

ND POSTDOC NEWSLETTER

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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 18th

Postdoc Corner

Want Happier Professors? Try Being Nice

By Peter Schmidt for [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

When it comes to keeping tenured professors content in their jobs, you can catch more flies with honey than you can with big, faculty-focused strategic initiatives, a new Harvard study suggests.



The study, based on survey data from more than 3,600 recently tenured associate professors at doctoral universities, found that their organizational commitment hinged far more on whether they believed they worked in a caring, supportive environment than on their sense that administrators had undertaken broad efforts to support the faculty.

"Organizations that cultivate a climate of support will, on average, exhibit higher levels of commitment than those that focus on external policies and procedures," says a paper summarizing the study's results.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Helping Professors Overcome Midcareer Malaise

Soon after she gained tenure in 2010 at Grinnell College, Karla A. Erickson says, she found herself ambivalent about her work. A series of events had left her wondering "if I was just going to keep doing what I was doing."



Prof. Karla Erickson - Grinnell College

Click [here](#) for the full article.

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: Stinson Remick 100

Date: Thursday, June 1st

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: McCourtney 206

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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](#).

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](#)
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ND Calendar & Events

Career Services

Needed: Flexible Mentors in Science

By Adriana Bankston for [Carpe Careers](#)

I've written a lot of articles about what junior scientists can do to navigate their own career transitions, but I would now like to urge mentors to help and support them in those endeavors. In a recent Open Forum [discussion](#) on graduate education at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting, it became clear that research faculty are key to the future of science. They have the single most important influence on a trainee's personal and professional development.



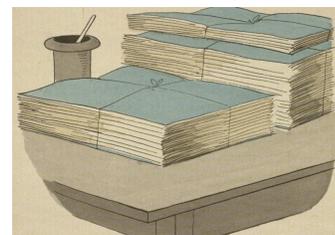
Recognizing the needs of your trainees and how they may differ depending on each person's goals, is crucial to ensuring success-- both during training and later in your trainees' lives. I would like to offer some specific advice on being a flexible mentor in science today.

Click [here](#) to learn how to become a better research mentor.

Writing a Book Pre-Tenure

By Many Whitaker for [Chronicle Vitae](#)

I wrote a book before I earned tenure - a feat, given the heavy teaching and service load at my institution. But because my situation is very different from most tenure-track faculty, talking about my book's journey isn't particularly useful for other academics.



Instead, I want to share the most important things I learned that you should (and shouldn't) do when writing your first book pre-tenure.

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

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Events and Workshops

Active Learning Strategies Faculty Panel



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 member, click [here](#).

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Do you want to learn about active learning strategies? Do you want to challenge your students to think critically and keep them engaged in your classes?

All graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are invited to join a discussion with ND faculty recipients of the Joyce and Sheedy Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Please bring your questions, comments, and experiences to this engaging informal discussion. Refreshments provided!

- Date: Monday, May 15, 2017
- Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM
- Location: 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall

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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

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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.

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World on Tap

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](#).

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Spotlight Jobs of the Week



Engineering

- [Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering](#)
- [Director - Research & Development](#)

Humanities

- [Assistant Professor, History & East Asian Studies](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellow - Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics](#)

Business

- [Assistant Professor, Organizational Management](#)
- [Research Economist](#)

Science

- [Clinical Assistant Professor, Physics](#)
- [Associate Director, Biophysical Characterization](#)

Social Science

- [Assistant Professor, Psychology](#)
- [Lead Social Development Specialist for Operations - The World Bank](#)

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Positive Productivity Points

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](#))

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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 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



[10 Productivity Tips For The Overwhelmed Entrepreneur \(or Academic!\)](#)

From [Fast Company](#)

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GPS for Mind, Body & Soul



[How to Handle Extreme Stress](#)

From [U.S. News & World Report: Wellness](#)

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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](#).

Mirzayan Fellowship Program

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, first connect with [Valli Sarveswaran](#), Associate Program Director. **Make sure to check your LinkedIn page for Valli's invitation!**

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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

Christine Mirzayan S&T Policy Graduate Fellowship Program
 provides early career professionals with hands-on training in science and technology policy at
The National Academies of
SCIENCES • ENGINEERING • MEDICINE

750+
 Fellows from 1997–2015

Mirzayan Fellows come from:

- Master's, Ph.D., and professional programs
- Post-doctoral programs
- Private sector
- NGOs
- Other countries

Mirzayan Alumni go to:

- Academia
- Federal Agencies
- Capitol Hill
- Industry
- International Organizations

The Experience

- Spend 12 weeks at the National Academies
- Receive an \$8,500 fellowship stipend
- Partner with a senior staff mentor
- Learn from the Academies' committee, board, or unit
- Conduct literature reviews, write background papers, analyze data, attend briefings

"The exposure to people from a wide array of backgrounds is a cure to the tunnel vision one acquires in grad school, and 3 months is an ideal length to get a taste and decide if a longer foray into the policy world is desirable." —John Thompson

"It helps students learn about policy while still in graduate school, enabling them to better understand the policy landscape earlier and potentially tailor the rest of their graduate school experiences accordingly." —Anjali Shastri

"I would recommend this fellowship without a moment's hesitation to those eager to explore a career outside of academia or industry and to those early Ph.D. trainees who are unaware that science policy is a viable and vibrant career path." —Sapana Vora

To learn more about the fellowship program, visit nationalacademies.org/PGA/policyfellows or contact policyfellows@nas.edu.

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.

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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.

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](#).

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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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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!

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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.

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

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.

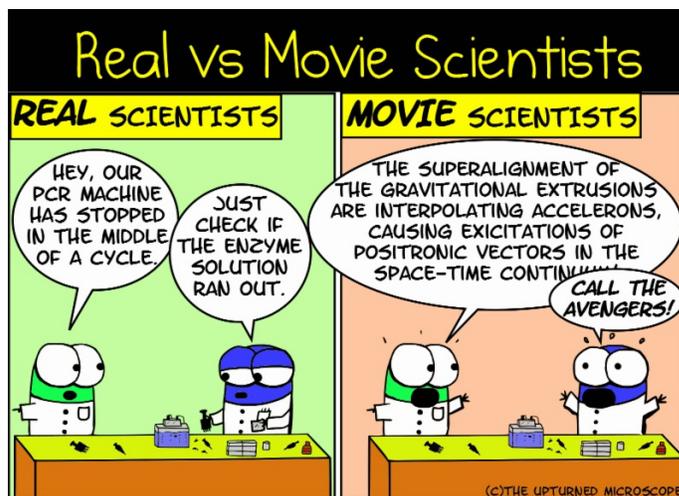
Postdoctoral scholars who consider applying for the above award can contact the Office of Grants and Fellowships at gradgrants@nd.edu. The Institute of International Education listed Notre Dame as one of the top-producing institutions for the 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

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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

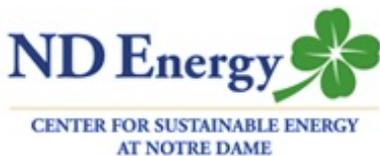


Courtesy of [The Upturned Microscope Comics](#)

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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. 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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