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New Director for the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Named

Dr. Lily Lewis has been named Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Academic Affairs Communications effective May 1, 2018. Dr. Lewis is currently a postdoctoral associate in the Department of Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

As director, Dr. Lewis provides support services, programming and a variety of administrative duties, including support of the university postdoctoral community. She will maintain the daily operation of the Office of the Postdoctoral Affairs and serve as the primary communicator for the Office of the Provost through various print and electronic communications, including serving as editor of various Academic Affairs websites. Additionally, she will provide institutional support for the assessment and reporting requirements of the university’s SACSCOC accreditation, including maintaining all records of SACSCOC related compliance activities and preparing the necessary reports and interim reports for SACSCOC reaffirmation.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lewis to her new position as Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Academic Affairs Communications.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

CITT Course Mapping Camp (April 26-27)

The Center for Instructional Technology & Training (CITT) will be offering its Course Mapping Camp again on April 26-27. Visit our Course Mapping Camp information page for more details and to register for this two-day workshop. The CITT’s course mapping camp is designed to help instructors build a pedagogically
sound blueprint for online, flipped, or hybrid courses.

Led by experienced instructional designers, the Course Mapping Camp starts with your students’ outcomes, looking to the syllabus or course description for course goals before brainstorming or refining specific and measurable student learning objectives. Next, you’ll group topics into broad themes to guide student learning and then select assessments, learning materials, and activities that support your outcomes. Throughout the process, camp instructors will provide guidance and feedback to ensure alignment between goals, objectives, and assessments and discuss approaches to scaffold student learning.

Submitted by Mark McCallister, UF Information Technology

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

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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