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Postdoctoral Update

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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Honors Program Teaching Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to teach a course around a single book? The UF Honors Program invites proposals for one-credit courses for the Spring 2019 semester which tackle one book in depth. Books may be from any genre — literary classics, contemporary works, nonfiction, graphic novels. Use your imagination and be daring!

Please submit one-page proposals describing your chosen book along with student assignments and expectations. These courses will meet one day per week for one period, so please keep that in mind as you decide on the output you expect from students. With input from students and faculty, the UF Honors Program will select up to forty courses for the Fall 18 semester.

The Honors Program cannot offer additional salary for faculty who wish to teach such a course, but we will offer $1000 in professional development funds (to be used for travel, etc.) to those faculty whose courses are selected.

Please submit proposals to the UF Honors Program Director, Dr. Mark Law, by e-mail at mlaw@honors.ufl.edu by Friday, September 7, 2018.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Mark E. Law, Director of the UF Honors Program, mlaw@honors.ufl.edu

Submitted by Mark Law, UF Honors Program

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UC Davis Postdoc Survey: Tell Us About Your Postdoc Application/Interview

Researchers at University of California Davis are conducting a survey to investigate the **types of interviews experienced by scientists applying to postdoctoral positions in the life sciences**, and whether there is a correlation between interview structures and demographic factors of applicants. They are asking that you take approximately 20 minutes to complete an online survey for their project. You are eligible to take this survey if you are at least 18 years of age and you are currently employed in a postdoctoral position in the life sciences at an institution within the United States. Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous.

If you are interested, please follow this link to the survey: Survey link

If you have any questions about this study or the survey, please contact us at npburnett@ucdavis.edu.

Submitted by Nicholas Burnett, UC Davis Department of Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

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Message from Chief Stump, Assistant Vice-President of Public and Environmental Safety, to Postdocs

Dear Postdocs,

On behalf of the University of Florida's Division of Public Safety, I wanted to take a moment to welcome you back to the start of a new semester. I also wanted to remind everyone that safety is a *Shared Responsibility* and to remind you of the many ways UF units are working together to keep our campus safe.

What we do

- The UF Alert System is how the university sends emergency notifications to students and employees. The system relies on the information listed in the UF Identity Management System. For instructions on how to check or update your contact information, faculty and staff may visit the UF Human Resources website.

- Anyone with the GatorSafe mobile app, which can be downloaded to smartphones via Google Play and the Apple App stores, can report tips to the UF Police Department (UFPD), make emergency calls and more.

- You can also follow UF Public Safety's social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

- UFPD's Active Shooter Training, a one-hour presentation, can be requested by contacting the UFPD

Community Services Division at (352) 392-1409. For related resources, please visit the UFPD website.

- A Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (SAFE) training taught by a nationally certified instructor is available for free throughout the year. To learn more and to register, click here.

- Florida law generally bans firearms on campus (with limited vehicle exceptions). Anyone may anonymously report illegal or unethical activities via UF's Web Reporting System.

- UF's Behavioral Consultation Team meets regularly to assess and develop intervention plans for students, faculty or staff in distress and to assist in interventions as needed.

- The UF Emergency Management website provides a wide range of information and resources designed to prepare you to take action in case of an emergency. In addition, you can locate your department's Building Emergency Coordinator, your building's point-of-contact in case of an emergency.

- Our residence halls maintain multiple layers of security, and Emergency Blue Light Phones are located at more than 300 strategic points throughout campus as an added security measure. To learn more and access a campus map of locations, click here.

- UF Facilities Services is updating 500 campus light-fixtures with LED technology and light poles compatible with new surveillance technology to increase campus safety.

How we help

In addition to these safety measures, UF provides a number of resources designed to support faculty, staff and students who might be experiencing distress:

- UMatter, We Care is the university's umbrella program to support UF's caring culture. Families, faculty, staff and students may email umatter@ufl.edu seven days a week for assistance.

- The UF Counseling and Wellness Center provides ongoing counseling support and crisis and emergency services to UF students, as well as assistance recognizing signs of distress in students.

