

**Florida State University**

**OFFICE** **OF** **POSTDOCTORAL** **AFFAIRS** **WEEKLY** **DIGEST**

**January 16, 2017**

**Spring Symposium – Hold the Date – 12 may 2017**

We are excited to host Dr. Lori Conlan, Director of Postdoctoral Services at the National Institutes of Health, as our keynote speaker for this event! Please hold the date on your calendars. If you would like to help with the organization of the afternoon event (great leadership skill building experience), please contact the President (Nikhil Gupta) or Vice-president (Erminia Fardone) of the PDA. Symposium co-chairs are currently being sought.

**Upcoming Events**

**Postdoctoral Association Meeting (PDA)**

**January 18, 2017, 11:00 am Room KIN 3008**

If you are interested in learning more about the postdoctoral association, come out to the meeting and meet other postdoctoral members and get your questions answered. This is an association ran by postdocs for postdocs. For more information please contact the President Nikhil Gupta, or Vice-president Erminia Fardone.

 "**Welcome**" Mini-Orientation Sessions for New Postdoctoral Scholars on Campus

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, Room 3009, January 30, 2017 at noon**

If you are a new postdoctoral scholar to the FSU campus, this “Welcome” is a nice brown bag lunch activity that will fit into your busy research schedule.   The design will be limited to strictly an one hour session, where you will receive the essentials of getting your research started at FSU and have access to Human Resources and Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Staff.  At this time, you will also be introduced to the Postdoctoral Association (PDA) - your peer network of postdocs on campus.  Attending a “welcome” in your few months of employment at FSU will serve to fulfill your mandatory orientation.  Visuals from past Welcomes can be found in the [**presentation archive section**](http://opda.fsu.edu/Upcoming-Events-Workshops/Workshop-Slides-and-Video-Archive) of the OPDA website.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY FRIDAY, JAN 27th**, by following the link: [Take the survey](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe6/form/SV_eLrBqb88pgccIOp?Q_DL=8dgHjCjlR8J3uiV_eLrBqb88pgccIOp_MLRP_abmBoPeo1AOgEPH&Q_CHL=email&Q_JFE=qdl)

12:00 pm Welcome, Debra Ann Fadool, Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPDA)

12:05-12:15 Kristen Hagan, Associate Director for the Center for Global Engagement (VISA, International Scholars)
12:15-12:25    Lisa Liseno, Assistant Dean, Director of Instructional Excellence (Teaching Postdoctoral Scholars)
12:25-12:40    Debra Fadool, Opportunities, Resources, Annual Events, and Policies (Mini- Orientation)
12:40-12:50    Kathy Worthman, Human Resources (Health Insurance, Retirement, and Campus Benefits)
12:50-1 pm    Erminia Fardone, Vice President of the Postdoctoral Association (PDA Activities)

**Biological Science/Neuroscience Postdoctoral Mentoring Workshop and Lunch**

February 13, 2017, 12:00 p.m. In KIN 2057

Postdoctoral scholars and senior graduate students from all fields are invited to attend. Sandwiches will be served over the lunch hour during the workshops.

For questions, please contact Drs. Erminia Fardone  or Kay Jones.

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| **DATE** | **PRESENTER** | **TITLE** |
| February 13, 2017 | Drs. Emily Moriarty and Alan Lemmon | Balancing work and family |
| March 6, 2017 |  | Oral Competition Day |

Save the date for the Oral Competition Day. Postdoctoral Scholars orally deliver their research in a 12 minute presentation format to a panel of judges. Great way to receive feedback on your oral communication skills that are essential for interviewing!

**Professional Development Workshops**

**What do I need to do to apply for, and receive, Human Subjects approval (also known as IRB approval)? [PFF, PFP/PIE]**

**January 20, 2017, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows house, room 3009**

**Presenter: Julie Haltiwanger, FSU Human Subjects Committee**

Will you be using humans for your research study? Do you plan to publish the results of your research? Will you submit a conference presentation proposal? If so, this is the workshop for you-you must receive IRB approval prior to conducting human subjects’ research!

