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Have you ever wanted to teach a course around a single book?

The UF Honors Program invites proposals for one-credit courses for the Spring 2016 semester which tackle one book in depth. Books may be from any genre — literary classics, contemporary works, nonfiction, graphic novels. Use your imagination and be daring!

Please submit one-page proposals describing your chosen book along with student assignments and expectations. These courses will meet one day per week for one period, so please keep that in mind as you decide on the output you expect from

students. With input from students and faculty, the UF Honors Program will select up to twenty courses for the Spring 2016 semester.

The Honors Program cannot offer additional salary for faculty who wish to teach such a course, but we will offer \$1000 in professional development funds (to be used for travel, etc.) to those faculty whose courses are selected.

Please submit proposals to the UF Honors Program Director, Dr. Mark Law, by e-mail at mlaw@honors.ufl.edu by Friday, October 2, 2015.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Mark E. Law, Director of the UF Honors Program, mlaw@honors.ufl.edu

Submitted by Mark Law, UF Honors Program

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Job Opportunities - University of Dayton

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING FACULTY POSITIONS

Are you looking for a university which will enable your commitment to educating the next generation?

Are you excited about the opportunity to create and test experiential learning strategies?

Are you committed to growing participation of women and under-represented minorities in engineering?

Are you seeking to engage in research that makes a difference in the world?

If so, the University of Dayton Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering is interested in you and encourages your application to one of three tenure-track faculty positions at the assistant professor level. Candidates with expertise related to aerospace, materials, or dynamic systems and controls are particularly encouraged to apply.

All applicants must have a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering or a related discipline at the start of contract, a record of research in the desired topical areas and strong communication skills. The successful candidate will have the potential for excellence in facilitating learning and for employing active learning approaches, the potential for excellence in teaching students from diverse backgrounds, the potential for excellence in student advising and mentoring, the potential to establish an externally-funded research program aligned with on-going efforts at the University of Dayton, the potential to become a recognized scholar in her/his field, a commitment to breadth of education including educating the whole person in the Marianist tradition, and a commitment of service to the community, university and profession. For a complete list of qualifications please see the application link below.

The University of Dayton, founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary, is a top ten

Catholic research university. The University seeks outstanding, diverse faculty and staff who value its mission and share its commitment to academic excellence in teaching, research and artistic creativity, the development of the whole person, and leadership and service in the local and global community. The University of Dayton received a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant designed to promote the advancement and representation of women in STEM fields.

Further information about the University and the Department can be found at: http://www.udayton.edu/engineering/mechanical_and_aerospace/. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, contact information for three references, and statements of 1) research program plans and 2) teaching interests and philosophy (limit of two pages each). For more information about the position, including closing date and to apply for the position, go to the following site: <http://jobs.udayton.edu/postings/18198>. Applications will be reviewed beginning October 15, 2015. The position will remain open until filled. To attain its Catholic and Marianist mission, the University is committed to the principles of diversity, inclusion and affirmative action and to equal opportunity policies and practices. As an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer we will not discriminate against minorities, females, protected veterans, individuals with disabilities, or on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Submitted by Allison Kinney, Former UF Postdoc

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Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program - Life Coach Applications

The Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program is recruiting UF faculty, staff, and graduate students to serve as a life coach for the 2015-2016 academic year. A Life Coach works with our first generation college students as they navigate the next steps after graduation. As our students are first in their families to *attend* college, they are also first to *graduate*; we are looking for dedicated coaches to provide students with guidance during this transition. Coaches meet with their paired "coachee" various times during the semester to discuss subjects related to life after college. Coaches will also participate in a brief training in October before being paired.

For more information, please visit:

http://fos.ufsa.ufl.edu/programs/fosal/life_coach/ If you're interested in serving as a life coach, please click on the 'apply to be a life coach' tab on the left side of the page and submit some quick information about yourself and we'll pair you soon! Deadline for submissions will be Friday, October 2nd, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact MFOS Graduate Assistant Sheraz Iqbal at SherazI@ufsa.ufl.edu

Submitted by Will Atkins, Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program

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2015 Graduate Student Research Day



Originally formed as a driving force of the UF Graduate School's formal NSF-funded Innovation through Institutional Integration (I-Cubed) Program, the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) helps prioritize students' interests and needs, as well as facilitate communication between graduate students, faculty, and administrators. Our vision for GSAC, in collaboration with Postdocs, is to continuously transform UF's graduate student experience. As part of this collaborative mission, GSAC and the Graduate School, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Office of the Provost, are proud to announce the

annual celebration of research with **Graduate Student Research Day (GSRD)** held on **October 27th, 2015**. This annual event features research from *all graduate and undergraduate students* at the University of Florida as well as prominent speakers.

GSRD includes a competitive poster session, panel discussions and a keynote address by President Kent Fuchs. President Fuchs will talk about his vision to establish UF as a national leader and a voice for higher education. The day-long event provides opportunities to graduate students (and undergraduate students participating in research) to refine their academic communication skills, learn from their peers and mentors, and network with people from across disciplines.

Success of GSRD can only be achieved through active participation of students, postdocs and faculty. Postdocs can contribute by utilizing their expertise for evaluating student posters. Therefore, GSAC is kindly asking for **Postdoc support in judging posters**. The poster sessions will occur between **9:45-11:45am & 1:45-3:45pm** in the Grand Ballroom of the Reitz Union. Lunch will be provided after the poster competition.

For more information on Graduate Student Research Day and/or to sign up as a judge, please visit our website: <http://i3.institutes.ufl.edu/2015-graduate-student-research-day/>.

We look forward to accomplishing this event through sustained communication and cooperation with Postdocs.

Submitted by Ha Nguyen, Poster Committee Chair of the 2015 Graduate Student Research Day

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Postdoc Funding Opportunities

On the [Resources](#) page of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website, we have created a Funding Opportunities page which lists all the different types of funding available to postdocs.

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Postdoc HR Issues:

Insurance and Benefits: If you have questions about benefits enrollment or eligibility, please contact UF's [Human Resource Services'](#) Benefits Office at benefits@ufl.edu or (352) 392-2477.

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.

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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 would like to receive an invitation to join the National Postdoctoral Association or if your invitation has expired and you need to be sent a refreshed invitation, please [contact Cheryl Gater](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

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

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