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March Postdoc Social

The turnout for last month's Postdoctoral Social was spectacular. Let's try to keep up the momentum with this month's Social on Friday (March 31st, 2017) from 5:30p to 7:30p at The Midnight near downtown. Surely some beverages justifies a budget cut.

For directions and additional information about The Midnight please refer to their yelp page (<https://m.yelp.com/biz/the-midnight-gainesville>).

Backup Social: In case of rain, the social will relocate to 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, Postdoc Social Chair

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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 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. 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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"A Doorway to the Divine: Islamic Bodies and the Sufi Saints as Connecting the Living to the Dead" by Ellen Amster of McMaster University

Thursday, 6 April, 5:30 pm , Smather Library 100

Nineteenth-century French visitors to Morocco remarked that pilgrims in North Africa visited the tombs of Islamic "saints" (awliya') searching for healing from a variety of mental, physical, and moral afflictions. These were dead who brought healing to the living—through touch, prayer, or cures performed at the shrine. The Moroccan jurist Hasan al-Yusi (d. 1691) called these saints "a medicine and a cure," for the saint "connects the various layers of reality to one another;" he is an axis around whom reality revolves (qutb) and a murabit (marabout, one who binds men to God). Saint tombs also have political significance. In visiting graves, Moroccans constructed a topographical map of the collective past, a geographical representation of the Islamic political community (umma) and God's presence in the world, a political imaginary yet contested in the contemporary world. The key connecting the living to the dead is knowledge, a knowing that realizes the potentiality of the human body as an isthmus between the "oceans of God and the Cosmos," as the Qur'an describes, and a station for the Lord of the Two Worlds to reside. In this talk, we consider the hagiographical compendium of Muhammad ibn Ja'far al-Kattani, *Salwat al-Anfas wa Muhadathat al-Akyas bi man Uqbira min al-Ulama' wa al-Sulaha bi Fas*, and the city of Fez. In Morocco, we see how this knowing operated in physical space and time, and how French colonial interventions and science impacted Moroccan understandings of death and life.

Ellen Amster is the Jason A. Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine and is jointly appointed in History and the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Faculty of Health Sciences. She has been a Fulbright scholar, a Chateaubriand scholar of the French government, and received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a historian of the Islamic world, France, and medicine. Her research addresses the relationship of citizen bodies to the body politic, the history of biomedicine in global context, religion and science, birth and maternal health, the body as the center of political sovereignty, and the encounter of French and Islamic scientific epistemologies. Her 2013 book, *Medicine and the Saints: Science, Islam, and the Colonial Encounter in Morocco, 1877-1956*, is an interdisciplinary study of health, healing, and the body in Morocco.

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

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

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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. 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 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 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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