

# What is the Postdoctoral Association (PDA)?



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## Meet your PDA representatives!!

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



**Dr. Tiglet Besara**  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
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**Dr. Thierry Dubroca – Former PDA President**  
Visiting Research Faculty  
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**Dr. Audrey Grockowiak– 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**



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# 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 activities, recruitment, career development, initiatives? Join us, together we can make it!

• Working on!!!

Paid Time Off

Registering for Credits



Strength in numbers!!!

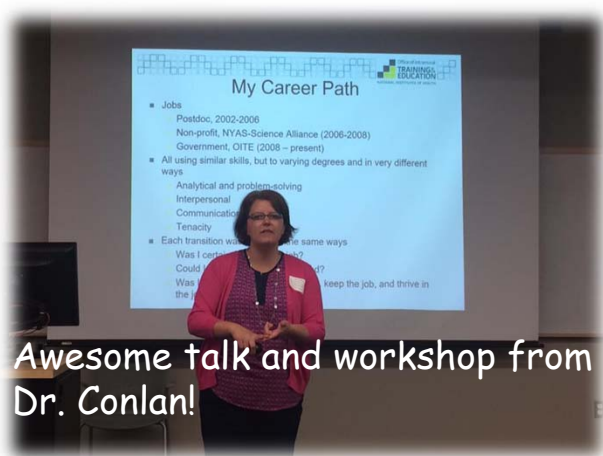


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# •PDA events - Spring Workshop



Awesome talk and workshop from Dr. Conlan!

Posted on FSU PDA Facebook page



FSU Postdoctoral Association Spring Workshop  
"BREAKING OUT OF YOUR POSTDOC"

1:00 - 2:10 pm: Keynote Address  
Dr. Lori Conlan  
Director of Postdoctoral Affairs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

2:20 - 3:00 pm: Workshop  
"Building your Interview Opportunities"  
Dr. Lori Conlan

3:10 - 5:00 pm: Panel Discussion  
Dr. Don L. Compton  
Professor of Psychology at FSU & Florida Center for Reading Research & Director of the Florida Center for Reading Research  
Dr. Kenneth Hanson  
Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, FSU  
Dr. Christianne Beekman  
Assistant Professor in Physics Department at FSU & CNS experimental physicist at the MagLab  
Dr. Matthew Curran  
Assistant Director at Division of Food Safety Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Dr. Fadi Aldeek  
Environmental Specialist III at FDACS and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at TCC  
Dr. Brian K. Washburn  
Hybridoma/Molecular Research Specialist at Cell, Molecular & Integrative Biology & Research Associate at Hybridoma Facility

5:30 pm: Potluck Dinner, Socializing and Networking

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Postdoctoral Association and Office of Postdoctoral Affairs - <http://opda.fsu.edu/fsu-pda>



Working in Academy, Government or Industry Panel



Potluck!

Networking!



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# •PDA events - Fall Symposium Travel Awards Ceremony

5<sup>th</sup> Annual FSU Postdoctoral Symposium  
and Poster Competition



## Management, Leadership, and Networking: Connecting People!

Friday, September 22, 2017  
12:00-6:00 pm  
FSU College of Medicine  
Atrium COM 1306  
Tallahassee, FL

12:00 Lunch  
12:30 Introduction and Welcome:  
**Dr. Naween Anand,**  
Symposium Co-Chair  
12:40 Poster Session 1  
01:50 Keynote Address:  
**Dr. Timothy S. McClintock,**  
Dept. of Physiology, University of Kentucky  
*Creating Opportunities for Others  
is the Essence of Leadership and Management*  
02:45 Break  
03:00 Workshop:  
**Dr. Thierry Dubroca,**  
National High Magnetic Field Lab  
*Creative Networking for Scientists*  
04:00 Poster Session 2  
05:15 Awards Presentation, Closing Remarks and Reception:  
**Dr. Debra A. Fadool,**  
Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

**Poster Awards: \$150 per category!**

All research is welcome! Grad Students are welcome!

**Register by Sept. 8th at:**

[https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cMziPiLGyVJKIK1](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMziPiLGyVJKIK1)

For more info, see:

<http://opda.fsu.edu/upcoming-events-workshops>



Fall symposium - Poster competition  
2015 → 'Leadership'  
2016 → 'Establishing a start-up or Research Lab'  
2017 → Management, Leadership and  
Networking: Connecting People!



Travel Grant Awardees!



Networking!



Awards Presentation and Reception



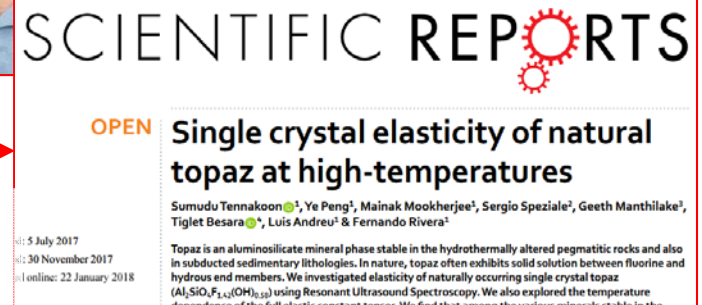


# PDA events

## Networking opportunities and Social!



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



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



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# Resources

Postdoctoral Association (PDA)

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

FSU Postdoctoral List Serv

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

Weekly Digest

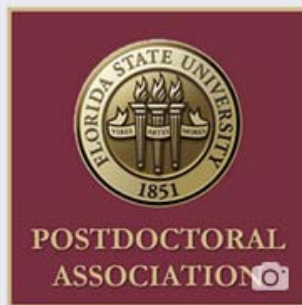
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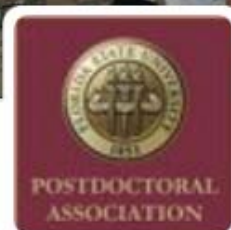


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