

# Postdoctoral Update

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### Collaborating with Strangers Workshop

Wednesday, March 21, 4:00-5:30 p.m, Library West, 3rd floor InfoCommons  
AND

Wednesday, February 4, 4:-5:30 p.m., Marston Science Library, main floor

Web page: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/CoLAB/home.html>

Registration: <http://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/Registration/> Registration is limited.

Collaborating with Strangers workshops are speed-meeting events that convene campus faculty, graduate and undergraduate students with a goal of creating interdisciplinary connections in a safe and engaging environment. The sessions feature facilitative methods from the CoLAB Planning Series®, a large group facilitative process that supports one-on-one three-minute focused conversations where workshop participants quickly reveal their passions, skills and resources. Participants gain valuable opportunities to create personal

connections, practice communicating with “strangers” from other disciplines, and discover hidden assets on campus.

The key benefit for participants is that they make connections which otherwise may require months of conversations to uncover or may never be discovered. Post-workshop activities enable participants to follow-up with “strangers” they did not meet during the live workshop session. The project is funded by the UF Creative Campus Committee’s competitive award program.

Sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries and co-sponsored by I-Cubed, College of Engineering, College of Fine Arts, Honors Program, UF Graduate School, Florida Opportunities Scholars Program and Women in Science and Engineering.

All participants are eligible to apply for a \$300 micro-grant from the libraries. An additional \$2,500 award from I-Cubed for collaborative projects by STEM and/or SBE students is also available.

*Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries*

### **Seminar with Dr. Joanne Thomson, Deputy Editor, Chemical Science, ChemComm and Chemical Society Reviews, Royal Society of Chemistry**

**March 14, 2012: Royal Society of Chemistry, 2:00pm LEI 309**

The deputy editor of chemical Science, ChemComm, and Chemical Society Reviews will give a special seminar on Royal Society of Chemistry.

#### **Seminar abstract:**

In this seminar we will provide an introduction to the Royal Society of Chemistry and its publishing portfolio of journals, books, databases and magazines. We will discuss the life cycle of a submitted manuscript, focusing on peer review, and provide tips on how to get your work published.

#### **Joanne Thomson:**

After graduating from the University of Edinburgh, Joanne spent two and a half years working for Merck, Sharp and Dohme as a medicinal chemist specialising in neuroscience research. She joined the RSC as a trainee Assistant Editor on Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics and Faraday Discussions in 2006, moving to work on Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry and Natural Product Reports in 2007. From 2008 to 2010, in addition to working on the organic portfolio, she was editor of the monthly news supplement Highlights in Chemical Technology. Joanne now works as Deputy Editor on Chemical Science, ChemComm and Chemical Society Reviews.

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*Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

### **Lunch with the Provost**

Each month during the academic year, a small group of faculty and postdocs is invited to lunch with [Dr. Joe Glover](#), Provost and Senior Vice President for

Academic Affairs. The purpose of the lunch is to provide faculty and postdocs a chance to meet with the provost and talk over an informal lunch. There is no set agenda.

If you are interested in receiving an invitation to an upcoming lunch, please submit your name and information here: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/postdoc-lunch>

This adds you to the invitation list for upcoming lunches which take place once a month in the University Auditorium's Friends of Music Room. Your invitation will come from the Provost's Office, and you will need to RSVP to attend.

I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to meet the provost and other members of the UF campus in a small group setting. If you have trouble accessing the form, please e-mail Kim Pace ([kpace@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:kpace@aa.ufl.edu))

*Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

### Teaching Resources for Postdocs

Interested in improving your teaching skills? Don't know where to go for help? The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs has created a Teaching Resources section of the Web site to provide help for postdocs who need assistance with teaching. Go to <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/teaching> to find a list of resources.

The [UF Teaching Assistance](#) site is a dedicated site to highlight resources and tools for UF instructors.

*Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

### Career Development Workshops from the Career Resource Center

UF Postdocs are welcome at these upcoming [Career Resource Center](#) workshops. No RSVP is required:

- **March 14, 2012 Professionalism and Communication Skills, 7:00pm**  
Tanglewood Commons.

In addition to the technical skills you've learned in graduate school, employers value communication and professional skills. This presentation will discuss your job from day one including setting expectations and communication skills at work. Part of Graduate Student Housing, Graduate Student Success Series.

- **March 20, 2012 Preparing a Successful Teaching Portfolio, 1:00-2:00pm,**  
Room 282 Reitz Union

The Office of Graduate Minority Programs, Professional Development Workshops concludes with a presentation on preparing a teaching portfolio of your work and accomplishments for an academic job search.

- **March 21, 2011 Interviewing and Networking, 7:00pm** The Continuum

Your resume and cover letter may be fantastic, but networking and interviewing are equally as important. Proper presentation takes proper preparation. Stop by to learn networking and interviewing skills common for academic and non-academic jobs. Part of Graduate Student Housing, Graduate Student Success Series.

*Submitted by Jon Schlesinger, Career Resource Center*

## Grants.gov

[Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is a unified site for interaction between grant applicants and the U.S. Federal agencies that manage grant funds. [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards.

For more information about external funding resources, please visit the Office of Research site that lists searchable databases and government funding resources: [http://www.research.ufl.edu/researchsupport/external\\_funding.html](http://www.research.ufl.edu/researchsupport/external_funding.html)

As well as the UF Libraries site for Grants and Fellowship opportunities: <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/funding>

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## Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Survey closes March 13

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs UF Postdoctoral Associates survey closes March 13. Please be sure to complete the survey to let us know what issues and resources are most important to you. This survey is available to all postdoctoral associates or anyone who serves as a researcher in a similar capacity. The survey is anonymous and all questions are optional.

This survey will be available online until March 13, 2012.

To take the survey, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ND6Q3DG>

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## Join the Conversation with the Postdoc Discussion Board

Have something to share? Visit the new feature on the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Web site: [The Postdoc Discussion Board](#). This Discussion Board has been created to provide a forum for an exchange of ideas and information amongst those in the UF postdoctoral community. Join the discussion! If you don't find a topic that fits what you would like to share, just let me know what you would like to see added to the site.

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## 1st Annual TEC Startup Walk on GAINnet

**Time:** March 16, 2012 from 12pm to 4pm

**Location:** Startup Walk Starts at Florida Innovation Hub @ 12:00pm

**Organized By:** The Entrepreneurship Club (TEC) at UF

1st Annual TEC Startup Walk Presented by: The Entrepreneurship Club (TEC)

Friday, March 16th Start Time 12:00pm. Deadline to get your tickets is

Wednesday, March 14 at 11:00pm. Space is limited.

<http://tecstartupwalk.eventbrite.com/?ref=elink>

### **Kick-off @ The Florida Innovation Hub at UF**

Networking in the Innovation Garden with successful entrepreneurs & Tour the Innovation Hub Free Food Tours Networking

Be sure to bring copies of your resume for a potential summer internship or job position!!!

Leading the walk, Matt Hintze with Tutoring Zone as we tour downtown startups and network with the founders!

See more details and RSVP on GAINnet: <http://gainnet.org/>

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