

# Postdoctoral Update

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### *Reminder:*

All University of Florida employees on an appointment as a Postdoctoral Associate or Postdoctoral Fellow may enroll in the PostDocCare health plan online at [www.hr.ufl.edu/benefits/post\\_doc\\_care/enroll.asp](http://www.hr.ufl.edu/benefits/post_doc_care/enroll.asp). Enrollment must be completed within 30 days of the employee's date of hire, regardless of the Post Doc's status in the PeopleSoft system.

[More info](#)

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## First Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium: Call for Abstracts

Don't forget to register for the first annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium to be held on April 8, 2013 in Emerson Alumni Hall. Abstracts and poster files are due March 18. 10 posters and oral presentations will be selected from the submissions for judging on April 8. This is a great opportunity to practice and develop your presentation skills. All UF postdocs are invited to participate or attend with their mentors.

More information about the Symposium may be found on the website:  
<http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/symposium>

### *Registration:*

Online registration and abstract submission for symposium participants:

<https://connect.ufl.edu/aa/Collaboration/PostDoc/Lists/Research%20Symposium/Item/newifs.aspx?List=fa0bbdde-a6df-4878-9156-b42098fcbe73>

*If you are prompted with a sign-in screen, enter in your full Gatorlink e-mail address (e.g., AlbertAlligator@ufl.edu) for the Username prompt. And Gatorlink password.*

Deadline: March 18, 2013, 5pm

Online registration for attendees:

*Interested in attending but will not be participating? Please register here by April 1:*  
<http://postdocsymposium.eventbrite.com/#>

*Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

## Teaching Resources: [teach.ufl.edu](http://teach.ufl.edu)

Interested in improving your teaching skills? Postdocs may take advantage of the vast teaching resources available on the UF Assistance for Teaching Website: [teach.ufl.edu](http://teach.ufl.edu). Among the many resources available on the site are Teaching Tools for fostering student engagement, material delivery and presentation tools, best practices in course development, a tutorial to help you develop pedagogically sound methods for online delivery of materials, information on how to use e-Learning in Sakai as a course management system, and a number of teaching workshop recordings.

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## Career Resource Center Workshops Available Online

UF Career Resource Center workshops are available online for past workshops in the Fall (So You Want to Work in Academia) series and Spring (So You Want to Work Outside of Academia) series. Visit <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentGraduateStudentWorkshops.html> to view the workshops.

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## What's Happening in the Academic Workplace?

*Career issues in academe have, perhaps, never been more on the forefront than they are today. The job crisis facing many disciplines--too many Ph.D.'s and too few tenure-track openings--has shaken up academic departments, prompting calls for reform. [Complete article in the Chronicle of Higher Education](#), including:*

### Careers & The Hiring Process:

- Search-Committee Confidential: *What Search Committees Wish You Knew*
- Your Application: *The Rhetoric of the CV*
- Interviewing: *This Can't Be Happening*
- Academic Hiring: *To the Inside Candidate Who Did Not Get the Job*

### Nonacademic Careers:

- Beyond the Ivory Tower: *On Leaving Academe*
- Alternative Careers: *#Altac and the Tenure Track*

## UF Spring Break: March 2-9

A reminder that UF Spring Break week is March 2-9, 2013. No classes will be held at this time.

## 12 Bloopers to Avoid in Job Interviews (Chronicle of Higher Education)

*In the course of my academic career, I've been interviewed for junior and senior faculty positions as well as for administrative posts like the provostship I now hold. I have also been on more search committees than I care to count. Over time, I've observed (at least) a dozen bloopers to avoid at all costs in job interviews.*

Full Article: <http://chronicle.com/article/Bloopers-to-Avoid-in-Job/137449/>

*By Robert J. Sternberg, provost and senior vice president at Oklahoma State University, and professor of psychology and education.*

## Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

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

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## 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.](#)

*Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

## Reminder: Postdoc Info Listserv

*Want to receive e-mail prompts prior to postdoc events like the [Postdoc Development Workshops](#) and other postdoc events?* A listserv has been created for postdocs to receive reminders for upcoming postdoc events. Please e-mail Kim Pace ([kpace@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:kpace@aa.ufl.edu)) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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