To register: [**https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_cMyQ8IyBaH16FSZ**](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cMyQ8IyBaH16FSZ)

**Insider English: Reduced Speech**

**January 23, 2017, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

**311 Hecht House**

**Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Grill, International TA Program**

As a non-native speaker of English, you may notice that your English sounds different from native speakers, but you’re not sure why. In this workshop, we’ll explore two aspects of pronunciation: reduced speech and linking. We’ll learn what these are and how they function, and we’ll practice these aspects through several short listening and speaking activities.

To register: [**https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_86MZGbvRA5v35Mp**](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_86MZGbvRA5v35Mp)

**Do you know how to protect your designs, inventions, writing, and even your unique packaging?**

**January 27, 2017, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, room 3009**

**Presenters: Abby Queale, Office of Commercialization; Devin Soper, University Libraries**

Attend this workshop to learn how patents, trademarks, and copyrights are essential when you hope to sell your work. There is also another form of protection—“trade dresses”—as decided in a 1992 Supreme Court decision that found the a chain of Mexican restaurants’ interior design was unique and protected. Refreshments will be served by the Congress of Graduate Students.

To register: [**https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_cILgjglTo9ZQJtH**](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cILgjglTo9ZQJtH)

**Funding Announcements**

**L’Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Program:**

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Recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations.  More than 2,250 women scientists in over 110 countries have been recognized since the program began in 1998.

In the US, the L’Oréal USA for Women in Science fellowship program awards five post‐doctoral women scientists annually with grants of $60,000 each. Applicants are selected from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science). Engineering, and mathematics.

**The 2017 L'Oréal USA for Women in Science application period is will open on November 28, 2016 and will close on February 3, 2017. You can learn more about the application process**[**HERE**](https://lorealfwis.aaas.org/login/indexA.cfm)**.**

**Tufts Training in Education and Critical Research Skills Program (TEACRS)**

TEACRS is designed to prepare talented young scientists for the multiple demands of an academic career in biomedical research. Trainees spend on average 75% of their time conducting bench research and 25% of their time in career development activities. Teaching skills are developed through programs involving mentored classroom assignments at minority-serving institutions in the Boston area. The training is supplemented by workshops on teaching methods, career opportunities in academia, and essential skills such as grant writing, mentoring, and scientific presentations.

The training components are sequenced to allow trainees to balance the activities and to build on previous experiences. TEACRS fellows receive up to four years of salary support at the NIH postdoctoral stipend levels, and a yearly travel and supply allowance.

**The application deadline for positions beginning in the fall of 2017 is March 1, 2017.** Later applications will be considered if positions are available.  Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with no more than two years of postdoctoral training at the time of their appointment to the program. Commitment to the goals of the program, strong academic and research credentials and a demonstrated interest in teaching and mentoring will be important criteria used in the selection process.

**For additional information on the TEACRS program and application procedures, please visit our** [**website**](http://sackler.tufts.edu/Academics/TEACRS-Welcome), or contact Claire Moore, the Program Director, or Jordan Wilkinson, the Program Administrator with questions. We have also attached a printable flier describing the program.

**Department of Health and Human Services –** HHS; Released November, 2016

National Institutes of Health

NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Pre-doctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award (F99/K00)

Synopsis 1

Description: The purpose of the NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Pre-doctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award is to support a defined pathway across career stages for outstanding graduate students who are from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in neuroscience research. This two-phase award will facilitate completion of the doctoral dissertation and transition of talented graduate students to strong neuroscience research postdoctoral positions, and will provide career development opportunities relevant to their long-term career goal of becoming independent neuroscience researchers.

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=289824>

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute: Launches New Program for Early-Career Scientists**

**Summary:** New program aims to recruit and retain early-career scientists who are from gender, racial, ethnic, and other groups underrepresented in the life sciences, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Through an open competition, HHMI plans to select scientists early in their training to become Hanna H. Gray Fellows. Each fellow will receive funding for up to eight years, with mentoring and active involvement within the HHMI community. In this two-phase program, fellows will be supported from early postdoctoral training through several years of a tenure-track faculty position. In the first competition cycle, HHMI will select up to 15 fellows and invest a total of up to $25 million for their support over eight years.

