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Forum on F32 Postdoctoral Fellowships from NIH (National Research Service Awards)

F32 fellowships are competitive and prestigious grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health to individual postdoctoral researchers to support scientific training and career development. The award pays the full NIH-recommended stipend for postdocs based on years of postdoctoral experience as well as additional funds for health care expenses and professional development, including conference and travel costs. Importantly, receipt of this award can help postdoctoral trainees to build a track record of funding and support from the NIH that is essential for success in a career as an independent scientist. If you are interested to learn more about preparing a successful F32 application, join us on Tuesday September 13th at 3PM in the DeWeese Auditorium of the McKnight

Brain Institute. This Fellowship Forum will be led by Dr. Thomas Pearson, Executive Vice-President of for Research and Education at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center, and also include a panel of F32 fellows and mentors to provide additional insight and field questions from the audience. Postdocs, mentors and other department personnel involved in grant submission are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please register to attend https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dd0oVgLC1TWBiuh

Contact Dr. Joseph McQuail with questions (jmcquail@ufl.edu).

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair

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Honors (un)Common Reads Proposals

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 2017 semester which tackle one book in depth in a discussion format. Books may be from any genre – literary classics, contemporary works, nonfiction, graphic novels. David Coburn, Provost Emeritus, said teaching an (un)common read was one of the most rewarding instructional experiences of his career. Classes are typically capped at 15 students.

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 thirty courses for the Spring 2017 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, September 23rd, 2016.

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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Speaker Series, "Death: Confronting the Great Divide"

War and the Neoliberal Condition: Death and Vulnerability in Contemporary Mexico

Ignacio Sánchez Prado (Washington University, St. Louis)

Thursday, 15 September, 5:30 pm, Smathers Library 100

Since former president Felipe Calderón declared a full-in war on drug cartels, Mexico has been the site of an astonishing number of violent deaths: over 125,000 in the most recent counts. While official explanations of this staggering figure generally attribute it to collateral damage in the war, this paper contends that the phenomenon runs deeper. The presentation will focus on the ideas of precariousness, unpredictability, and vulnerability as essential to understanding death in contemporary Mexico, and will attempt to show, through different cultural artifacts (from literature, cinema, journalism and the arts), that death is rather a symptom of two intertwining factors. On the one hand, the “war on drugs” is in reality a set of multiple wars that recently escalated longstanding conflicts between different actors in Mexico, from class antagonisms to political confrontation. On the other, I will contend that these wars are the effect of the economic and political vulnerability of Mexicans in the neoliberal era, a condition known as “precarity”, when the erosion of citizenship, economic enfranchisement, and other social achievements of the twentieth century have rendered people vulnerable and made murder more commonplace. This phenomenon will be explored through three figures: the Central American migrant, the recruits of drug cartels and the bystander.

Ignacio M. Sánchez Prado, Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies, received a Licenciatura (B.A.) in Literature from the Universidad de las Américas-Puebla in Mexico, and a Ph.D. in Hispanic Languages and Literatures from the University of Pittsburgh. His areas of research include Mexican literary, film and cultural studies; Latin American intellectual history; and comparative literature. He is the author of *Naciones intelectuales. Las fundaciones de la modernidad literaria mexicana (1917-1959)* (2009), which was winner of the LASA Mexico 2010 Book Award, *Intermitencias americanistas. Estudios y ensayos escogidos (2004-2010)* (2012), and *Screening Neoliberalism. Mexican Cinema 1988-2012* (2014), which will appear in Spanish translation in late 2016. He is currently completing a book entitled *Strategic Occidentalism. World Literature and Post-1968 Fiction*.

- This event is free and open to the public.
- For more information, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu.

Series Funders and Co-Sponsors: [UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere](#) (Rothman Endowment), [UF Smathers Libraries](#), [UF Office of Research](#), [School of Art + Art History's Harn Eminent Scholar Lecture Series](#), [UF International Center](#), [UF Department of History](#), [UF Center for Latin American Studies](#), [UF Department of Religion](#), [Alachua County Library District](#), [UF College of Veterinary Medicine](#), [UF Honors Program](#).

For an overview of *Death: Confronting the Great Divide*, click [here](#).

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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