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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. For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

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 \(.pdf\)](#)

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

Invitation to Attend the Postdoc Research Symposium

All are all welcome to attend the Symposium event at Emerson Alumni Hall on April 21 which includes a postdoc workshop after lunch. Cheer your postdoc colleagues on as they compete for Best Oral Presentation from 8:30-10:30am, and Best Poster from 10:45-noon. The highlight of the Symposium will be our keynote workshop with **Dr. Kevin Folta**, who will address effective scientific and research communication for postdocs, one of the core postdoc competencies promoted by the National Postdoctoral Association. After the workshop, we will honor the winners in the poster and oral presentation competitions, as well as recognize the winners of the 2014 Postdoc Mentoring Awards.

Registration is closed for the Poster and Oral Presentation competition for the Postdoc Research Symposium. If you submitted an abstract for either competition, you should have received an email from Kim Pace confirming your submission and providing you with information about the event. If you have not received an email from Kim, please email her immediately at kpace@aa.ufl.edu.

Please RSVP your attendance at the Symposium by April 15: <https://pd-symposium-2014.eventbrite.com> Attendees are welcome for lunch at noon.

The Postdoc Research Symposium will showcase over 60 of our top postdoc researchers at the University of Florida! Come out to enjoy a day of postdoc collegiality and learn how to improve your communication skills!

More information on the Postdoc Research Symposium Website: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/symposium>

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Great Career Development Events at the CRC

1. Non-Academic Jobs Career Panel April 3rd CRC Library

Are you considering a career in industry? Join us for the Non-Academic Career Panel and Information Session. This workshop consists of 6 professionals who pursued non-academic careers after their graduate/postdoc education. The panel will feature an introduction and informal networking roundtables that will allow students to speak with and learn from a number of individuals in a variety of fields:

Lawson Brown Jr. is currently the principal at Charles W. Duval Elementary School, in Gainesville, Florida. Prior to administrative assignments, Lawson taught at the elementary and middle grade level at P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School, College of Education at the University of Florida. Lawson, has a Master's degree in Education from the University of Florida. His research topics include the

study of multicultural education in the classroom, and perceptions of minorities about academic achievement among other exciting topics

Dr. Christa Speekmann joined the United States Department of Agriculture - Animal Plant Health Inspection Agency - Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) National Import Export Services as the Staff Officer for Aquaculture. She has primary responsibility for import and export, negotiations of live aquatic animal movements globally. Her Master's work was at San Francisco State University and the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, and she completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at Occidental College in Los Angeles

Dr. Camille Feanny is an Applied Anthropologist, International Journalist and Consultant. She specializes in qualitative research and analysis, and community awareness building. She currently works to promote the advancement of youth and families by raising awareness about critical issues affecting vulnerable populations, and by encouraging the development of effective solutions. She has experience in global network news production, media relations and the communication of complex information. Dr. Feanny graduated from the University of Florida with a Ph.D. in Applied Cultural Anthropology and a Certificate in Latin American Studies. She holds Masters Degrees from the University of Miami in Marine Affairs and Policy, and in International Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Florida International University. She also obtained a post-graduate Diploma in International Development and Humanitarian Assistance from Fordham University in Cairo, Egypt.

Luis Galiano currently work as the Statistics and Data Analysis Lead for the Technology & Engineering group in North America for Syngenta. His current role involves helping other scientists create and analyze experiments as well as finding new opportunities for process improvements. He obtained a Master's degree in Chemistry from the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, and in his last year, he was offered an opportunity to come to UF. After his first brief stint at UF he went back to Spain to complete his Masters in Computational Chemistry. A year later he returned to UF as a full time eventually obtaining his PhD in Chemistry.

Dr. Catheryn Khoo-Lattimore is an Associate Professor at the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts, Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Kuala Lumpur. She obtained her PhD from University of Otago, New Zealand, an M.Ed. from University of Malaya and her B.Ed. with honors from the University of Malaya. Her research interests include among others Consumer Behavior Marketing, Research Methods and Real Estate. She is the first faculty member from Taylor's University to receive a Fulbright Scholar Grant and is currently visiting the University of Florida for six months. During this period, her main objective as a Fulbright Scholar is to produce a theoretical model of consumer hospitality needs in the female travel market.

