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Postdoctoral Update

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Science Communications: Counterintuitive Science Communication Strategies to Share Science & Build Your CV - June 13, 2017

The public has an increasing interest in medical and agricultural technology, and they are asking honest questions. The internet provides immense distortion and misinformation, and the average person is trying to figure out who to trust. As scientists, we can help the situation with effective communication.

However, when we speak to a concerned public we usually do it wrong-- we talk to them as if they were scientists. In this session Dr. Kevin Folta, UF Professor and Chair of Horticultural Sciences explains what he's learned from psychology, hostage negotiation and customer service that made him a better science communicator. We'll also explore ways to use science communication to build your brand and enhance your job prospects. Please join us for this postdoc professional development workshop on June 13th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in auditorium C1-3 in the Communicore Building.

[Register to attend!](#)

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair

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UF Postdoc Editors Association

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is conducting a survey to measure interest for and feasibility to establish a postdoctoral editing group. The "UF Postdoctoral Editors Association" would be comprised of postdoctoral associates and fellows and sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. This group will enhance scholarly communication by assisting postdoctoral authors with editing of written documents for

language usage, punctuation, and organization. This service will be most advantageous to postdoctoral scholars for whom English is a second language, but the service will be open and free to all postdoctoral associates and fellows at the University of Florida. Our goal will be to facilitate postdoc-mentor interactions during the writing process by minimizing time spent on basic writing skills. Our volunteer editors would primarily review submissions for clarity of meaning; we would offer no or minimal scientific review of manuscripts because this content should reflect critical thinking of the postdoctoral scholar and their mentor(s).

Please complete this short survey to indicate interest or to volunteer:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvVTbm72ZSslbzf

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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.

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