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Important Information re: Postdoc HR Issues:

Insurance and Benefits: 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.

Employee Issues: If you are experiencing an issue with your supervisor that is not resolved in your department and need assistance or guidance, please contact Ms. Kim Baxley, Director of Employee Relations, in UF's [Human Resource Services](#). Ms. Baxley can be reached at 392-1072 or kczap@ufl.edu.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs: New Director!

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of the new Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs: Ms. Cheryl Gater. Ms. Gater has worked at the University of Florida since 1999 and has served as the Director of SACS Accreditation prior to assuming this role. Ms. Gater received her B.A. in Business Administration and her M.S. in International Business from the University of Florida. Ms. Gater's first day as director is Friday, February 13. She can be reached at cgater@aa.ufl.edu.

I have very much enjoyed working as the Director of the OPA for these past three years. Beginning February 16, I will take on the responsibilities of Assistant Vice President in the Division of Student Affairs.

I wish you all the very best! Please help me congratulate Ms. Gater on her appointment!

Sincerely,
Kim Pace

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Biology at the Beach Symposium

The graduate students and postdocs of the Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience would like to invite you to our **Third Annual Biology at the Beach Symposium**. This event will take place all day Saturday on May 16 at the Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience (located in Saint Augustine)!!

Enjoy a Saturday filled with casual research discussion and presentations, friendly competition, sunshine, kayak eco-tours, the beach, and BBQ.

Undergrads, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are invited from many different departments, so anticipate learning from, and explaining your research to a diverse audience united by scientific curiosity and the beach.

Breakfast and registration open at 9:30 am and talks begin at 10:00 sharp, allowing time for a commute out from Gainesville. If you are interested and would like to join us, please fill out the registration survey by May 8th: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6zdP6HYX7L1Qzbl

Attendance to the symposium is limited, so please don't wait too long to register!

All attendees are given the option to present research in one of three formats, providing the opportunity to practice poster and oral presentation skills (see registration survey for details). New this year is an optional vote-based competition for best poster and best talk with prizes! Also, indicate whether you are able to drive/carpool, as we will attempt to arrange carpools to economize transportation. Registration fees are to be collected at sign-in (\$15; please, cash or check only), and will cover food and drinks served throughout the day and fun symposium giveaways!

Please register using the link and join us for a fun, casual day at the beach where we can discuss our diverse research, engage in outdoor activities, and get to know more peers from outside of our individual departments!

Attendees: If you have any questions, feel free to email

BiologyAtTheBeach@whitney.ufl.edu

We hope to see you there!

[Biology at the Beach Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by Betsy Corey, Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience

Fragomen Worldwide Webinar Event: What Happens After I Graduate?

If you missed the February 3 Immigration webinar, you may hear the audio recording and few the presentation slides here:

<http://www.fragomen.com/030315webinarevent/>

Here is a summary of what was covered:

Learn how to address some of the most complex immigration issues facing graduates today.

Please join Fragomen Associate, Aaron Blumberg, as he covers the following topics:

- A look at the post-graduation immigration options for students currently holding F-1, F-1 OPT and J-1 status.
- The H-1B application process and the permanent residence ("Green Card") process
- An opportunity to participate in a Q&A forum
- ...and much more!

To listen to the audio portion of this webinar, please click [here](#).

To view the presentation, please click [here](#).

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

February AWIS Meeting

The North Central Florida Association for Women in Science will be holding its monthly meeting February 12th, from 5:30-6:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Santa Fe College CIED Center, located on the corner of University Avenue and 6th Street at 530 West University Avenue.

This month's meeting will be an overview of upcoming events and programs within the organization to current and potential AWIS members. This includes Shadowing and Internship opportunities, K-12 Educational outreach, and partnerships with local organisms. For more information, contact North Central Florida AWIS at ncfawis@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ncfawis.org

[AWIS Meeting Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by Laura Adamson, College of Medicine

HRSA Department of Health and Human Services Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health in Education, Science and Practice (HRSA-15-097)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Division of Maternal and

Child Health Workforce Development (DMCHWD), part of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Education, Science and Practice (Centers of Excellence in MCH).

The purpose of this grant program is to prepare future MCH public health professionals to achieve optimal MCH outcomes and to advance MCH science, research, practice and policy. Applicants may apply for the Centers of Excellence in MCH with no enhancement or the Centers of Excellence in MCH with an enhancement, entitled MCH Academic Postdoctoral Enhancement.

The Centers of Excellence in MCH program supports MCHB's mission to provide national leadership and to work, in partnership with states, communities, public-private partners, and families to strengthen the MCH infrastructure, and build the knowledge and human resources in order to assure continued improvement in the health, safety, and well-being of the MCH population, which includes all U.S. women, infants, children, youth and their families, including fathers and children with special health care needs (CSHCN).

The MCH Academic Postdoctoral Enhancement seeks to address the current challenges experienced by early career MCH doctoral graduates in successfully pursuing academic career pathways. The intent is to ensure a continuum of training and support that promotes the long-term sustainability of the field of MCH in academia, research and practice.

This program will provide funding during Federal fiscal years 2015 - 2019. Approximately \$5,090,000 is expected to be available annually to fund up to 13 Centers of Excellence in MCH and up to three (3) MCH Academic Postdoctoral Enhancements.

For more information on candidate eligibility, the internal coordination details and a link to the full solicitation, please visit:

<http://my.research.ufl.edu/Applications/FundingOpportunities/ArticleDetail.aspx?id=40307>

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

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Grand Opening: NCI-funded Florida Minority Cancer Research & Training (MiCaRT) Center @ UF, Feb 16-20.

The Executive Leadership, Program Directors and Council/Committee members of the NCI-funded "*Florida Minority Cancer Research & Training (MiCaRT) Center*" are pleased to announce the grand opening of the MiCaRT Center, February 16-20, at University of Florida.

Please see attached announcement for the week-long grand opening activities.

Highlights of the event include:

- Breakfast & Informational Session @ HPNP on Feb 16.
- Dinner & Prostate Cancer Disparities Research Retreat @ HPNP on Feb 17.
- Lunch & Cancer Health Disparities Research Showcase (poster presentations) for UF and FAMU investigators @ CGRC on Feb 18.
- Virtual Open House on Feb 19.
- Lunch & Distinguished Lecture by renowned breast cancer scientist, Dr. Olufunmilayo Olopade (University of Chicago), @ CGRC on Feb 20.

To view the keynote presentations via web video streaming, access as follows:

Feb 17, 4:00-5:00pm:

Dr. Camille Ragin (Investigating Prostate Cancer Risk in Black men: What Really Matters?)

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/fc92e431848a41f3ada0a0f605610a491d>

Feb 18, 11:00 AM - 12:30pm:

Dr. Clayton Yates (Impact of Epigenetic Regulators on the Outcome of African American Prostate & Breast Cancer Patients)

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/2136231d986541e39a28fa861aff56871d>

We look forward to your participation!

[Cancer Health Disparities Research Showcase \(.pdf\)](#)

[MiCaRT NCI Grand Opening Announcement \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by Floakemi Odedina, College of Pharmacy

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Enhancing age-associated cognitive function through pharmacologic modulation of GABA and Glutamate

Release Date: January 23, 2015

Full Application due March 1, 2015

The University of Florida Center for Cognitive Aging and Memory, director Ronald Cohen, PhD, is seeking innovative, interdisciplinary Pilot and Exploratory Study (PES) applications that address the above-mentioned focus. Successful applications should collect pilot data that will lead to extramural research grants and/or career development awards.

[More Information \(.pdf\)](#)

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

Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/UFPostdocs) 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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