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Entries Now Accepted for Elegance of Science

The University of Florida Elegance of Science art competition is accepting submissions until Dec. 20 for work that emphasizes the connection between artistic and scientific perceptions of reality. Organized by the Marston Science Library and Florida Museum of Natural History, the contest is open to UF students, staff and faculty who create two-dimensional images as part of their research or incorporate scientific tools or concepts in their artwork. Prizes include \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. For more information on contest rules or to view past entries, visit

Submitted by Kaitlin Gardiner, Florida Museum of Natural History

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Honors (un)Common Read Proposals Due

Have you ever wanted to teach a course around a single book? Get to know some of our brightest students that share a passion for a topic?

The UF Honors Program invites proposals for one-credit courses for the Fall 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. Typically, students are asked to prepare a presentation, or write a single medium length paper, or write several shorter papers. With input from students and faculty, the UF Honors Program will select up to thirty courses for the Fall 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, January 22, 2016.

Submitted by Mark Law, UF Honors Program

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Judges Needed for the 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

The University of Florida Graduate School in collaboration with the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) is hosting its third annual Three Minute Thesis Competition. The competition challenges doctoral (Ph.D. or Ed.D) students to present their dissertation research to a non-technical audience in 3 minutes or less. Along with helping graduate students hone their communication and presentation skills, winners will be awarded cash prizes.

We are requesting volunteer judges! Preliminary heats will be held March 8th-15th and the final competition will be held March 29th. If you are interested in judging the competition please email Britney Sheffield at bsheffield@aa.ufl.edu.

For more information, please visit <http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/graduate-professional-development-ogpd/3mt/>

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***Imagining Florida: The Place We Call Home* 2016 Spring Humanities Series Kicks Off Jan. 9**

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere warmly invites UF Postdocs to its annual spring series *Imagining Florida: The Place We Call Home*. Reflecting the Center's 2015-16 focus on publics, this year's series explores the public work of the humanities, within and beyond the academy. Co-curated with community partners across Gainesville, it asks how the humanities infuse our everyday lives and especially, our experiences of "home" in Florida.

Imagining Florida features five lectures and discussions, each showcasing different humanistic disciplines. Running between January and April 2016, all events are free and encourage public participation. The series kicks off on Jan. 9 at 2:30pm with award-winning Gainesville author Lauren Groff, at the Alachua County Library District, Headquarters Branch. Groff will discuss her recent novel *Fates and Furies*, as well as the uses of reading and writing to create a sense of place.

For details on this event and the rest of the series, please visit <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar-2016-Spring-Speaker-Series.html> or find *Imagining Florida* on Facebook.

Submitted by Jordana Cox, Postdoctoral Associate, 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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