

Postdoctoral Update

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

New Postdoc Orientation: Register Now

Register Now for the New Postdoc Orientation: Sept. 16

All new postdocs are encouraged to attend the New Postdoc Orientation on Tuesday, September 16 in Emerson Alumni Hall. Representatives from various UF resources will be on hand to provide key information to postdocs. Additionally, Dr. Chris Hass from the College of Health and Human Performance will provide the keynote address and lunchtime workshop.

Though this orientation is primarily for new postdocs, all postdocs at UF are welcome to attend.

More information about the orientation can be found on the orientation website: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/npo>

Register by September 5: <http://npo2014.eventbrite.com>

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Graduate Course: Professional Practice in Environmental and Life Sciences

SWS 6932 Professional practice in environmental and life sciences

Graduate students and postdocs! At some point, somebody other than your mother will want to know what your dissertation was all about... Are you prepared? Can you "sell" your work to your peers? To others? How would you tailor your message to suit different needs? These are critical questions when it comes time to seek a position and move on to life after graduate school!

Join Dr. Teri Balser for a special topics graduate seminar focused on discovering/developing your professional "brand" and tailoring your research/teaching message for diverse audiences. Seminar participants will explore the concept of personal branding and professional identity, as well as consider how they would prepare and deliver their work for three different audiences: professional peers (i.e. at a conference or interview); students (educational audience); and non-academic (outreach or extension). We will explore and discuss ways to make your main points stand out for the various audiences. You will have the opportunity to prepare and deliver a brief presentation to each of the three, and receive feedback. By the end of the semester you will also have drafted and received feedback on the materials necessary for job applications (cover letter and research/teaching statements).

Format? Online/Distance education. Once a week live web conference.

Who? Open to postdocs and graduate students from any location (Gainesville, RECs, or elsewhere)

When? Thursdays 4:05-4:55pm, and asynchronously as needed.

For more information or to enroll - contact Teri Balser (tcbalser@ufl.edu)

Submitted by Teri Balser

Looking for Pain Medicine Collaborators

Dr. Adrian Blotner is looking for collaborators for his multidisciplinary pain medicine clinic emphasizing non-addictive treatment. If you are doing research in this area, please contact Dr. Blotner:

Dr. Adrian Blotner
Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine
Email: blotner@ufl.edu.

Submitted by Adrian Blotner, Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine

Support for Transition to Canvas

The transition to the Canvas course management system (CMS) is underway. UFIT has produced a [Transitioning to Canvas Brochure](#) that lists the training workshops, online resources, and four course migration options available for faculty.

An updated [webpage](#) with Canvas FAQs, tutorials, and other resources is also available. Please feel free to contact the Canvas Migration Team (352) 392-4357 > option 3 with any CMS transition questions.

Submitted by Doug Johnson, UF Information Technology

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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