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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. 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 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.

Career Resource Center Partner Week Events

Mondelez International's Professional Development Series will take place at the UF CRC this week. Postdocs are welcome to attend! Recommended dress code for these workshops is business casual, as these are not only informational, but also good networking opportunities.

The Aftermath

What do I do After Career Showcase?

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30-7:00pm, CRC Library

Shark Tank - The Art of Negotiation

Wednesday, February 5, 5:30-7:00pm, CRC Classroom

Creating Moments of Joy

Information Session

Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30-7:00pm, CRC Library

[Information Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Liz Kazungu, Career Resource Center

CRC Workshops for International Postdocs

These workshops are offered by the Career Resource Center to assist international students in their professional development and the job search process. The CRC believes these workshops are of benefit to international postdocs as well. All postdocs are welcome to attend any of these workshops. No RSVP required.

- **International students and the Job Search Process**

An overview of International Student experiences and what they are to expect in the U.S. Job Search process.

Wed Feb 5th, 4:00-5:00pm, CRC Library

- **Non-Academic Careers for Graduate Students**

Workshop provides an overview on how one can consider and pursue non-academic career options.

Thursday Feb 20th, 4:00-5:00pm, CRC Library

Submitted by Liz Kazungu, Career Resource Center

Bioinformatics Workshops

BioMart: a research data management tool for the biomedical sciences

Provider: Health Science Center Library - C2-3 (computer lab) - 2nd floor Communicore Bldg

Date/time: 3/5/2014 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Topic: Bioinformatics tools

BioMart (www.biomart.org) is a freely available open source system for research data management of the biomedical sciences. It allows to perform complex queries across different databases- through a single web interface - located in distant geographical areas. Originally develop for the Ensembl genome browser, BioMart has been integrated into widely used software such as Galaxy, BioConductor, Cytoscape, etc. Its interface is also used by data portals such as Ensembl, Wormbase, Gramene, Reactome, etc. BioMart allows you to export gene data, retrieve sequences in batch, and convert database IDs, among other things.

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http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=771

Introduction to Genome Browsers

Provider: Health Science Center Library - C2-3 (computer lab) - 2nd floor Communicore Bldg

Date/time: 2/19/2014 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Topic: Bioinformatics tools

In this workshop we will learn how to navigate the genome browsers from [NCBI's Genome Workbench](#), [UCSC Genome Browser](#), and [Ensembl](#). These browsers are valuable tools when identifying, localizing genes, and looking at their information in the genomic context. By using concrete examples, it will be shown how to locate a human gene, download a gene sequence and its upstream sequence, locate Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) and conserved regions, and use the browsers to download results in a batch.

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Submitted by Rolando Milian, Health Science Center Libraries

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Fellowship - due March 17

I want to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation and the Sohn Conference Foundation. I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation has joined together with the Sohn Conference Foundation, dedicated to curing pediatric cancers, to establish the Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award. This award provides funding to basic scientists and clinicians who conduct research with the potential to significantly impact the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of one or more pediatric cancers.

Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a Sponsor—a scientist (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow. In addition to aiding in the planning, execution and supervision of the proposed research, the Sponsor's role is to foster the development of the Fellow's overall knowledge, technical and analytical skills, and capacity for scientific inquiry. The Sponsor is also expected to assist the Fellow in attaining his/her career goals.

Candidates who have already accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship award are not eligible.

The primary criteria used to evaluate applicants are:

- potential impact of the research on pediatric cancer
- the quality of the research proposal (importance of the problem, originality of approach, appropriateness of techniques and clarity of presentation)
- the qualifications, experience and productivity of both the candidate and the Sponsor
- the quality of the research training environment in which the proposed research is to be conducted and its potential for **broadening** and strengthening the candidate's ability to conduct innovative and substantive research.

Awards are for up to three years, ranging from \$156,000-\$186,000, depending on the level of training achieved. No indirects are allowed. For further criteria, see http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/pediatric_fellowship_award_overview

Application due on or before: March 17, 2014

Selection meeting date: May 8, 2014

Award begins first day of: July, August, September or October 2014

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can help you with the application.

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VA/UF Institute on Aging Clinical Translational Aging Research Series

"Cell senescence and autophagy in leukemia"

presented by Claire Drullion, Ph.D.

Research Associate

Sainte Justine Hospital - Charles Bruneau Cancerology Institute

Montréal, Canada

Monday, February 10th, 2014, Noon - 1:00 PM

CTRB - Classroom 2161

Lunch Provided

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Authors@UF hosts

Steven Noll, Department of History, University of Florida and
David Tegeder, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Santa Fe College, and
History, UF

A conversation with the co-authors of their award-winning
*Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida's
Future*

Winner of the Rembert Patrick Book Award and the Gulf South Historical Association
Book Award in 2010

Monday, February 17

7:00 p.m.

Smathers Library (East), Room 100

Free and open to the public; refreshments will be served

Ditch of Dreams examines the long-standing effort to build a canal across Florida. For centuries, men dreamed of cutting a canal across the Florida peninsula. Intended to reduce shipping times, it was championed in the early twentieth century as a way to make the mostly-rural state a center of national commerce and trade.

Rejected by the Army Corps of Engineers as "not worthy," the project received continued support from Florida legislators and local boosters. Federal funding was eventually allocated and work began on a deep water ship canal in the 1930s, but the canal quickly became a lightning rod for controversy. Construction was halted in 1936, but supporters pushed to re-start the canal. Re-configuring it as a shallow draft barge canal, work finally resumed in 1964.

Thanks to the unprecedented success of environmental citizen activists, construction was permanently halted in 1971, though it took another twenty years for the project to be canceled. Though the land intended for the canal was deeded to the state and converted into the Cross Florida Greenway, certain aspects of the dispute - including the fate of Rodman Reservoir - have yet to be resolved. Far from being a simplistic morality tale of good environmentalists versus evil canal developers, the story of the Cross Florida Barge Canal is a complex one of competing interests amid the changing political landscape of modern Florida.

Steven Noll also wrote *Feeble-Minded in our Midst* (1995) and *Mental Retardation in America* (2004).

David Tegeder's research interests include U.S. southern race and labor relations, and recent environmental history. He also wrote *Prisoner of the Pines: Debt Peonage in the Southern Turpentine Industry, 1900-1930* and *The Eisenhower Administration's Commitment to South Vietnam: Nation-Building, 1954-1960*.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

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

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

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