The Postdoctoral Association (PDA)
Meet your PDA representatives!!
We are here to help you and make FSU Postdoctoral training better.

Psychology
Marie

Education
Lili

Geography
Trina

Chemistry
Ashini

Biological Sciences
Amber

Mathematics
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Remi

Gema
President

Katy
Vice-president
JOIN the Association!

https://opda.fsu.edu/fsu-pda

- Leadership skills
- Collaborations across campus
- Socialize with other PD
- Organize events
- Multitasking and organizational skills
READ THE WEEKLY DIGEST AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

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Former representatives and what they are doing now!

**Dr. Nikhil Gupta – Former PDA President**
AI and Robotics Engineer  
Halodi Robotics

**Dr. Tiglet Besara**
Visiting Assistant Professor  
Missouri State University

**Dr. Thierry Dubroca – Former PDA President**
Visiting Research Faculty  
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory

**Dr. Audrey Grockowiak – Former PDA President**
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Big Data Analyst

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**Dr. Jacqueline Sztepanacz**
Assistant Professor  
University of Toronto

**Dr. Trelani Chapman**
Assistant Professor  
Rehabilitation Medicine  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
University of Alberta
The mission of the PDA

We are an association of postdocs like you and we want to...

• **Represent postdocs across all units** (colleges/departments)

• **Advocate for policies to improve postdoctoral experience** (training, orientation, PI engagement...)

• **Advocate for policies that improve postdoc conditions** (benefits, minimum salary, maternity leave...)

• **Facilitate community building and networking by organizing postdoc events** (training, socials, networking...)
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Do you have ideas for activities, recruitment, career development, initiatives or just want to help us in our initiatives?

Join us, together we can make it happen!
Fighting for Paid Parental Leave

• At the moment, postdocs at FSU can take 12 weeks unpaid leave when they give birth.

• We want to change that!

• 72% of Top 25 Public schools have some paid parental leave

• Median paid leave (for mothers and fathers) is 4 weeks
Sign up to be a postdoc buddy!

• We are setting up a buddy system!

• Buddies (FSU-Postdocs) will be paired with incoming postdocs

• They will give advice on accommodation, things to do etc.

Register to be a FSU buddy

https://tinyurl.com/FSUPDAbuddy
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August 21st (1-4:30pm)

Program:

• Welcome (1-1:15 pm)

• Personal Branding and Communication (1:15pm-2:30pm)

• Practice your elevator pitch (2:30 pm-2:45pm)

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REGISTER for all or some of the sessions
PDA Networking opportunities and Socials

Sumudu and Tiglet met at the Spring Event 2017, it turned into a collaboration and a paper!

Postdoc Social
3rd-4th Thursday of the month!
After Spring and Fall Events
• Every Friday we highlight one of our postdocs on Twitter!

• Sign up @ https://tinyurl.com/fridayfeaturepostdoc

Send us your news! Publications, accomplishments…
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What does it mean to be a member...

• Attend the monthly meeting (usually 1h-1:30h) currently by zoom

• Give your opinion and ideas on the topics discussed

• Propose initiatives or changes in policies

• Help in committees
e.g., Do research and prepare documents about policies and initiatives to present in advisory board meetings (3 per year)

• Help organizing events
e.g., Think of a topic, contact speakers, prepare a program...
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