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2017 Annual Postdoc Research Symposium

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Emerson Alumni Hall

Deadline for Abstract Submission: March 31, 2017

Deadline for Participant Registration: April 3, 2017

[Click here to register!](#)

The 2017 Annual Postdoc Research Symposium will be held on Friday, April 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Emerson Alumni Hall at the University of Florida. The goal of the University of Florida Postdoctoral Research Symposium is to promote the research of UF postdocs and to provide avenues for continued professional development as set outlined by the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA). [Communication Skills](#) and [Professionalism](#) are two of the six [Core Competencies](#) the NPA (National Postdoctoral Association) promotes as critical to postdoc success. Postdocs in both oral and poster presentations will be judged on how well they can convey their research to an educated lay audience.

Oral Presentation first place winner receives \$200. Oral Presentation second place winner receives \$100. The four winners for poster presentations - from four separate judging groups receive \$75 each.

UF Postdocs are invited to submit abstracts and elect either poster presentation or oral presentation. The top six abstract submissions will be selected by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) advisory committee for oral presentation. Oral presenters will be notified by April 3rd of their selection. Those not selected for an oral presentation will be invited to participate in the poster session. Judging of both oral and poster presentation will take place the day of the event. Oral presenters are expected to prepare a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation with 5 additional minutes for questions. Posters presenters will be notified of board sizing prior to the event.

To submit your abstract and be considered for judging, please complete the [abstract submission form](#) (enter GatorLink User Name and Password when prompted) by **March 31, 2017**. The schedule for the event is included below. The OPA and the OPA advisory committee look forward to your presentations and thank you in advance for your participation!

Schedule:

- 11:00-11:30 AM - Registrant Check-In
- 11:30-11:35 AM - Welcome
- 11:35-1:15 PM - Postdoc Oral Presentations and Judging - 15 minutes for each participant (10 minute presentation, 5 minute questions and transition). Can accommodate up to 6 presenters with 10 minute break in the middle.
- 1:15-2:30 PM - Lunch
- 2:30-3:30 PM - Poster Presentations and Judging
- 3:30-4:30 PM - Presentation of Awards

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Data Management Analyst III Position Available

The newly established University of Florida Student Affairs Office of Assessment and Research is seeking an experienced Data Management Analyst III. This position will coordinate major assessment and data projects as well as develop strategies to manage data within the Division of Student Affairs and University of Florida. This person will analyze data and research and make recommendations to improve divisional data management and reporting. This person will also assist in development and implementation of assessment measurement and data management systems and will help coordinate or supervise staff for ongoing or ad-hoc projects.

More information on the position is available here:

<http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/501352/data-management-analyst-iii>

The position remains open until February 24.

Submitted by Kim Pace, Division of Student Affairs

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Feb. 21 - The True Story of Escaping from Al Qaeda

In December 2012, American photographer Matthew Schrier was captured by an Al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria. He was among a collection of kidnapped journalists held by jihadists in the city of Aleppo. Schrier strategically converted to Islam in March 2013 as a survival tactic. A strategy which later proved to be life-saving. In July 2013 Schrier became the first and only westerner to escape from al Qaeda. On Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Pugh Hall Ocora Schrier will share his story of survival. The event is free and open to the public. It will be streamed live at www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu.

Submitted by Shelby Taylor, Bob Graham Center for Public Service

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Criticism of the Albigensian Crusade in Occitan Crusading Lyrics

Marjolaine Raguin (University of Liège)

Wednesday, 1 March 2017, 5:30 pm, Marston Visualization Lab (L136)

Already marked as different by contemporary participants and witnesses, the Albigensian crusade was seen as a special kind of holy war. In fact, this crusade was not directed against pagans or Saracens, but against Christian heretics, the Albigenses or Cathars, and their protectors (a term that referred to all persons who took a stand against the Crusade). Initiated by Pope Innocent III, this occidental holy war started in 1209 following the assassination of the papal legate Peter of Castelnau. It lasted for twenty years and saw a profound modification of the structures of Occitan traditional society since it put French conquerors and Occitan collaborative leaders in positions of power. They killed and exiled a broad swath of the affected communities in the south of France, including not only heretics but also poets who made themselves undesirable by critiquing the war. This papal war, which was the beneficiary of crusade indulgences, was principally led by French lords from the region of Paris.