**Eligibility:**

* The program is open to individuals who are from gender, racial, ethnic, and other groups underrepresented in the life sciences at the career stages targeted by this program, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
* The program is open to applicants of any citizenship or nationality who have been accepted to join a laboratory as a postdoctoral researcher at a research institution located in the U.S. at the time of the application due date.
* Applicants must have a PhD and/or MD or equivalent awarded by the anticipated start of the grant term.
* Applicants can have no more than 12 months of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the application due date.

Applicants may obtain more information at [www.hhmi.org/HannaGrayFellows2017](http://www.hhmi.org/HannaGrayFellows2017)**.**The deadline for applications is February 15, 2017, at 3:00 PM (EST). Applications will be assessed by HHMI and distinguished scientists for scientific achievement in prior research experiences, attributes that demonstrate potential for a career as an independent scientist, and quality of training environment to be provided by the selected mentor. The final evaluation will include a scientific presentation to a panel of reviewers. The selection of fellows will be made by the end of September 2017 and grants can start as early as November 15, 2017, but no later than January 15, 2018.

**Fellowships**

**Collaborative Research Travel Grants**

<http://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/biomedical-sciences/collaborative-research-travel-grants>

Deadline: February 1, 2017

**NOAA Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship**

<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/FundingFellowships/KnaussFellowship/ProspectiveFellows.aspx>

Deadline: February 10, 2017

**American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship**

<http://professional.heart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/ApplicationInformation/UCM_443314_Postdoctoral-Fellowship.jsp>

Deadline: February 10, 2017

**Damon Runyon (Cancer Research) Fellowship Award**

<https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/fellowship/forms>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

**Summer Scholarships in Epidemiology**

<https://www.cff.org/Our-Research/For-Researchers/Training-Awards/Summer-Scholarships-in-Epidemiology/>

Deadline: April 1, 2017

**Research Training Groups in the Mathematical Sciences (RTG)**

<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5732&org=DMS>

Deadline: June 6, 2017

**Postdoctoral Program in Environmental Chemistry**

<http://dreyfus.org/awards/postdoctoral_program.shtml>

Deadline: August 1, 2017

Use the following databases to identify additional opportunities (click on the links) – [Pivot](http://pivot.cos.com/), [Foundation Center](https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/?li_message=)

**Jobs**

*Below is a sampling of open positions around the world.*

**Assistant Professor - Mathematics**

<http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/Jobs/NAdvert/24327/4176683/1/postdate/desc>

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

**Computer Science & Computational Science & Engineering**

<https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/7334>

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

**Assistant Professor – Virology, Microbiology**

<http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/Jobs/NAdvert/24333/4176683/1/postdate/desc>

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

**Full Time Tenure-Track Position – Mining Engineering**

<https://psu.jobs/job/67236>

Penn State University, University Park, PA

**Assistant Professor – Computer Science**

<https://facultyjobs.ua.edu/postings/39614>

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Mechanical Engineer - Neuromodulation**

<https://careers.google.com/jobs#!t=jo&jid=/verily-life-sciences/mechanical-engineer-neuromodulation-south-san-francisco-ca-usa-1247060102&>

Google, San Francisco, CA

**Assistant Professor – Basic Medical Sciences**

<https://uacareers.com/postings/14671>

University of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

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<http://www.academickeys.com/all/subscribe.php>
<http://jobs.phds.org/alert.new>
<http://jobs.fiercebiotech.com>

**Career Development Webinars and Blogs**

**Claiming Your Right to say No**

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1657-claiming-your-right-to-say-no>

Read advice on writing recommendation letters.

**How to Shorten a CV**

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1662-how-to-shorten-a-cv>

Read about what to include on your CV if the job application only allows for 2-3 pages.

**How to Be Proactive in Your Mentoring Relationships – National Postdoctoral Association** <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/?page=Proactive>

**Versatile PhD**
This site helps graduate students and new PhD’s identify, prepare for, and excel in possible non-academic careers.
[Click here](http://gradschool.fsu.edu/professional-development/versatile-phd) to learn more. [Click here](https://campus.fsu.edu/webapps/login/bb_bb60/logincas.jsp?service=https://netprod.oti.fsu.edu/VersatilePhD/Default.aspx) to join

**Free NPA Membership**
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		- Reduced registration fees to the NPA Annual Meeting
		- Eligibility for the NPA Travel Award Program
		- Professional & Leadership Development
		- Networking opportunities with colleagues nationwide

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