

What is the Postdoctoral Association (PDA)?



Meet your PDA representatives!!

We are here to help you and
make FSU Postdoctoral
training better and better
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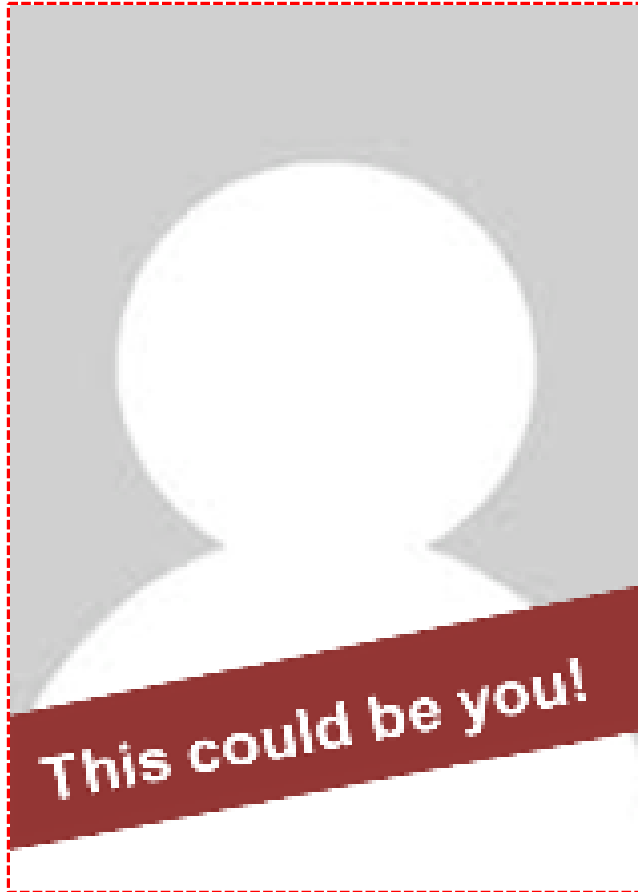
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We welcome new representatives!!



- Leadership skills
- Collaborations across campus
- Collegiality with fellow PD scholars
- Job interviewing skills

Former Representatives and what they are doing now!

NATIONAL MAGLAB



Dr. Tiglet Besara
Visiting Assistant Professor
Missouri State University



Dr. Thierry Dubroca – Former PDA President
Visiting Research Faculty
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Dr. Nicolas Thiebaud – Former PDA President
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PDA mission

- Represent postdocs across all units (colleges/departments)
- Advocate for policies to improve postdoctoral affairs (training, orientation, PI engagement...)
- Advocate for policies that improve postdoc conditions (benefits, minimum salary, maternity leave...)
- Advocates for resources and policies that enhance postdoctoral training
- Facilitate community building and networking by organizing postdoc events (training, socials, networking...)

**→ READ THE WEEKLY DIGEST AND
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!**

@FSUPostdocs



What PDA has done for you so far

- Definition of a Postdoctoral Scholar
- Teaching Postdoctoral Scholars
- Preparing Future Faculty Certificate
- Minimum Salary and Retirement benefits
- Termination Policy
- Travel Awards
- Attend the NPA
- Postdoc Meal Plan

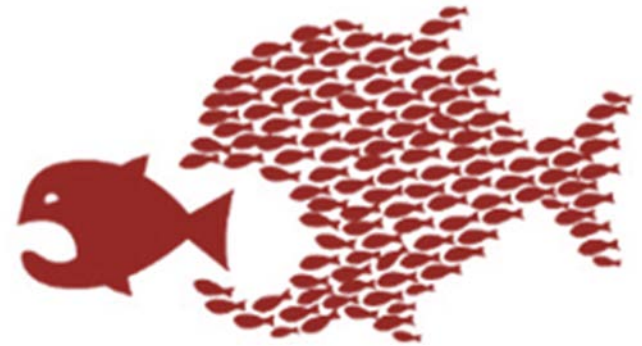


• Do you have new ideas for activities, recruitment, career development, initiatives? Join us, together we can make it!

• Working on!!!

Paid Time Off

Registering for Credits



Strength in numbers!!!



•PDA events - Spring Workshop

"The scholar who cherishes the love of comfort is not fit to be deemed a scholar."

Confucius (Chinese philosopher, c. 551-479 B.C.)

"Change means movement. Movement means friction. Only in the frictionless vacuum of a nonexistent abstract world can movement or change occur without that abrasive friction of conflict."

Saul Alinsky (U.S. political activist, 1902-1972)

"People who are aware of, and ashamed of, their prejudices are well on the road to eliminating them."

