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Reminder:

[Postdoc Hires](#): All UF employees on a Postdoctoral Associate or Postdoctoral Fellow appointment may enroll in the PostDocCare health plan [online](#). [More info](#)

Sept. 26, Postdoc Development Workshop Reminder: How to Get Published in a Highly Rated Journal

September 26, 2012, 5:00-6:00pm, 210 Pugh Hall

Dr. Simon Phillpot, chair of the Materials Science and Engineering department at UF and editor of *Science*, will be presenting the inner mechanics on how to publish in *Science*.

Dr. Ashley Seifert, UF postdoc in the Biology department, will be presenting his experience in being published in the journal *Nature*.

Postdoc Social Hour at Mother's following the workshop.

[Workshop Poster](#) (.pdf)

Join Walking Gators for a Kick-off Event Oct. 1st!

The time has come again and the Walking Gators are back on the prowl. Many new and exciting routes, prizes and ways to get involved await you this semester, and with me, Nikita Williams, as your head liaison for the Walking Gators, you'll be sure to be walking your way to your fitness goals! Best of all, it's free!

The Walking Gators will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 11:45am to 12:30pm at gate 18 of the Stadium. This time we will include a warm up, our original Walking Gators route and a cool down in our walks. Each participant will be given a pedometer during each session, and at the end, I will be recording your step totals. All of your steps will be kept in my Excel spreadsheet, so I will be keeping up with everyone's steps!

There are new awards for those who reach our goal amount of steps for the year. I will provide a list of awards and steps needed for each reward on Oct. 1st and by e-mail.

To keep you all even more involved, a Facebook page has been created for the Walking Gator facebook.com/walkinggators. Use the page to post steps (via photo of the pedometer with the recorded steps on it) that you've completed **outside** the Walking Gators to help reach the goals, stay informed with any new updates I may have for the group, and get support and encouragement from your fellow Walking Gators. In the event that you may not have a Facebook, you can still send me a photo of the pedometer with the amount of steps you took independently, by e-mail as an attachment.

There has also been a new self-led route added to our walking regimen to better accommodate those who can't quite make it to the stadium every Monday. The [new route map is available here](#) and can also be found on our new fliers, so be sure to check that out when you get a chance.

Our kick-off event for this semester will be October 1, 2012 at 11:45 am. We will meet inside of Living Well. I will provide everything you need for the walk, all you will need is your walking shoes!

Let us know if you would like to join us on the 1st of October and include any questions, comments, or concerns. Please respond by e-mail to nikitatwilliams@ufl.edu. We want Walking Gators to be a success this semester and beyond. Through regular exercise we can all stay social, happy and healthy! Can't wait to see you all, and do not hesitate to bring a friend!

Submitted by Nikita Williams, Living Well

Authors@UF: Richard Scher - Why is it So Hard to Vote in America?

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Smathers Library (East), Room 1A

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Are you voting in November?

Are you sure?

Many people think that going to the polls is all that's needed to vote. Richard Scher disagrees. Drawing from his award-winning new book, *The Politics of Disenfranchisement*, Scher discusses the tradition of restricting or denying voting rights to large numbers of Americans.

Scher will engage his audience in a conversation on historical voting barriers, like literacy tests and poll taxes, and more current obstacles, like the recent wave of state laws—including here in Florida—that restrict voting without a photo ID. This will be a stimulating and informative hour on a controversial topic at the heart of American democracy and the 2012 elections.

Dr. Richard K. Scher is currently a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Florida.

Dr. Scher is the author of dozens of scholarly articles and book chapters, and five books: *Florida's Gubernatorial Politics in the Twentieth Century* (Co-authored with David R. Colburn, 1980); *Politics in the New South: Republicanism, Race and*

leadership in the Twentieth Century (1992); Voting Rights and Democracy: The Law and Politics of Districting (Co-authored with John L. Mills and John J. Hotaling, 1996); The Modern Political Campaign: Mudslinging, Bombast and the Vitality of American Politics (1997); and The Politics of Disenfranchisement: Why is it So Hard to Vote in America? (2011). The Politics of Disenfranchisement was named a 2011 Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Reviews Online.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

FAQs from Orientation

A few quick FAQs that came up at New Postdoc Orientation:

Q: Are postdocs eligible for Baby Gator child development centers?

A: Yes. More information on the Baby Gator Web site:

<http://www.babygator.ufl.edu/default.htm>

Q: Are postdocs eligible for the Employee Education Program?

A: Yes. More information on the EEP Web site:

<http://www.hr.ufl.edu/education/eed/default.asp>

Q: When is Open Enrollment?

A: UF Annual benefits Open Enrollment begins October 8 and ends November 2, 2012. Deadline to make elections for the state sponsored UF Select and GatorCare health plans will end on Nov. 2. [More information on the HR site.](#)

For more information about benefits, please attend the Benefits Fair on Oct. 23, 9am-3pm., Touchdown Terrace (Ben Hill Griffin Stadium).

Reminder: Gainesville Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](#) for Gainesville area postdocs as well as the LinkedIn group: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Gainesville-Postdocs-4479251?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr%20

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: FREE Affiliate NPA Membership

If you did not receive your invitation to join the National Postdoctoral Association or if your invitation has expired and you need to be sent a refreshed invitation, please [contact Kim Pace](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

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