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

**March 13, 2017**

**Upcoming Events**

**Biological Science/Neuroscience Postdoctoral Oral Competition day**

The Biological Science/Neuroscience Postdoctoral Oral Competition Day held on Monday March 6, 2017 in the King Life Science Building was a huge success! Congratulations to Dale Bosco who was the winner of the $500 shopping spree sponsored by VWR lab supply. [Click Here](http://opda.fsu.acsitefactory.com/sites/g/files/upcbnu671/files/media/Files/Postdoc_Comp_Flyer_2_28_2017.jpg) for a copy of the flyer and all the presentations and participants.



Group photo Postoctoral Oral Competition

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

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, Room 3009, April 24, 2017 12:00 PM**

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 a 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. Registration for April will open in late March; continue to check website <http://opda.fsu.edu/upcoming-events-workshops/upcoming-events> for link.

**POSTDOCTORAL SPRING EVENT – Hold the Date – 19 may 2017**

**Matriculating to your Career after your Postdoctoral Training**

Please save the date for this special afternoon workshop for postdoctoral scholars, senior graduate students, and mentors. Our keynote address will be given by Dr. Lori Conlan, Director of Postdoctoral Affairs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Conlan will help map the course to different pathways to be pursued in academia, industry, and federal government and the transferable skills that have been built during your postdoctoral training to transition you to these career tracks. She will present strategies for the application packet, interviewing, and securing the best position for your ambitions. We are thrilled she will share her experiences from her insight working with the NIH and her knowledge of postdoctoral hiring trends across the country. A potluck dinner for scholars, their lab mates, mentors, and family members will follow the afternoon event, so we hope you will come out to network and engage with the FSU postdoctoral community. Postdoctoral scholars interested in helping to organize this event please contact PDA President, [Nikhil Gupta](mailto:ng10@fsu.edu) or Vice-president, [Erminia Fardone](mailto:efardone@neuro.fsu.edu).

**Tentative Schedule – Thursday May 18th, Time TBA**

Social get together at Aloft Hotel, sponsored by VWR – all PDA members welcome to host Dr. Conlan!

**Tentative Schedule – Friday May 19th**

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| **1:00 – 1:10 PM** | **Welcoming remarks** | Dr. Janet Kistner | VP Faculty Development |
| **1:10 – 2:10 PM** | **Keynote address & Question Exchange** | Dr. Lori Conlan | NIH Director of Postdoctoral Affairs |
| **2:10 – 2:50 PM** | **Workshop – Building your Interview Opportunities** | Dr. Lori Conlan |  |
| **2:50 – 3:10 PM** | **Coffee Break & Group Photograph** | Mr. Charles Badland, MFA | FSU Graphic Artist |
| **3:10 – 3:25 PM** | **Introductions of Panel Speakers** –  Don Compton (Florida Reading Institute), Kenneth Hanson (FSU Chemistry), Christine Beekman (FSU Physics/NHFML),  Matthew Curan (Food Safety at Florida DACS), Fadi Adleek (Florida DACS & Adjunct TCC), Brian Washburn (FSU Research Specialist) | Moderator: Dr. Sudumu Tennakoon | Postdoctoral Scholar, Earth, Atmospheric Ocean Sciences |
| **3:25 – 4:30 PM** | **Audience Open Mike & Live Stream** |  |  |
| **4:30 – 4:45 PM** | **Industrial Presentation Summary** | TBA |  |
| **4:45 – 5:00 PM** | **Academic Presentation Summary** | TBA |  |
| **5:30 PM** | **Potluck Dinner** – Families (both biological & collaborative are welcome) |  |  |

**Professional Development Workshops**

**Formative Assessment and Review Strategies (PIE/PFF/PFP)**

**March 23, 2017, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall**

**Presenters: PIE Associates, Kate Hill, Biology, and Ana Ndumu, Information Science**

Formative assessment strategies are effective ways of gauging ongoing student learning to provide feedback for both the student and teacher. In this session, participants will discover ways of monitoring student learning and improving content mastery through timely feedback and purposeful review activities. The presenters will provide tips for large and small classes in a variety of content areas.

Free PIE & Coffee Included!

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5tAXhpTLeE6QZZb>

**Negotiating Job Offers**

**March 24, 2017, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

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

**Presenter: Ms. Amanda Sargent, Assistant Director, FSU Career Center**

Did you know that you can prepare to negotiate job offers? This workshop will include discussion of the uniqueness of each negotiation, factors that may be negotiated, what is involved in making the best decision, how to negotiate from a point of power, and the final steps.

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d6lw0AnGAjcwQpT>

**Faculty in a Research Institution: Expectations, Opportunities & Challenges**

**March 28, 2017, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall**

**Presenters: FSU administrators and faculty**

This workshop will help graduate students and postdoctoral scholars prepare for faculty responsibilities in a research work environment. Senior administrators will provide their perspectives on faculty life and/or current responsibilities at FSU. This workshop can be used for the “Career Development” requirement for the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF). Refreshments will be provided by the Congress of Graduate Students.

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6lOZ1IxTwzvQpHT>

**Engaging Students with Social Media, Apps & More! (PIE/PFF/PFP)**

**April 3, 2017, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall**

**Presenter: Kendra Scholz, School of Communication**

Learn about and practice using social media, apps, and more to help you engage your students both in and out of the classroom. You need not be a tech expert – all levels of experience are welcome! Come join us, and bring your laptop if you can (we will have some laptops available for you to use)!

Free PIE & Coffee Included!

