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Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere Events

What Are They Working On?: Meet Your New Colleagues in the Humanities

Friday, 8 December - 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Ustler Hall Atrium

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere invites you to celebrate the invigoration of the humanities in CLAS by meeting our new colleagues. Faculty and staff members working in the humanities who have arrived in fall semester 2017 will introduce themselves and their areas of research. Find out about their expertise and mingle with new colleagues in English, Philosophy, History, Religion, Japanese, African American Studies, Spanish and Portuguese, Political Science, and Smathers Libraries.

Introductions will begin at 2:00 pm and refreshments will be served.

This event is free and open to UF students, faculty, and staff.

For more information on this event, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu.

Find this event at <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20171208-What-Are-They-Working-On.html>.

Intersections: Animating Conversations with the Humanities Collaborating with Strangers

Workshops: Dec 7, Jan 5, 11, 19

Intersections: Animating Conversations with the Humanities is a 3-year program of the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere at the University of Florida funded by the Andrew W. Mellon

Foundation. Throughout the 2017-2018 academic year, the Humanities Center will assist faculty members with identifying shared research and teaching interests in the humanities and beyond at UF.

The *Intersections: Animating Conversations with the Humanities* program will fund four *Intersection Groups*, which are interdisciplinary groups of faculty and graduate students with members from the humanities and allied fields who work together to address grand challenge questions in their research and teaching. (More information on this funding opportunity is forthcoming.)

All UF faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to participate in the *Intersections* Collaborating with Strangers and Idea Café Table events to meet potential collaborators and discover hidden resources for their work. Please see information on how to RSVP below.

Collaborating with Strangers: CoLAB Workshops

Thursday, 7 December, 2017 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm or

Friday, 5 January, 2018 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Smathers Library 100

Hey Stranger... looking for a way to combine forces with other folks in the humanities and beyond? Collaborating with Strangers workshops connect students, faculty, and researchers on campus during 3-minute speed-meetings. You'll walk away with more resources, solutions, and creative ideas than you ever imagined! Focused conversations will yield the following:

- 1) potential collaborative relationships;
- 2) generation of research "grand challenge" questions spanning disciplines; and,
- 3) problem solving of issues by discovering hidden resources.

CoLAB Workshops will be followed by lunch.

CoLAB Idea Table Cafés

Thursday, 11 January, 2018 - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm or

Friday, 19 January, 2018 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Smathers Library 100

Join other CoLABers for Idea Table Cafés where we will extend the benefits of CoLAB Workshops by expanding the connections and ideas that were generated during a CoLAB Workshop. This facilitated, casual environment will stimulate new possibilities of working with each other to combine research, teaching, and other collaborative opportunities, including a proposal to the Intersections Research into Teaching Grant.

CoLAB Idea Table Café sessions will be followed by a lunch or reception.

Registration: To register, email humanities-center@ufl.edu. Include your name, department, date(s) you plan to attend, and your email address. Although we hope that interested scholars will attend a CoLAB and then an Idea Table Café, you are welcome to attend any and all events.

- These events are open to all UF faculty, staff, and students.
- These events are sponsored by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, Intersections: Animating Conversations with the Humanities, and the George A. Smathers Libraries.
- Learn about Intersections: Animating Conversations with the

Humanities: http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/Mellon_Animating_Conversations_PR2017.html

For more information, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu

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

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'Be a Mentor not a Tormentor' Workshop

Thursday 14th December

12-2pm, 1031 Steinmetz Hall

Workshop leader: Dr Roger Fillingim, Distinguished Professor, UF College of Dentistry

Effective mentoring is critical to enable the next generation of scientists to continue advancing scientific discovery. However, most researchers receive no training in mentoring best practices. This interactive workshop will review characteristics of successful mentors and mentoring relationships and will discuss practices that enhance the quality of mentoring. Discussions of case scenarios will then be used to promote application of the principles outlined.

[Click here to register to attend!](#)

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair

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Postdoc Mentoring Awards 2017-2018

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.

Please apply using the [application for the 2017-2018 award](#).

Information about past award recipients is on the [Postdoc Mentoring Awards website](#).

If you wish to nominate an outstanding faculty member for the award, please email [Cheryl Gater](#) with the nominee's contact information.

The application deadline is *November 30, 2017*.

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Postdoc Editors Association

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the creation of the University of Florida's Postdoctoral Editors Association (UF-PEA), a service to help postdocs who seek to improve English grammar and writing style. The UF-PEA is comprised of postdoc volunteers from multiple colleges across the University who will offer preliminary review of manuscripts, grant applications, posters, slides and

other scholarly presentations. While this service will be most useful to postdocs who speak English as a second language, the service is free and open to all postdocs at UF. Our editors will provide feedback on structure and style of writing, but refrain from commenting on scholarship which is best honed by interactions between the postdoc and their mentor. UF-PEA will facilitate higher level postdoc-mentor interactions by reducing time spent on basic writing needs.

[Find out more or submit a document for review at our website!](#)

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Editors Association Editor-in-Chief

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Multiple Postdoctoral Positions in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

Position Description:

Post-doctoral fellow positions in computational biology focusing on gene expression. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory invites applications for post-doctoral positions in the laboratory of Dr. Jesse Gillis and colleagues. The successful candidates will join a team at CSHL working to understand the molecular and functional basis of cellular properties, focusing on mammalian brains. This is a largescale project involving a number of complementary positions, ranging from bioinformatics, to neuroscience, to molecular genetics. While the focus of the position is computational, all projects involve substantial collaboration with wet-lab researchers generating unique data. This interdisciplinary work offers opportunities to address important questions in computational biology and neuroscience with first access to large novel data sets from single-cell RNA-seq. The expected duration of the position is approximately 3-5 years with renewal at the end of each year.

A major conceptual focus of the project will be developing new ways of assessing large-scale data for replicable signals. This position offers substantial scope for training for candidates interested in making a leap from computer science, neuroscience or genetics to data-focused research, particularly if it has arisen informally in their previous work.

In addition to a collaborative focus within the project itself, successful applicants will enjoy a wide range of educational opportunities at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is a world-renowned research and educational institution with programs in cancer, neuroscience, plant biology, genomics and bioinformatics. The Laboratory is recognized internationally for its excellence in research and educational activities.

Position Requirements:

This research sits at the intersection of three research areas: Computational analysis, genetics, and neuroscience. A strong candidate would have expertise in two out of the three areas and an interest in learning about the third. While a broad range of backgrounds are suitable for this position, a PhD in bioinformatics or computational biology is desirable.

A particular focus of our methodological research is replicability and meta-analysis and an interest in these areas is helpful. Experience with either Matlab or R is a plus.

Exceptional applicants without a formal computational background will also be considered, particularly if they are familiar with standard bioinformatics tools.

Please include a letter of interest outlining your research accomplishments and include the contact information of three references. Applications can be sent directly to JGillis@cshl.edu.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Additionally, on the [Resources](#) page of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website, the Funding Opportunities page lists different funding opportunities 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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