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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 hrrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

Postdoc Development Workshop Tomorrow!
***Team-Based Learning: An Exciting & Interactive Alternative to
Lecture-Based Teaching***
**Wednesday, July 30, 3-5:30pm, McKnight Brain Institute Conference
Room (LG110-A/B)**

The next postdoc development workshop will feature the expertise of Dr. Wayne T. McCormack who will work will introduce postdocs to the exciting world of Team-Based Learning (TBL).

*With Wayne T. McCormack, Ph.D., Director, Clinical & Translational Science
Predoctoral Training Program, UF Clinical & Translational Science Institute and
Dept. of Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine*

Just because most of the teaching you have been exposed to probably involved passive learning via lectures doesn't mean you can't explore using active learning strategies when you begin teaching! Team-based learning is a structured small group active learning method that motivates students through a readiness

assurance process to come to class prepared, teaches team skills via experience, and most importantly focuses classroom time on higher order skills such as problem-solving and decision-making. This workshop will be a great introduction to TBL, and will be conducted in the TBL format. Participants will prepare ahead, take a readiness assurance test, and then engage actively with their assigned team members. The structure, process, and essential characteristics of an effective TBL module will be emphasized. Please read "TBL_Workshop_Prereading (PDF)" before the workshop, which is available online at <http://mccormacklab.pathology.ufl.edu/teaching>.

By the conclusion of this workshop, participants should be able to:

- 1) Explain the key components of a successful TBL module.
- 2) Outline how they would construct a TBL module from a set of objectives.
- 3) Describe how they might convert a course/lecture they already teach into a TBL module.
- 4) Illustrate how to transform a small group into a productive learning-team.

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UF to celebrate the centennial of the opening of the Panama Canal

A special weekend of activities to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal will be held at the University of Florida Aug. 15-17.

More than a dozen exhibits related to the planning, construction, development and impact of the canal will open during the centennial weekend. The exhibits will feature rare and unique materials from the collections of the George A. Smathers Libraries, including photographs, maps, government documents and original artifacts.

The celebratory weekend will begin Friday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a chamber orchestra performance at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Summerfest 2014, produced by the Symphony of the Americas and directed by Panamanian-born James Brooks-Bruzzese, will present the world premiere of an orchestral piece dedicated to the centennial. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (352) 392-2787 or ordering online at <http://performingarts.ufl.edu/events/chamber-orchestra-summerfest-2014/>

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host Panama Canal Zone Day Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event will feature educational presentations, entertainment, storytelling and exhibits highlighting Panama's tropical ecosystem and new fossil discoveries made possible by the canal expansion project currently under way.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.- noon, the Smathers Library will hold an open house with curators of four exhibits: "Voices from the Panama Canal," "Bigger Better Best: The Panama Canal Through American Children's Literature," "Panama Canal

Model" and "Revealing the Right Route: Cartographic Evidence of Early Canal Plans."

The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art will host a lecture on molas, a textile art form indigenous to Panama, by author Edith Crouch Sunday, Aug. 17, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., with a reception and book signing to follow. The accompanying exhibit, "Patterns Past and Present: Arts of Panama," will showcase molas from the Smathers Libraries' Panama Canal Museum Collection as well as items from public and private collections.

The Panama Canal Museum, formerly located in Seminole, Fla., closed in 2012 and transferred its collection to the Smathers Libraries, greatly enhancing UF's holdings on Panama and the canal. The collection includes objects, photographs, artwork, newspapers, books and ephemera that document the history of the United States in Panama.

UF alumnus Joe Wood (BSBA '59), the museum's former president and one of its founders, is now the president of the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection at UF. He serves on the advisory group along with other former museum members who continue to support the collection.

"Everyone who has participated in the establishment and growth of the museum since 1998 is extremely gratified that our mutual efforts with the University of Florida will allow for the continued growth and preservation of the museum collection," Wood said.

All of the centennial events and exhibits are open to the public. For details, visit <http://library.ufl.edu/PanamaCanalCentennial>.

Numerous items from the Panama Canal Museum Collection have been digitized and can be viewed online in the UF digital collection "Panama and the Canal" (<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/pcm>). The digital collection includes oral history interviews, conducted by the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, with former residents of the Canal Zone.

The Panama Canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, serving as a gateway for global trade. It is designated as one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World" and a "Monument of the Millennium" by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The earth and rubble removed between Colon and Balboa was enough to bury Manhattan to a depth of 12 feet.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

Cash Prizes for Grad Students, Postdocs--Deadline July 31

Kaluza Prizes

In 2014 the American Society for Cell Biology, in collaboration with Beckman Coulter Life Sciences, is awarding three cash prizes (\$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000) to honor academic excellence in graduate student research. Seven other finalists will receive travel awards to attend the ASCB/IFCB Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, December 6-10. Six of the top 10 finalists will also be invited to speak at a

minisymposium supported by Beckman Coulter at the Annual Meeting. And the first place Kaluza winner will be invited to speak at Beckman Coulter in 2015 at an annual technical summit featuring the top leadership of Beckman Coulter and innovative scientists from across the Danaher scientific companies.

All entrants in the competition must be ASCB members who are current graduate students or researchers who received their PhD within two years of this year's application deadline of July 31, 2014. Both U.S. and international scientists are welcome to apply. 2013 applicants who are still within the time window of eligibility may enter again. Not an ASCB member? Graduate students can [join](#) ASCB for \$42 and postdocs for \$66.

It's an easy application process! Applicants must submit a one-page essay describing their research accomplishments (maximum 600 words), plus a CV in one combined PDF at <http://ar.ascb.org/kaluza/kaluza.cfm>. Questions? Contact [Thea Clarke](#).

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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 (kp@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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