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6rqRsKdNQSP7AGh>

**Ace my networking and interviewing skills during a meal? How can I possibly talk and eat?**

**April 4, 2017, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

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

**Presenters: Ms. Amanda Sargent, Assistant Director, FSU Career Center; Dr. Judith Devine, Senior Associate Dean, FSU Graduate School**

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AGu4tLUGyWNFLn>

**PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop: Creating Student-Centered Learning Environments (PIE/PFF/PFP)**

**April 19, 2017, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall**

**Presenters: PIE Associates, Vincent Lakey, Physics, and David Jeffcoat, Chemistry**

Student-centered learning environments shift the focus of classroom activity from teacher to students. Instead of treating students as passive receptacles, this workshop will teach you how to stimulate, engage and help them become active participants in their own education.

Free PIE & Coffee Included!

To register:  <https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9HwmiDnCned4izj>

[](http://orau.org/icpostdoc/)**Fellowships**

**UMBC Postdoc / Pre-Professoriate Fellowship**

UMBC Biology, Natural Sciences Pre-Professoriate Fellowship, 2017-2019

<https://apply.interfolio.com/39954>

The Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) invites applications for the Natural Sciences Pre-Professoriate Fellowship. Candidates with research and teaching interests in all areas of Biological Sciences will be considered. The purpose of the Program is to support promising scholars who are committed to diversity in academia and prepare those scholars for a possible tenure track appointment at UMBC upon completion of the two-year appointment period. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals who are members of groups that historically have been underrepresented in the professoriate.

The fellow will be appointed as Research Assistant Professor for a two-year term beginning August 17, 2017. The fellow will receive a starting stipend of $50,000, health benefits, $5,000 for conference travel and preparation of scholarly work, up to $5,000 in instrument services, up to $10,000 for supplies/consumables, lab space, office space with computer, library access, and other privileges at the university. During the two-year term of appointment, most of the fellow’s time will be devoted to pursuing research. In addition, the fellow will teach one course (one semester only) per year. Highly experienced research and teaching mentors will meet with the fellow regularly to provide guidance on developing a pedagogically sound teaching philosophy and plan, and improving the skills needed to pursue an academic research career, including proposal and manuscript writing, and technical presentation skills. The fellow will also benefit from professional development opportunities across the campus.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of scholarly promise and the potential to add to the diversity of the UMBC community. Applicants must have completed their doctoral degree when the term of appointment commences (August 17, 2017).

Application instructions: to apply, please visit <https://apply.interfolio.com/39954>

Deadline: Full consideration will be given to those applicants who submit all materials to <https://apply.interfolio.com/39954> by March 15, 2017. A complete submission will consist of:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Three Letters of Reference
4. Statement of Proposed Research Plan (2-3 pages)
5. Personal Statement that details your demonstrated commitment to diversity efforts and the mission of UMBC, and why you should be selected for this position (1-3 pages)
6. Teaching Statement (1-2 pages)

Questions regarding the program may be addressed to: Dr. Phyllis Robinson, [probinso@umbc.edu](mailto:probinso@umbc.edu), however all application materials MUST be submitted through Interfolio. The University of Maryland Baltimore County is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action. UMBC is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Award to increase the participation of women in academic careers.

<https://apply.interfolio.com/39954>

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

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

Deadline: March 15, 2017

**Summer Scholarships in Epidemiology (Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)**

<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

**Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MSPRF)**

<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5301&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund>

Deadline: October 18, 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, Tenure Track – School of Electrical & Computer Engineering**

<https://jobs.nmsu.edu/postings/27640>

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

**Cell Biology Scientist**

<https://recruiting.ultipro.com/BIO1004/JobBoard/faff8fe1-9289-73a1-a356-61931cd3196a/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=4c1c8a17-d0f1-4489-bf8c-d8b0aecad479>

Biolegend, San Diego, CA

**Assistant Professor – College of Computing & Informatics**

<https://jobs.uncc.edu/postings/15026>

UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

**Research Scientist**

<http://jobs.intel.com/ShowJob/Id/1013442/Research%20Scientist>

Intel, Santa Clara, CA

**Assistant Professor – Department of Pharmacology**

<https://jobs.uic.edu/job-board/job-details?jobID=76201&job=visiting-research-assistant-professor-pharmacology>

University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

**Scientist – Molecular & Cellular Biology**

<http://puretechhealth.com/careers.php?gh_jid=499671>

PureTech Health, Boston, MA

**Subscribe to receive personalized job announcement emails:**<http://floridastate.biocareers.com>

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

**ASBMB** - American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

<http://www.asbmb.org/careers/>

**Career Development Webinars and Blogs**

**Try on Someone Else’s Life**

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1719-try-on-someone-else-s-life>

Learn how to do informational interview in your job search.

**Transferring skills beyond the lab**

<http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2017/03/transferring-skills-beyond-lab>

Read how some PhD’s have utilized skills learned in grad school, outside the lab.

**Oh, the things You Can Do!**

<https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1663-oh-the-things-you-can-do>

Read how to take grad school skills and apply them to your job search.

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

**Leveraging your PhD for Career Success (webinar)**

Wed. March 15, 2017, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (EST)

Presenter: James Gould

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3821074866723425026>

**Cover Your Alt-Ac Cover Letter Bases – (webinar)**

Wednesday March 22, 2017, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (EST)

Presenter: Dr. Melissa Dalgleish

To register: <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1138489>

**Negotiating Your Way to a Job in Academia (webinar)**

Wed. April 5, 2017, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (EST)

Presenter: James Gould

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/478591404121468418>

**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**  
FSU is a sustaining member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA). This membership provides free affiliate membership to all FSU postdoctoral scholars. Benefits of joining the NPA include:

* + - A subscription to the NPA’s official quarterly newsletter
    - 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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