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# Postdoctoral Update

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### Don't Forget to Register to Present or Attend the 2017 Annual Postdoc Research Symposium

*Friday, April 14, 2017 at 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Poster 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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### Postdoc Workshop - March 29, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Please join former UF Postdoc Cheryl Rock, for her workshop, "The Secret Formula to Creating a Tenure Track Professorship Application Package that Gets Noticed".

**Presenter:** Cheryl Rock, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) 90840

**Workshop Description:** The overall objective of this workshop is to provide useful job preparation suggestions, guidance, and resources to post-doctoral fellows as well as graduate students seeking tenure-track professorship. From past experiences in (1) graduate school, (2) as a post-doctoral fellow and (3) currently in academia, it is observed that students in Ph.D. programs or Post Docs spend an inordinate amount of time mastering the content of their fields and research, not developing a concrete plan for securing an academic job. Consequently, this lack of foresight and planning can thwart future employment or may sabotage it as a result of a poorly designed curriculum vitae (CV), weak interview or professional portfolio. Through this workshop, Ph.D. graduates or post-doctoral fellows will gain the tools to confidently proceed—successfully overcoming obstacles by acquiring the secret formula in seeking a tenure track professorship.

**Workshop Objectives:**

The specific objectives of this workshop is to encourage and empower applicants to be self-assured, proactive participants in the employment-search process by:

1. **Discussing** crucial stages to secure/obtain academic employment—including, among others, preparing to teach, writing cover letters, constructing a CV and portfolio, researching job opportunities, interviewing and following-up.
2. **Presenting** general examples of correspondence associated with the job search (e.g., emails and telephone calls before and after the interview, thank you notes and follow-up inquiries, letters of offer at the negotiation stage, interview questions, questions to ask at the negotiation stage.
3. **Discussing** professional and business etiquette, which is very significant to the success of the applicant.

The workshop will be held in room 3320 of the Reitz Union on Wednesday, March 29th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register to attend [here](#).

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### Humanities and the Sunshine State

## Florida Water Stories

11-17 June, 2017

Floridians have an extensive relationship with water. From the food we eat, to our favorite pastimes, to the industries that flourish here, to our changing and diverse population, Florida's most significant issues are tied to water. Through an introduction to how various humanities disciplines study water, Humanities and the Sunshine State will explore contemporary political topics such as tourism, food justice, aquifer sustainability, industrial growth, and race relations.

Through practicing methods of humanities research — archival study, oral history, digital curation, archaeological excavation, ethical critique, and textual interpretation — students will learn what the humanities do, and how the lessons they generate build an informed citizenry. Through engaging and hands on activities, participants will explore how water has shaped the past and present of Florida, and how our interactions with water today will shape the future of our state.

For more information about costs and how to apply to *Humanities and the Sunshine State: Florida's Water Stories*, click [here](#). Please note that limited need-based funding is available.

Support for this programs was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional funding from the Rothman Endowment of the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida. Additional support for these programs was provided by the Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research.

## 2017 Humanities and the Sunshine State: Teaching Florida's Climates

19-23 June, 2017

People in Florida shape their environment, but they are also sensitive to environmental changes. *Humanities and the Sunshine State: Teaching Florida's Climates* is a unique, interdisciplinary residential educator seminar that tackles the complex issue of climate change by approaching it from multiple disciplines, and by situating contemporary changes in a historical perspective of climatic variations spanning millennia of geological years and thousands of years of human inhabitation of the peninsula. By showing how humans have experienced and responded to environmental changes over this time period, the seminar will strategize how to teach adaptation as a necessary way of life as Floridians. In this way, the seminar connects cutting-edge research in the humanities and ecological sciences to Florida environmental policy issues.

This seminar is open to all educators and disciplines, including full-time, certified K-12 public or private school teachers of any subject, media specialists, librarians, guidance counselors, school and district administrators, state college professors, museum educators, National Park Service interpreters, and Florida State Park interpreters. Educators will work in a well-supported and academically stimulating environment with Master Teachers in language arts/social studies and sciences to develop Florida state standards-based lesson planning components throughout the workshop. Documentation for In-Service credits will be provided.

For more information about costs and how to apply to *Humanities and the Sunshine State: Teaching Florida's Climates*, click [here](#).

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

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## UFApps for Faculty Training - March 2017

[UFApps for Faculty training](#) is available for instructors to make the most of using UFApps in the classroom.

The first two sessions are scheduled for Hub 221 on:

March 20 1:55pm - 4:00pm

March 29 9:35am - 11:30am

UFApps enables faculty and students to access otherwise cost-prohibitive software. The UFApps service also allows instructors to provide hands-on practice and to measure authentic assessment of student skills in software relevant to today's industry and marketplace. Both scheduled training events are limited to 30 participants due to the active learning style of the training, so [early registration](#) is encouraged. Anyone with questions about the UFApps for Faculty training or questions about other IT-related training may email [ufit-training@ufl.edu](mailto:ufit-training@ufl.edu).

*Submitted by Fedro Zazueta, UF Information Technology*

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## Postdoc Journal - Call for Nominations and Papers

The [Journal of Postdoctoral Research \[JPR\]](#), is expanding the [editorial team](#). This is an exciting opportunity to get involved with the publication process and become engaged in peer review, article submission, writing editorials, etc. If interested, please [register](#) your profile with the journal and we will contact you regarding time commitment and the nominal membership fees.

We are inviting nominations for our Postdoc of the Month [award](#). Please send-in nominations [self, or PI recommended] to [Editor-in-Chief@PostdocJournal.Com](mailto:Editor-in-Chief@PostdocJournal.Com). Postdocs in ALL disciplines are encouraged to apply.

**Call for papers:** Inviting research papers, reviews, methodologies, commentaries, perspectives, progress articles, and research highlights to be published in the upcoming issues of the journal. All articles receive a DOI within 24 h of publication. All manuscripts acknowledging an NIH grant will be deposited in PMC within 10 days of publishing.

**Call for Abstracts:** JPR has recently introduced Postdoc [Proceedings](#), non-refereed presentation of preliminary data. Both individual and institutional submissions are considered. Please see the [recently published proceedings](#) from the Italian Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, FFC.

For more info on the journal, please visit the [About Us](#) page.

*Submitted by Partha Ramasastry, Postdoc Journal*

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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](#)' GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at [benefits@ufl.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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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