Indeed, as a crusade against Christian heretics in Christian occidental territories, the Albigensian Crusade was criticized by Occitan medieval poets, known as troubadours, in crusade lyric poetry. This Occitan literary corpus represents a consistent part of political and religious lyric songs of the first part of thirteenth century. Those *sirventés* against the Crusade saw it as a war that was “wrong” and they denounced rapacious clerics, the plunder of territories by French lords and armies, and the diversion of the crusade from its true and holy cause: Jerusalem and the Holy Land. It is interesting to note that it is almost exclusively the Occitan texts that speak on the Crusade in Languedoc; French poets, by contrast, were virtually silent on this subject.

In this lecture, Dr. Raguin will present the typology of motifs and literary uses of the denunciation of this Albigensian Crusade in this lyric corpus. She will show which kind of arguments were used by poets, how they were applied, and in which historical and intellectual context they operated.

Biography

Marjolaine Raguin is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Département de Langues et Littératures Romanes at the Université de Liège in Belgium. She earned her doctorate in medieval Occitan language and literature at the Université Paul Valéry de Montpellier in 2011. She is the author of *Lorsque la poésie fait le souverain: Étude sur la 'Chanson de la croisade albigeoise* (Paris: Honoré Champion 2015) and numerous articles and book chapters on Occitan poetry.

More information can be found at <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20170301-Raguin.html>.

Submitted by Maddie Collins, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

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Biostatistical Workshop: Statistical Inference for Biomedical Big Data



The dramatic improvement in data collection and acquisition technologies has enabled scientists to collect vast amounts of health-related data in the past decade. This workshop, which is to bring together some prominent statisticians in the field of biomedical big data and some local biomedical researchers, will provide a platform for the development of new statistical theory and methodology for biomedical big data as well as interdisciplinary interactions. The workshop organization committee invites submission of

abstracts for contributed poster presentations for the workshop. The student and postdoc submitters have the possibility to compete for five travel awards and two best paper awards. The workshop is funded in part by NSF and hosted by Department of Biostatistics, University of Florida.

For more info regarding registration and award opportunities, please visit our website:

<http://biostat.ufl.edu/seminars/biostatistics-workshop/>

Submitted by Ashley Spink, Department of Biostatistics

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Making the Right Moves - Research Management Series - Friday, March 3

Join [Dr. Thomas A. Pearson](#), MD, MPH, PhD, Executive Vice President for Research & Education UF Health as he presents "Getting Funded" on Friday, March 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Communicore Building, C1-11.

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Submitted by Susan Gardner, CTSI

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ORCID for Postdoctoral Researchers

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) provides a unique scholar identifier to help you get credit for all your research and professional contributions, even while you are a student. When integrated with publisher services and databases on the Internet, it helps online searchers find all your works that may be of potential interest. It helps publishers, funding agencies, universities and professional associations distinguish you from others with the same or similar name. When you create your ORCID profile, you will receive a unique 16-digit identifier that will stay with you while you are at University of Florida and beyond, wherever your studies or research take you.

To learn more about ORCID@UF, please visit <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/scholcomm/ORCID.aspx>

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1. Register for your free ORCID at <http://orcid.org/register>.
2. Enter your research outputs and biographical information manually or using ORCID's automated import tool.
3. Use your ORCID when you apply for grants, submit publications, or share your CV.
4. Include your ORCID in your UF Directory Profile. For instructions, please see http://training.hr.ufl.edu/instructionguides/orcid/Orcid_myUFL_directoryprofile.pdf

For help registering for an ORCID, connecting it to your UF Directory profile, or learning more about ORCID, please contact Christine Fruin, Scholarly Communications Librarian, christine.fruin@uflib.ufl.edu or (352) 273-2710.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

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2017 WiSE Girlz Spring Science Camp

March 20-24, 2017



By whom: Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) at UF

For whom: up to 15 selected 6th and 7th grader middle school girls

What: experience exciting real-world science during spring break and become science advocates in the community.

This camp will include:

- hands-on experiments directly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) departments at UF
- educational workshops with scientists and engineers on campus
- follow-up mentoring as the girls present themselves as science and engineering advocates

Five days filled with fun activities: collecting plants and bugs, building a telescope, meetings with scientists and students alike, creating a lasting network between the girls and the University of Florida.

