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

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

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## **Postdoc Workshop on Grantwriting: Oct. 6**

*Keys to Successful Grantwriting* with Dr. Terrie Vasilopoulos, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology

Monday, October 6, 3:30pm in the McKnight Brain Institute Conference Room (LG-110 A/B)

Refreshments will be served.

*Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

## **Call for Alachua County Science Fair Judges**

To: UF Postdocs

I am writing with the happy news that science fair season is once again upon us! This year, ten Alachua County public schools will have school-level science fairs, requiring the assistance of hundreds of judges. Requirements for good judges include knowledge of the scientific method, qualification to judge one or more categories, and enjoying working in a positive way with middle and high school youth. Because so many of you have been so kind as to judge at our schools in the past, or because you have expressed interest in participating for the first time this year, I am inviting you to participate as a judge at one or more of our schools.

Below please find a link to a flyer listing all the science fairs and judging categories. A registration form is linked below. If you are able to help, please complete the registration, indicating each fair that you are willing to judge and the categories which you are qualified to judge.

Once I am able to confirm your placement, I will email and let you know. I will also email you a confirmation packet with all the details and a map to the school.

Many thanks in advance for your participation! Science fairs would not be possible without your generous support.

Best wishes to all,

Pam Fitzgerald, Speakers Bureau  
Alachua County Public Schools  
352-955-7243  
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[Science Fair Flyer \(.docx\)](#)

[Science Fair Judge Registration Form \(.docx\)](#)

*Submitted by Pam Fitzgerald, Alachua County Public Schools*



## Are you concerned about a student in your class or in a student organization you advise?

Compassionate support is available for students in distress due to a wide range of issues. U Matter, We Care extends UF's caring culture by educating our community about signs of distress and providing students in distress with appropriate resources. It is important to be familiar with these signs and reach out if you have a concern about a student. Signs may include missing multiple classes and an extreme change in behavior. Additional signs of distress and helpful resources can be viewed online at [www.umatter.ufl.edu](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu). Please email [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) if you know of a student who is distressed. Per the General Counsel's Office and the Privacy Office, from your UFL email, you may email the student's name and UF ID to [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) along with any pertinent information regarding the student. We will reach out to you and to your student

and help that student determine issues, make a success plan, and take advantage of resources. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students.

*Submitted by Anthony DeSantis, Dean of Students Office, Division of Student Affairs*

## **2014 Graduate Student Research Day: Call for Judges**

- Theme: **STANDING OUT, IT'S A RACE TO THE TOP!**
- Date: **28 OCTOBER 2014**
- Location: **Reitz Union Grand Ballroom**
- Workshop Rooms: **Auditorium, Career Resource Center & The Matthews Conference room**

The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) will be hosting its Third Annual Celebration of Graduate Research. We would like to extend a special invitation to *postdoctoral associates and fellows to serve as poster judges*. We are in need of highly skilled and specialized individuals with expertise in a wide variety of disciplines to help critique our graduate student body.

This year's Graduate Student Research Day is themed around **STANDING OUT**. There will be a competitive poster session with cash prizes for the winning posters. This event will also offer a networking workshop with industry contacts, a panel discussion with UF's new preeminent scholars, information on how to get involved with the Three-Minute Thesis competition and much more!

The poster session will be held on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. **Judges will be needed for one-hour intervals between 9:30AM - 10:30AM and 1:15PM - 2:15PM**. Judges will be asked to evaluate 3-4 posters during each one-hour session. Lunch will be provided from 12:00PM - 1:00PM for all registered poster judges. This year's Research Day will also include a raffle, and all poster judges will receive one raffle ticket per judging session for their time contribution.

We would greatly appreciate your participation as a poster judge this year. If you are willing to assist in our enhancement of UF's graduate student body, please RSVP to Regina Martuscello at [rmartuscello@ufl.edu](mailto:rmartuscello@ufl.edu).

For questions related to GSAC, contact Khanh Ha at [ha@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:ha@chem.ufl.edu)

[Graduate Student Research Day Information Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

*Submitted by Khanh Q. Ha, Graduate Student Advisory Council*

## **Clinical Translational Aging Research Seminar**

"Intelligent Health Systems"  
presented by Dr. Parisa Rashidi

Monday, October 6  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Room 2161 Clinical Translational Research Building (CTRB)  
Lunch Provided

## [Intelligent Health Systems Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

*Submitted by Christy S. Carter, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research,  
College of Medicine*

## **Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs Open House**

The [Office of Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs \(APIA\)](#) is hosting its annual Open House event for the UF community. Come join us as we celebrate the start of a new year. Learn more about our upcoming programs and initiatives to support the greater APIA community at UF. The event will be held at the [Institute of Black Culture](#) at 1510 West University Avenue on October 3rd at 6pm. There will be giveaways, prizes, and food!

For more information, email: Mona Sayedul Huq <[MonaS@multicultural.ufl.edu](mailto:MonaS@multicultural.ufl.edu)>

*Submitted by the Office of Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs*

## **NIH Advocacy Campaign: A Message from the AAMC**

Dear Post Docs, Graduate Students, MD-PhD Students:

It's your turn: help the community urge Congress to pass the FY 2015 Labor-HHS spending bill and restore funding to NIH cut by sequestration. There are several ways you can be involved.

For more information, please see the [complete letter here](#). Additional resources include:

- [NIH Funding Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [NIH Facebook Tumblr Promo Image](#)
- [NIH Infographic](#)
- [NIH Twitter Promo Image](#)
- [NIH Signature](#)

This effort is being organized by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). If you have questions or suggestions, please contact David Moore, AAMC Senior Director, Government Relations, [dbmoore@aamc.org](mailto:dbmoore@aamc.org) or 202.828.0559 and Brian Lehman, AAMC Public Affairs Manager, [blehman@aamc.org](mailto:blehman@aamc.org) or 202-862-6248.

*Per the University of Florida Office of Governmental Relations:  
Please note that any direct communications with members of Congress by UF employees must be done on personal time and with personal resources only.*

*Submitted by Wayne McCormack, Office of Pathology and Laboratory Sciences,  
College of Medicine*

## ***The Outsourcing Illusion: Why Tempting Technology Can Lead to Dangerous Delegation***

13 October, 5:30 pm, Smathers Library (East) 100  
Evan Selinger (Rochester Institute of Technology)

A philosophy professor from the Rochester Institute of Technology is giving a free lecture Oct. 13 at the University of Florida on how we should consider our reliance on the growing array of smart, predictive, and labor saving technologies. This lecture is the first in a series from the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere entitled "The Work of the Humanities: Critical Thinking in Life and Labor" which includes six lectures during the fall and spring semesters. This series will show how the humanities play a key role in the future workplace.

Evan Selinger will explore how Americans are increasingly outsourcing intimate emotional labor to service providers (elder caretakers, love coaches, wedding planners, etc.), as well as tools like smart phones and self-driving cars. He will question the problematic, even tragic results of this reliance such as distorted family values and declining civic life. As we become increasingly dependent upon electronic devices, we may fall into what Selinger terms the "outsourcing illusion", or becoming submissive to technologies instead of using them to improve our lives.

<http://www.humanities.ufl.edu>

[Press Release \(.pdf\)](#)

*Submitted by Megan A. Leroy, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere*

## **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 ([kp@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:kp@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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