Harsha Ramakrishnappa received his Master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Florida. Harsha is now a software developer for R + L Carriers Inc., in Ocala, FL. Harsha received his undergraduate degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from the University Visveswaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore University in Bangalore, India

Presented in collaboration with Graduate School and the I-Cubed Program

For more information and to RSVP, log in to Gator CareerLink at crc.ufl.edu, click on "events," select "workshops."

2. Enterprise Week at the Career Resource Center

Are you job searching? Please join Enterprise for professional development workshops and an opportunity to interview right here on campus! Below are the sessions and dates

Your Best You

Tues., April 1 | 4:10 - 5:30 p.m. | CRC Library

A big part of being successful is self-packaging. We all have a personal brand and each one of us is responsible of how our brand speaks for us. Having a positive, polished and cohesive brand can make the job and internship search much less stressful. Join us as we take a look at the best way to market yourself to employers and discuss what messages we send about ourselves through social media, resumes, cover letters, and even behavior in the classroom. The first 50 participants will receive an Enterprise cinch pack!

Information Session

Wed., April 2 | 5 - 7 p.m. | CRC Library

Learn about our management training program and internship opportunities at our engaging information session. We hire students like you to eventually run your own business. With our training and development, you'll put your degree in drive! Food will be served.

On Campus Interviews

Thurs., April 3 | Career Resource Center

Did you know Enterprise has been the top employer for hiring Gators three years in a row? All the more reason why you should consider joining our team! Our recruiters will be scheduling on-campus interviews for Thurs., April 3rd. Look for our job posting in Gator CareerLink or attend one of our week's events to drop off your resume for consideration for an interview!

For more information and to RSVP, log in to Gator CareerLink at crc.ufl.edu, click on "events," select "workshops."

Enterprise Experience

3. Certified Gator Professional Series, CRC Library:

Are you in need of training to become the best candidate for the job? Certified Gator Professional (CGP) is a series of personal and professional development workshops that review skills needed to succeed in a professional setting. Join us and be certified!

Certified Gator Professional Series: From Offer to Office: Succeed in Your New Position

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 5:15 pm-6:00pm

Certified Gator Professional Series: Get Ready for Your Job & Internship Search

Monday, March 31, 2014, 4:10 pm-5:00pm

Certified Gator Professional Series: Develop and Communicate Your Professional Brand

Tuesday, April 08, 2014, 4:10 pm-5:00pm

Certified Gator Professional Series: Intercultural Exchange @ Work

Monday, April 14, 2014, 4:10 pm-5:00pm

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If you have any questions please contact The Assistant Director with a focus on Graduate and International Students Liz Kazungu at lizk@crc.ufl.edu

[Enterprise Flyer](#) (.pdf)

[Spring 2014 CRC Panel](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Liz Kazungu, Career Resource Center

Collaborating with Strangers on Sex and Gender Differences in Health Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, April 10, 2:30-4:30 pm

WHERE: Health Science Center Library, Room C3-72

WHO: UF faculty, administrators, post-docs and students

To register go to <http://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/Registration/> and click on **Schedule** then **Collaborating with Strangers** and **Register**. Space is limited.

Collaborating with Strangers website: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/colab>

Looking for a way to combine forces with others interested in, communicating or researching sex and gender differences in health? Join us for this dynamic interchange of people, interests and knowledge.

The Collaborating with Strangers on Sex & Gender Differences in Health workshop connects faculty, students and researchers on campus during 3-minute speed-meetings. You'll walk away with more resources, solutions and creative ideas than you ever imagined!

1. Participants will walk away with an understanding of the value of face-to-face communication as well as how interdisciplinary collaboration can

further spark innovation and creativity.

2. Participants will engage in focused conversations with at least 10 strangers outside of their own department (and not necessarily at the same stage of professional or academic life - this can include undergraduates, grad students, faculty, staff).
3. Participants will establish meaningful connections during the session, and follow-up on those connections, which have the potential to result in research projects, grant partnerships, mentor/mentee relationships, career development, new resources and/or knowledge.

Results from over 200 participants attending last year's Strangers' workshops at UF:

90.6% indicated they would attend another CoLAB workshop and 96.4% indicated they would recommend the workshop to another student or faculty member.

What people said about Collaborating with Strangers...