After camp: Back in their schools or communities, the girls will present what they learned through talks, articles in local school papers, or a video. The possibilities are endless!

This experience will: demystify the prospects of a scientific career for girls, expose them to a range of scientific disciplines that they might not have considered or be aware of.

Cost: \$10 per day fee, financial aid available to cover the \$50.

The camp is comprised of the full 5 days (9am-5pm), with possibility of before- and after- camp care, and cannot be attended partially. Invitations space is limited.

Application:

Applications for the WiSE Girlz Science Spring Camp are due as soon as possible.

The application package can be obtained from your science teacher/community leader or by using this drop box link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/l1tjz9tr468jx5v/AAB1iuxTJLzhPGeKwkz0T2wia?dl=0>

The package consists of:

- an application including brief personal essay by student
- a teacher endorsement letter:

Once the application is completed use the link below to submit the application. It will request you to upload the application along with first, last name and e-mail address.

1. To submit the application form use the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/iKGKvXvWntj0pZOEXCZi>

2. To submit the teacher endorsement form use the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/9giKrdpADfZWsQl8m6xT>

For further questions, contact: Malathy Elumalai @ wisegirls2017@gmail.com or visit wisegirls2017.blogspot.com

Submitted by Malathy Elumalai, UF Postdoc, MBI

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Core Concepts in Biomanufacturing and Quality Systems: Applications of cGMPs (2-Day)

This course provides future or current employees a comprehensive and applied understanding of how regulatory compliance is built into all aspects of a company. Using a blend of hands-on applications and lectures, course instructors integrate current Good Manufacturing Practices with core concepts of the manufacturing process, facilities, quality systems, and documentation to build a solid understanding of the development, manufacture, testing, and release of a regulated product. This specialty course is offered at a reduced rate and additional discounts do not apply. (Class size is limited to 20)

DATE: Thursday & Friday, April 6th & 7th **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$250

<http://biotility.research.ufl.edu/ind-prof/core-concepts-in-biomanufacturing-and-quality-systems.html>

Submitted by Joanne Lopez, CERHB

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Graduate Student Research Day 2017

Save the date for Graduate Student Research Day, kicking off Graduate Student Appreciation Week. This year's theme is Networking.

Monday, April 3, 2017

Grand Ballroom, Reitz Union

For all graduate students across campus. Posters, speakers, workshop, poster awards, and raffle prizes. Lunch will be provided to registered participants. For more information go to <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/ogap/>.

Submitted by Bradley Osburn, UF Graduate School

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February Postdoc Social

The year has definitely started off busy. The best way to cut through the hectic start of the year is to go socialize with you fellow postdoctoral colleagues. This month we are keeping it simple and the next Postdoctoral Social will be held **Friday (February 24, 2016) from 5:30p to 7:30p at First Magnitude Brewing Co.** (<http://fmbrewing.com/>).

For directions and additional information about First Magnitude please refer to the their webpage (<http://fmbrewing.com/>).

Backup Social: In case of rain, the social will stay at First Magnitude. See FB page for updates.

If you have any questions, or would like to pitch a social event, feel free to contact me (cruytingco@ufl.edu). If you need a ride to an event, please refer to the UF Postdocs FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/477819595568463/?fref=nf>).

Submitted by Cedric Uytingco, UF Postdoc, Pharmacology & Therapeutics

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CST 3D Microwave Studio Workshop - April 6, 2017

The Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy ([AMRIS](#)) Facility is pleased to announce the date (April 6th, 2017) of the 2nd annual CST 3D Microwave studio workshop at University of Florida. This one-day workshop will help students get familiar with the basics of CST microwave studio, a 3D field simulation software.

The software is widely used by engineers around the world to do fast and accurate analysis of high frequency devices such as antennas, resonant structures, planar and multi-layer

structures.

If you would like to attend the event, please click on the survey below to register for the event. We have 25 seats available. Participants will be chosen on first come- first served basis.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSYFKDO>

Submitted by Malathy Elumalai, MBI Postdoc

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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 Mr. Brook Mercier in Employee Relations in UF's [Human Resource Services](#). Mr. Mercier can be reached at 392-1072 or bmercier@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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