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Postdoc Mentoring Awards 2016

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.

The deadline for application is **December 15, 2016**.

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New Course Announcement for Graduate and Postdoctoral Students

GMS 5905: *“So you Want to be a Professor”*

Section 22AC

Spring, 2017

2 credits

Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Instructor: Dr. Linda S. Behar-Horenstein

The purpose of this course is to assist students in conceptualizing their role as a college and university faculty and to prepare them for their transition to a faculty appointment and/or for teaching at the college/university level.

Course objectives include:

1. Write components of their electronic teaching portfolio (i.e., teaching philosophy, course syllabus, research agenda).
2. Describe the steps to prepare for interviewing for a college/university appointment.
3. Recognize factors that impact transitioning from graduate student status to becoming a professor.
4. Discuss philosophical approaches of teaching.
5. Identify teaching strategies that are appropriate to large and small group learning.
6. Differentiate the use of instructional strategies that promote student engagement.
7. Discuss the benefits of constructing a teaching portfolio.
8. Recognize different forms of providing student feedback.
9. Reflect upon the relationship between their usage of time and progress towards tenure.
10. Identify instructional strategies that promote the development of critical thinking.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Davis, B. G. (2009). *Tools for teaching*. 2nd ed. San Francisco: Jossey Bass.

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"Translating Basic Science into Drug Development and Clinical Trials" Seminar

Annette Bakker, Ph.D. - President and Chief Scientific Officer, Children's Tumor Foundation [Ending Neurofibromatosis Through Research], New York, NY.

Armelle Pindon, Ph.D. - President, Art of Science for Kids Foundation, and Volunteer Consultant for the Children's Tumor Foundation, New York, NY.

McKnight Brain Institute LG-101A (DeWeese Auditorium)

4:00 pm

Dec. 7, 2016

Sponsored by the College of Medicine Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences.

Contact Dr. Peggy Wallace for more information (peggyw@ufl.edu)

Submitted by Peggy Wallace, College of Medicine

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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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