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UGA Postdoc Newsletter

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A publication of the UGA Office of Postdoctoral Affairs with announcements and opportunities in support of our postdoc community.

Visit the [Postdoc Portal](#).

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Upcoming PDA Social Events

This month's social will be at **6 pm on Friday, February 24th**. Location and details are coming soon!

Chat with us on WhatsApp

We have created a postdoc WhatsApp group to allow postdocs to connect informally with each other. If you are interested in joining the group, please provide your information [here](#).

Featured Announcements

Postdoctoral Scholar Domestic and Foreign Travel Program

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to launch the [Postdoctoral Scholar Domestic and Foreign Travel Funds Program](#). This program provides matching funds for active UGA postdocs to present their current research at national and international academic conferences. Matching funds (at least 1:1) must be identified and may be provided by the postdoc's research mentor/supervisor, unit, or college, or by an external travel award or grant. The maximum funding from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is **\$1,500** per domestic trip or **\$2,000** per international trip.

Applications will be reviewed in quarterly intervals, with deadlines on the second Tuesday of August, November, February, and May. **The next deadline will be February 14th, 2023.**

International Coffee Hour with KUSA (Korean Undergraduate Student Association)

A weekly program that brings UGA students, faculty staff and community members together for coffee and international cuisine. Excluding scheduled University breaks, this event occurs **every Friday of the fall and spring semesters from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**. This event is located in the Memorial Hall Ballroom. More info can be found [here](#).

Athens, GA Events (non UGA affiliated events):

An event calendar for local events in Athens can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Postdoc Spotlight: Introducing our Postdocs

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to introducing the amazing and diverse body of postdoctoral researchers working at UGA. Each month, the PDA will introduce 1-2 of our postdocs. If you are interested, please contact the PDA (pdassoc@uga.edu) with a short biography (~100 words) and a photo. In your biography, you can include your current affiliation at UGA and research, the institution you completed your PhD, the focus of your PhD thesis/dissertation, and any professional experience prior to UGA, etc. You can also add information about your background (e.g., where you are originally from) and hobbies beyond academia. Feel free to share your professional website and/or social media if you like.



Sean Beckwith

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Sean Beckwith (he/him/his) is a postdoc with David Garfinkel in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology interested in the dynamic genome, focusing on mechanisms used by mobile genetic elements for assembly and propagation. He received a Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2018 and a B.A. from Carleton College in 2012, and was awarded an NIH F32 postdoctoral fellowship in 2020. His doctoral work focused on the interplay between epigenetics and metabolic signaling. He currently

investigates the virus-like Ty1 retrotransposon in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces*. Sean's personal hobbies include cooking, travel, hiking, cycling, racquetball, ultimate frisbee, and disc golf. Email: sean.beckwith@uga.edu



Althea Moore
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Althea is a postdoctoral researcher in Clifton Buck's lab working on a project examining the drought response of epiphytes in live oak forest canopies, including Spanish moss and resurrection ferns, and their influence on hydrological cycling and water chemistry. Althea also worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Emory University on a policy-oriented project outlining research priorities to address and understand climate change across the state of Georgia. Althea received her Ph.D. from Northeastern University in the department of marine and environmental sciences. Her dissertation focused on the influence of environmental factors on species interactions in saltmarsh and mangrove ecosystems of Florida. She also has an M.S. in marine science from Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary, where she studied seagrass ecosystems. Althea received her bachelor's degree in biology from Earlham College, where she focused on terrestrial ecology. Before she started grad school, Althea worked in a molecular biology lab at Brown University, studying the function of plant genes.

UGA Events and Opportunities

[Professional Education Portal \(PEP\)](#): use your UGA credential to access the portal.

The summer schedule includes virtual and in-person classes related to:

- Mental Health and Well-being
- Unconscious Bias
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Diversity Inclusion and Belonging
- Time Management
- Leadership

[Office of Experiential Professional Development \(xPD\)](#)

The xPD program is designed to support career planning and is open to both graduate students and postdocs. While some information is aimed to support graduate students, many of the resources and topics covered by this office are applicable to postdocs. We highly encourage postdocs to utilize these on-campus resources, please see below for highlighted events and new resources:

Postdocs are invited and welcome to all these events. The [events calendar](#) lists all events and any questions may be directed to Andrew Crain (acrain@uga.edu).

Office of Research Research Matters

The Office of Research hosts a listserv that shares large funding opportunities and internal competition announcements weekly as well as a calendar of current limited submissions opportunities.

All Funding

[All Funding – Research Matters \(uga.edu\)](#)

The Foundation Relations team

[Foundation Relations Funding Opportunities - UGA Development & Alumni Relations](#)

Limited Submissions

[Limited Submissions – Research Matters \(uga.edu\)](#)

[Subscribe to Pivot](#)

Pivot is a database of more than 25,000 funding opportunities from numerous sponsors across all disciplines. By signing up, you can create custom funding alerts, share opportunities with groups and save and track opportunities. Anyone with a UGA MyID can access this valuable resource.

[Sign up for Weekly Funding Alerts](#)

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UGA Resources

[Aurora](#) via xPD

Video resource library for both faculty and professional career paths.

[Interstride](#) via UGA Career Center

Career development platform focused on International job searching and visa information

[UGA I-Corps](#) via NSF Innovation Corps

Hands-on training in research commercialization

Available Resources

UGA Postdoctoral Resources

- [UGA Postdoc Portal](#)
- [Office of Research](#)

- [Postdoc Policy](#)
- [UGA Research Funding Alerts & Announcements](#)
- [UGA Research News](#)
- [UGA Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate Programs](#)

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[Research Matters](#)

Research Matters is a compilation of UGA research news items, including funding opportunities and other announcements, relevant to researchers, research administrators and their staff at the University of Georgia. Research Matters is disseminated monthly to [subscribers](#).

[Research Matters Live](#)

The Office of Research will offer a series of remote presentations by Research administrators and personnel to help UGA researchers navigate the challenges that face them during this unprecedented time. These short, targeted Zoom sessions are intended to answer your questions without burdening your day—each presentation will last 15-20 minutes, with additional time for Q&A. Sessions are also archived for later viewing.

UGA Postdoc Portal Career Development

[Postdoc Fellowships and Positions](#)

- [NIH Postdoctoral Training Opportunities](#)
- [NSF Opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University – Postdoctoral Funding Opportunities](#): This is a continuously updated repository of federal and private funding opportunities that are intended for postdoctoral investigators. The opportunities are pre-sorted chronologically and alphabetically and can be searched by funding amount and subject matter.
- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [Nature Jobs](#)
- [Science Careers AAAS](#)
- [HigherEd Jobs](#)
- [Internships and Fellowships in Science and Technology Policy](#)

Additional Postdoctoral Resources

- [National Postdoctoral Association](#)
- [Postdoc Academy](#)
- [Inside Higher Ed](#)
- [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)
- [National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#)

Diversity Resources

If you would like to learn more about available UGA resources on campus concerning discrimination, diversity, and disability services, the [Office of Institutional Diversity](#)

(OID) at UGA can provide further information and links. The Office of Institutional Diversity leads the university in fulfilling its commitment to be a diverse campus that is enriched and informed by the personal, cultural, and intellectual differences of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Diversity resources available at UGA can be found [here](#). The **Office of Human Resources** can also provide further information concerning disability services and accommodations at UGA as well as other work-related issues.

[Minority Postdoc](#) also provides a comprehensive collection of resource links, events, and opportunities.

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