Gordon Allport (U.S. psychology professor, 1897-1967)

- Nationally recognized keynote speakers
- Postdocs have the opportunity to ask questions to University leaders
- PDA members have input on content/ organization

FSU Postdoctoral Association
Spring Event
Friday, May 11, 2018

DIVERSIFYING RESEARCH

Is there permanent job placement for me?

The Nancy Marcus Great Hall, HSF
May 11, 4pm - 6:15pm; 6:30pm Dinner
Postdocs, grad students, faculty welcome!



Register Now!

SCHEDULE

1:00 pm Welcome Dr. Peter Cheatham, PDA VP
1:15 pm Dr. Jabbar Bennett
Promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
1:40 pm Dr. Jessica Lee
Surviving and Thriving in the Workplace
2:05 pm Tabla Topics:
- Best Practices for Recruitment, Retention & Advancement
- Strategies for Job Search and Placement
- Navigating the Workplace with Multiple Identities
3:45 pm Diversity Panel and Group Discussions:
- Work/Life Balance - Veteran - 2-career Couple - Returning Trainee
- Disability - Sexual Orientation
- Under-represented Scholar
5:00 pm PDA President, Maria Sosa Valdez
5:30 pm Dinner (Guests Welcome!)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



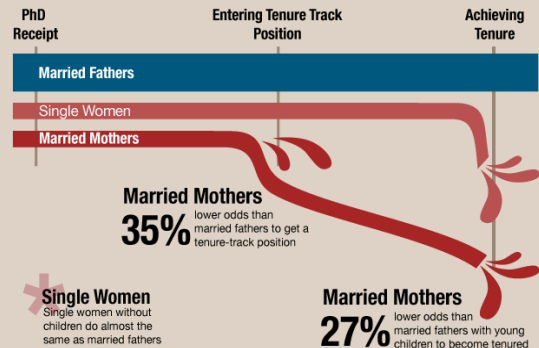
Jabbar Bennett
Associate Provost
& Chief Diversity Officer
at Northwestern University



Jessica Lee
Founder of
The Pregnant Scholar.org
& Staff Attorney
Center for World & Law

Visit the website for schedule, registration details and more info!
<https://opda.fsu.edu/events-workshops/upcoming-events>

Leaks in the Pipeline to Tenure for Women PhDs in the Sciences



•PDA events - Appreciation Luncheon

- First time event was held
- Appreciation luncheon for both Postdocs and Mentors
- FSU wide event - networking opportunity
- 5MR demonstration presentations



•OPDA events - Fall Symposium

- Held during National Postdoc Appreciation Week (Friday 21st September)
- 5MR
 - 1st - \$500
 - 2nd - \$350
 - 3rd - \$250
 - Presentation will be recorded
- Poster Competition
 - \$250 for winner of each category
- Keynote speakers
 - Preparing for future faculty and industry positions

5MR Rules

The only two regulations that you must abide by are - (1) you have to explain the impact of your research in 5 minutes and (2) you have to do so alone (no teams). You are allowed to use ANY medium you want (slides, video, sing, dance, recite literature, props - anything) but must appeal to an Educated Lay Audience, Reach Across your Discipline, and Challenge your Audience to Want to Know More!

Registration will open soon (watch OPDA website under "Upcoming Events"), please see Debi Fadool for questions,
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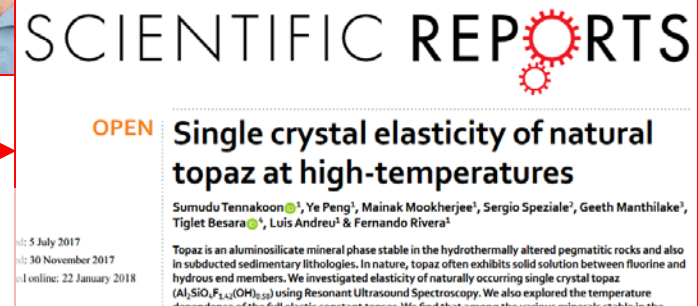
New Postdocs can present their research from their PhD thesis!

PDA events

Networking opportunities and Social!



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



Postdoc Social
2nd – 3rd Wednesday of the month!
After Postdoctoral Orientation
After Spring and Fall Events
Winter Social



Resources

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<http://opda.fsu.edu/fsu-pda>

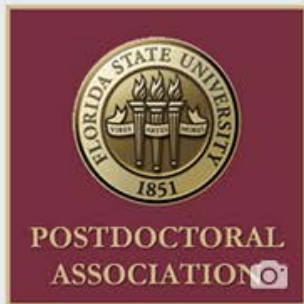
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<https://lists.fsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc-careerprog>

Weekly Digest

<http://opda.fsu.edu/newsletter>





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