"I made contacts (with) people who are from particular places I am interested in and who possess skills that will be useful for future projects. Journalism, video tutorials, Columbia and Iran."

"I met people from different disciplines, and some of them provided me with useful information in my area, such as useful websites and related people they know."

"...On a larger scale, it's easy to see how an exercise such as this can help facilitate communication and generate interest across disciplinary lines."

CoLAB Planning Series® was invented in 2002 by Bess de Farber, certified professional facilitator and the UF Libraries' grants manager. CoLAB processes used in Collaborating with Strangers workshops have served over 1,400 participants at libraries, universities, United Ways and Community Foundations throughout Florida, Arizona and Maryland.

Sponsored by the Health Science Center Library at the George A. Smathers
Libraries and the
National Institutes of Health
National Library of Medicine
Office of Research on Women's Health

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

Current Smathers Library exhibition examines women's role in Cuban history

The Smathers Libraries present a new bilingual exhibition that highlights the many ways in which women were active and vital participants in Cuba's revolutions. On view March 31 through May 23, 2014, *Revolucionarias: Women and the Formation of the Cuban Nation* will examine the lives of various women throughout Cuban history, their impacts on the country, and the country's impact on them.

The exhibition was inspired by recent donations to the Special and Area Studies Collections. It features photographs, letters and books from across the Libraries' collections. The items are organized into five thematic groupings, which reflect the wide reaching effect of revolution; promises of the revolution, women revolutionaries, food and domestic life, disruption of families, and political prisoners.

Revolucionarias: Women and the Formation of the Cuban Nation is curated by Margarita Vargas-Betancourt and Lillian Guerra with assistance from Alexis Baldacci and Daniel J. Fernandez-Guevara.

The Smathers Library Gallery is located on the second floor of the Smathers Library (East) on the University of Florida campus. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified and with occasional exceptions for maintenance. All exhibitions are open to the public and free of charge.

Programs

Exhibition Opening & Speaker Panel:

Thursday April 3, 4:30 pm - 7:00pm
Smathers Library, Room 100

Join renowned scholars Lillian Guerra, Michelle Chase and Jennifer Lambe as they discuss women's roles and active participation in Cuban history.

Co-sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries, the Center for Latin American Studies, the Center for the Humanities in the Public Sphere, and the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

Gallery Talk:

Monday April 14, 1:00 pm -3:00 pm
Smathers Library, Latin American Collection

Alexis Baldacci and Daniel J. Fernandez-Guevara will discuss their research in relation to the exhibition.

All events are free and open to the public.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

UF, UF Health team up for spring Employee Wellness Event

Do you know your numbers—blood pressure, glucose and BMI—and how they compare to recommended guidelines? Want to complete a quick and easy fitness test and consult with a personal trainer? Interested in learning more about ways to reduce your stress and enhance your emotional well-being?

These opportunities and many more will be offered at a month-long spring **Employee Wellness Event**, co-sponsored by the University of Florida and UF Health, that kicks off at the end of this month.

From March 31 through April 25, UF and UF Health will offer its benefits-eligible employees **free screenings** at locations throughout campus and at UF Health locations in Gainesville. Employees may participate in the event at any location, regardless of affiliation.

All benefits-eligible Academic Personnel, TEAMS and USPS employees—as well as graduate assistants on appointment, postdocs and residents covered under GatorCare—are encouraged to complete a free screening. Employees who do will have the opportunity to review their results with a wellness professional and receive a free SweetBerries boxed lunch.

Employees may register for a time and location of their choice online by visiting <http://hr.ufl.edu/wellnessevent>.

In addition, during the first and last weeks of the event, UF and UF Health experts will present workshops and demonstrations covering a range of topics including fitness, nutrition, emotional well-being, aging and more. Employees are encouraged to “pick one window” to wellness and make one change to enhance their well-being.

To view the schedule of workshops, which continues to be updated, please visit <http://gatorcare.org/wellness/workshops.asp>.

Submitted by Angie Brown, Human Resource Services

Post-Doctoral position focused on aging research

The successful candidate will primarily work on a large NIH funded clinical trial called The Lifestyle Interventions and Independence for Elders Study (The LIFE study: U01AG022376)

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Brian Stanton, Department of Aging and Geriatric 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

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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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