

# Postdoctoral Update

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### *Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:*

Effective July 1, 2013, the University of Florida's insurance plan for Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be provided as part of GatorCare, the University's new self-insured health plan. The name of the plan is GatorCare Options. To view a plan brochure for GatorCare Options, please visit [http://gatorcare.org/options\\_g.asp](http://gatorcare.org/options_g.asp). For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

Beginning July 1, 2013, newly hired Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be able to complete their GatorCare Options enrollment via the myUFL system. Detailed instructions on how to enroll can be found on the attachment.

### Important deadlines:

- New hires must complete enrollment within 60 days of hire.
- Qualifying event changes must be completed within 60 days of the event.
- Open enrollment elections must be completed prior to the end of open enrollment.

If you have questions about enrollment or eligibility, please contact HRS's GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at [hrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu](mailto:hrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu) or (352) 392-0003.

- [All Inclusive Guide](#) (.pdf)
- [Information from InfoGator](#) (.pdf)

*Please note that GatorCare is not available to Adjunct Post Docs or Adjunct Clinical Post Docs.*

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## Thierry Dubroca Honored with Foundation Award

Dr. Thierry Dubroca of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Postdoc Workshop Chair, and member of the Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee, was honored at the August 23 Postdoc Development workshop with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Foundation Award. This award is bestowed upon Dr. Dubroca in appreciation for his critical

work in the creation and development of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. He has been crucial to the implementation of many OPA programs since its inception, and perhaps most impactful with the creation and coordination of the Postdoc Development Workshop Series. The University of Florida and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs are indebted to Dr. Dubroca's dedication and service to the enhancement of the UF postdoc experience. Dr. Dubroca leaves the University of Florida for a position with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Tallahassee.

Video of Award Presentation on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/sjH4y2PecGM>

*Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

## Sept. 18 Postdoc Development Workshop: Writing Winning Grants

Do you have what it takes to write a successful grant? Expert grant reviewers provide you with information and advice on how to write a successful grant. Join us:

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Noon-2pm

McKnight Brain Institute DeWeese Auditorium (Room LG-101A)

*Light lunch provided.*

[Workshop Flyer \(Landscape\)](#) (.pdf)

*August 23, 2013 Workshop Video Now posted on YouTube:*

<http://youtu.be/vKw1-AsY8gM>

## Research Training Program in Benign Urology [T32]

The University of Florida (UF) 'Research Training Program in Benign Urology' is a novel training initiative designed to prepare urologists and scientists for independent research careers in the most serious urologic disease areas affecting public health. The Fellowship, supported by a NIDDK T32 training grant, provides two consecutive years of postdoctoral research training to develop the skills required for a successful academic career in urologic research. Fellows will conduct impactful research projects in diverse disease areas and will receive exceptional mentorship by NIH funded faculty, affiliated with multiple departments/institutes on the University's Gainesville campus (see mentor list below). Trainees may elect to complete coursework towards a Masters Degree in

Medical Science, Epidemiology or Public Health. Applicants should have completed an MD or PhD degree by the time they begin the research training program. Upon successful completion, fellows are expected to pursue an academic position or further training in a mentored setting.

For more information, contact:

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*Submitted by Brian Cleaver, College of Medicine*

## The McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) offers Program Development Award for Brain Initiative

In April, President Obama announced the BRAIN Initiative. We are expecting RFAs from NIH, DOD, NSF, and other foundations in the next several months. To prepare for the UF response to the Presidential Initiative the McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) is inviting proposals for technologically innovative program development aimed at mapping and understanding brain activity and brain circuitry at the cellular, system, and organism levels. Proposals should describe the current strengths, gaps to be filled, and opportunities.

**Format:** Along with the one-page proposal (page 1) please indicate the names of the investigators involved and their major publications and key grants (page 2).

**Award:** The MBI will award \$1,000 each to the top five proposals, as determined by the MBI Brain Initiative Committee. The awarded funds can be used toward research expenses (supplies, travel, etc.).

**Deadline:** September 23, 2013

**Email:** Send submissions to [secretary@mbi.ufl.edu](mailto:secretary@mbi.ufl.edu)

*Submitted by Sabrina Sanchez, McKnight Brain Institute*

## Job Opportunity: Postdoc / Research Scientists in compressible multi-scale turbulence, verification and validation, and exascale computing

University of Florida at Gainesville is establishing a US Department of Energy supported Center of Excellence in predictive simulation science titled "Center for Compressible Multiphase Turbulence". The intellectual objectives of the center are threefold: to radically advance the field of compressible multiphase turbulence (CMT) through rigorous first-principle multiscale modeling, to advance very large-scale predictive simulation science on present and near-future petascale platforms, and to advance a co-design strategy that combines exascale emulation with a novel energy-constrained numerical approach.

The center is seeking four postdoc or research scientist candidates. US citizenship or permanent residency is highly preferred. The ideal candidate would have experience in two or more of the following areas: 1) CFD, 2) large (peta) scale simulations, 3) high performance computing, 4) verification, validation and uncertainty quantification, 5) hardware architecture emulation. Candidates must also have less than five years' experience post-doctorate, a demonstrated record of individual initiative in research, strong analytic skills, and potential to become an independent academic researcher.

[More information](#) (.pdf)

*Submitted by Rafael Haftka, College of Engineering*

## Wed. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, "Democracy and the Science Communications Environment" (Dan Kahan, Yale)

"Civil" Society? On the Future Prospects of Meaningful Dialogue (2013-14 Speaker Series)

## "Democracy and the Science Communications Environment"

Dan Kahan (Yale University)

11 September 2013 - 5:30 pm

Smathers Library (East), 1A

Scientists and science writers commonly think that individuals who do not support their claims must not understand the science. This is not the case. Instead, individuals make decisions about perceived risks based upon their personal values and the beliefs shared by their social groups. Prof. Kahan will discuss how we can disseminate scientific information without threatening the values of any individual or group. Dan Kahan is the Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology at Yale Law School. He is a member of the Cultural Cognition Project, an interdisciplinary team of scholars who use empirical methods to examine the impact of group values on perceptions of risk and science communication.

This event is part of the 2013-14 public speaker series organized by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere to understand the dialogues (or lack thereof) about major political issues United States. Three fall 2013 presentations will explore why individuals, groups, and nations have difficulties sharing information and engaging in productive dialogue about life-and-death issues such as climate change, race, and our collective history. Three spring 2014 lectures will suggest how we might foster conditions that will bring us closer together, or at least help us to enter into broader dialogue about the human condition. This series is co-sponsored by the Rothman Endowment at the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere with support from the Office of Sustainability, UF Libraries, Honors Program, Department of History, Department of English, and Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, see: <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar-2013-14-speaker-series.html>

*Sophia Krzys Acord, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere*

## ORAU Information: Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio invites applications for postdoctoral position

Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio invites applications for postdoctoral position(s) in geophysics, geology, or atmospheric physics. The deadline is November 1. Interested applicants can apply on-line at:

<https://www3.orau.gov/npdoc/account/logon>

Recent PhD's in geophysics, geology, or atmospheric physics are encouraged to apply for this excellent research opportunity.

The ORAU contact for more information is:

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*Submitted by Sobha Jaishankar, UF Office of Research*

## 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)

*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.](#)

*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."

*Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

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