- Similarly, the Employee Assistance Program provides a range of free services to support UF faculty and staff in need of support.

- The Office of Victim Services provides 24/7 support to UF students, faculty, staff and visitors who may have been a victim of a crime.

To learn more about how UF works to ensure our campus remains safe, please see the UF Together for a Safe Campus report. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to ensure our shared experience is a safe, positive and rewarding one.

Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick

Assistant Vice-President of Public and Environmental Safety

Submitted by Angie Brown, Human Resources

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New Florida Museum Display Features Levy County Fossils

The Florida Museum of Natural History's "Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life and Land" exhibit now features a Montbrook showcase with more than 30 specimens from the dig site in Levy County. The gallery explores the meticulous effort of paleontological fieldwork with fossils at various stages of the collection process, from the field and lab to a museum exhibit. It also highlights the important contributions of researchers and volunteers, featuring photos of their discoveries and information on the broader significance of these specimens. For more information, visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/florida-fossils or call 352-846-2000.

Submitted by Nikhil Srinivasan, Florida Museum of Natural History

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An African American and Latinx History of the United States

Authors@UF: Paul Ortiz
UF Associate Professor of History and Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
4:00 p.m., Smathers Library Rm 100

Spanning more than two hundred years, *An African American and Latinx History of the United States* is a revolutionary, politically charged narrative history, arguing that the "Global South" was crucial to the development of America as we know it. Scholar and activist Paul Ortiz challenges the notion of westward progress as exalted by widely taught formulations like "manifest destiny" and "Jacksonian democracy," and shows how placing African American, Latinx, and Indigenous voices unapologetically front and center transforms US history into one of the working class organizing against imperialism. Free and open to the public. For more information see http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/authorsuf/PaulOrtiz2.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

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HiPerGator Offering SPARK Hands-On Workshop, Tuesday, September 18th

UF Informatics Institute *and* Research Computing *Presents*

Spark, Efficient Framework for Big Data, Workshop

Following the success of our previous workshops, the staff at Research Computer are excited to

announce their Second SPARK Hands-on Workshop. The schedule includes a brief overview of Apache Spark, followed by interactive, hands-on Spark exercises on HiPerGator – the high performance computing cluster at UF. The goal is to gain a basic hands-on introduction to Spark and learn how to run Spark jobs on HiPerGator.

Workshop Details: Workshop is free to UF faculty, staff and students. Due to the hands-on aspect of the workshop, participation is limited and registration is required. Please RSVP below.

For prerequisites and other information, visit https://informatics.institute.ufl.edu/event/hipergator-offering-spark-hands-on-workshop/

September 18, 2018

1:30 – 4:00 PM

UF Informatics Institute

Room E251 CSE Bldg.

433 Newell Road

Gainesville, FL 32611

RSVP

Submitted by Flora Marynak, Informatics Institute

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Reminders

Postdoc Editors Association – Accepting New Volunteer Editors

Now accepting new volunteer editors for the 2018-2019 Academic Year!

The University of Florida's Postdoctoral Editors Association (UF-PEA) is an editing service that helps 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 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 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 facilitates

higher level postdoc-mentor interactions by reducing time spent on basic writing needs.

Find out more, volunteer to edit, or submit a document for review at our website!

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

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Submit Postdoc Awards & Honors Announcements

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs wants to promote your achievements. Please send notification of postdoc awards and achievements to Lily Lewis or submit a Postdoctoral Achievements Submission Form. Postdoc Award announcements will be included in the weekly UF Postdoctoral Update Newsletter and Awards and other Achievements (such as publications) will be featured on the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website.

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Submit your UF Postdoc Profile

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is in the process of updating our website and we want to highlight our current postdocs. We invite you to submit content for your profile and let us help you enhance your online professional presence. The online submission form can be found here and current profiles can be viewed here. Note that a professional style profile picture is required. If you do not have a photo, contact Lily Lewis to schedule your photo shoot prior to submitting your profile. Please feel free to contact Lily Lewis if you have any comments or questions about the submission form or would like assistance crafting your content.

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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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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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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 Lily Lewis to receive an invitation.

More information.

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