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UF Benefits Fair - Wednesday

Benefits Open Enrollment is currently underway and runs through November 6. To learn more about your insurance options, stop by UF's Benefits Fair on Wednesday, October 28, in the Touchdown Terrace at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to discuss insurance plans, retirement offerings and Gator Perks program discounts.

Employees are encouraged to make their benefits elections early. UF will be closed on November 6, all transactions must be completed by November 5 if assistance from the UF Benefits office is needed. On November 6, enrollments may be completed using the [People First](#) and/or the [myUFL](#) online portals. All

online transactions must be completed by 6 p.m. EST, on November 6.

For more details about how to enroll in State, UFSelect voluntary and GatorCare plans, please visit the [Open Enrollment](#) section of the HRS website. For answers to general questions about Open Enrollment, please contact University Benefits at (352) 392-2477 or benefits@ufl.edu.

Submitted by Angela Gould, Office of Human Resource Services

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Postdoc Mentoring Awards for Faculty

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the continuation of the Postdoctoral Mentoring Awards for outstanding mentors of UF postdocs. The mentoring awards were established to encourage and reward excellence, innovation, and effectiveness in mentoring UF postdocs.

Information about past award recipients and the application for the 2016 award are available on the [Postdoc Mentoring Awards Website](#).

If you wish to nominate an outstanding faculty member for the award, please contact [Cheryl Gater](#), Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Director, with the nominee's contact information.

Deadline for application is November 30, 2015.

Submitted by Cheryl Gater, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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The Work of Imagining

Timothy Eatman and Scott Peters (Co-Directors, *Imagining America*)

Monday, 2 November 2015, 7:30pm, University Auditorium

Pursuing democratic ideals in difficult times calls on us to engage in the work of imagining by tapping the power of arts, humanities, and design thinking. What does such work involve? How can it enable us to think creatively about how to be together as agents of change in the world? As faculty co-directors of *Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life* (IA), Timothy Eatman and Scott Peters are taking these questions up with colleagues from within and beyond the academy. In this public lecture, they will draw on examples of IA's work to illuminate a prophetic vision of democratic transformation that offers hope for our collective future.

Tim Eatman has provided leadership on key research and action initiatives that have shaped regional, national and global conversations about publicly engaged scholarship. As co-principal investigator of the Tenure Team Initiative on Public Scholarship, he co-wrote its seminal report, "Scholarship in Public: Knowledge Creation and Tenure Policy in the Engaged University" (2008) with IA's founding director, Julie Ellison, and organized a series of regional meetings with Campus Compact that involved more than 60 higher education institutions. This work on

faculty rewards developed into a second national study by Eatman on the career aspirations and decisions of graduate students and early-career academic professionals who identify as publicly engaged scholar. This summer for a second consecutive year he was a faculty member of the American Association of Colleges and Universities' Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success. He serves on the leadership team of IA's collaborative action-research project with Columbia University Law School's Center for Institutional and Social Change on diversity and engagement, and will soon begin a two-year appointment as an Honorary Professor at the University of South Africa.

As a professor in the Department of Development Sociology at Cornell University, **Scott Peters** has established an innovative teaching and research program that interweaves democratic theory and political and educational philosophy with historical and narrative methods. His research agenda centers on a critical study of the social, cultural, and political dimensions of higher education's off-campus engagement work. His most recent book, *Democracy and Higher Education: Traditions and Stories of Civic Engagement* (Michigan State University Press, 2010), contributes to a new line of research on the task of strengthening and defending higher education's positive roles in and for a democratic society. An internationally recognized scholar, Peters has designed and pursued independent research projects with significant support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Kettering Foundation. He is on the leadership team of a national five-year initiative, funded with a \$5 million grant from USDA, called "Food Dignity: Action Research on Engaging Food Insecure Communities and Universities in Building Sustainable Community Food Systems." Peters received two graduate degrees at the University of Minnesota: a master's degree in public affairs from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and a Ph.D. in educational policy and administration. Before his graduate work, he served for 10 years as program director of one of the nation's oldest community-university partnerships, the University YMCA at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received his bachelor's degree in education.

- This event is free and open to the public
- This event is co-sponsored by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (Rothman Endowment), IUF 1000: What is the Good Life, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of the Arts, and the College of Design, Construction and Planning
- This lecture relates to the modules Sharing and Governing the Good Life in the UF freshman shared experience: What is the Good Life?

Submitted by Tim Blanton, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

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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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