriate link below. 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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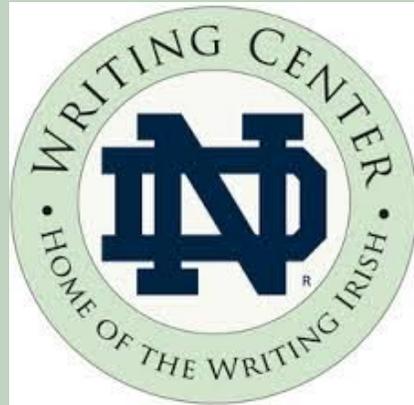
Professional Development

Workshops from the Writing Center

Use Writing to Teach Critical Thinking

Want to transform your students into active learners, engage them in solving disciplinary problems, and foster their critical thinking? Research shows that one of the best ways to

achieve these goals is to integrate writing assignments into your classes. The University Writing Center is pleased to offer consultations with instructors who want help designing and integrating writing assignments. We welcome instructors from every discipline, especially STEM subjects. Email writing@nd.edu with the subject "Teaching Consultation" to set up a meeting!



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Workshops from the Kaneb Center

Are you interested in learning more about discipline-specific teaching and learning in the university setting? The university offers workshops on university teaching

and learning in various fields through the Kaneb Center! Consider enrolling in one of the workshops.



For workshop descriptions, click [here](#).

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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. 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 NCFDD.

For a list of NCFDD 2017 webinars, click [here](#).

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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.

Most of the CDS workshops take place in the CDS Classroom (Room 129), Hesburgh Library 1st Floor Northeast.

How to read 11 million books

- Thursday, March 30, 2017
- Center for Digital Scholarship Classroom
129 | Hesburgh Library, 1st Floor Northeast
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM

CDS Workshop Information and Registration:
library.nd.edu/cds/workshops

Library Workshop
Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops
Questions? [cgs@nd.edu](mailto:cds@nd.edu)

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Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures

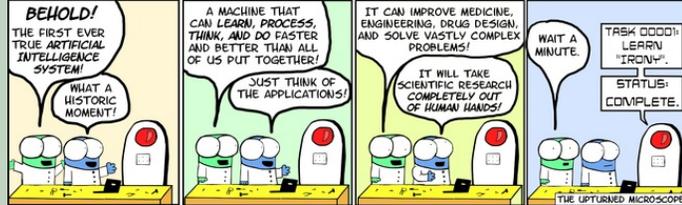


The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures' English for Academic Purposes program offers workshops that are open to all ND Postdocs and their spouses. The center helps postdocs & their spouses develop their writing, conversational, and speaking skills.

Visit the center's [website](#) for more information on [tutoring and consultations](#) and [workshop registration](#).
Questions? Contact [Lisa Joy Oglesbee](#)

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PhD Humor



Courtesy of [The Upturned Microscope](#)

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