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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. 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](#)

Postdoc Research Symposium on April 8

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs welcomes all in the UF postdoc community to its first Postdoc Research Symposium event on April 8 at 1pm in Emerson Alumni Hall.

Please join us for an afternoon celebrating postdoc research!

More information: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/symposium>

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Resources Available for March 27 Postdoc Workshop

Resources from the March 27 Postdoc Development Workshop on *Immigration Questions* are available on the [workshop website](#), including:

- [Workshop Presentation](#) (.pptx)
- [Contact Information](#)

Workshop Video will be available shortly on the UF Postdoc YouTube channel.

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Please Join Us in an Online to Discuss the Future of Public Higher Education

The future of public higher education will be the subject of an all-day symposium on April 11 at the University Auditorium on the UF campus. This event is intended to engage the community (public, state, academic, industry, anyone) in the hard questions we face as citizens and educators.

A series of **online discussions** is taking place in preparation for the upcoming symposium. Whether you are a faculty member, student, university administrator, parent, or a person who cares about the future of public higher education, please participate. Share your thoughts and insights on the topics, including: **Are professors obsolete? Who is responsible for student success? Should tenured faculty get out of the way?** Join the discussion at this link:

<http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/morrillact/>

The theme of the symposium is “Bricks and Mortar in a Digital Age,” ([click here to register for the symposium](#)) and includes plenary speakers and panels focused on questions such as “Is higher education worth the cost? and What is the role for faculty in the future?” To learn more about the event, and to stay informed regarding web links and updates, please visit <http://www.landgrant.ufl.edu>. We are working to create something provocative and engaging.

The event will be **streamed live**, and there will be opportunities to engage remotely via Twitter (**#futurehighered**). Please consider yourself invited!

To RSVP please visit <http://landgrantsymposium.eventbrite.com>

For agenda and more information please visit landgrant.ufl.edu

Submitted by Allen F. Wysocki, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

On Hiring: Beyond the Academy *How Did I Get Here?*

The STEM paradox: At a time when we have a national dialogue about the dearth of students pursuing these degrees, newly minted Ph.D.'s are having a harder time landing academic jobs.

In a recent Chronicle [op-ed article](#), Amanda Shea, a doctoral student at Virginia Tech, discusses the ever-worsening odds of landing an academic research position in the sciences, as well as the need for meaningful alternate career paths and better graduate training for Ph.D.'s. In future posts, I hope to write about alternative paths for STEM graduates and how they can utilize the skills they acquired in graduate school outside the walls of academe

Read the complete article in the [Chronicle](#) of Higher Education:
<http://chronicle.com/blogs/onhiring/category/leaving-academe>

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

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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) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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