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

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Board vacancies

If you are interested in joining the Postdoc Association Board, we currently have a vacancy for the position of **Tifton Representative**. We may have other vacancies opening soon. If you are interested, or if you have any questions about any positions, please contact pdassoc@uga.edu.

Upcoming PDA Social Events

This month we will have **cookout/BBQ** on the deck at the back of Center for Applied Genetic Technologies (**CAGT, 111 Riverbend Rd**) from **5:30 pm on Friday, May 26th** if weather permits. Please complete a short [survey](#), so we have an estimate of attendees and dietary wishes to take into account for the groceries. If rains, we will host the event in Room 130 in CAGT and we'll provide snacks and non-alcohol beverage. Feel free to bring yours to share, but not required. **Family and friends are always welcome.**

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](#).

Introduction to PDA portal

In this [portal](#), you will find diverse information including *Get settled at UGA*, *Enroll in benefits*, *Find funding*, etc., as well as event pictures. You can also find the information about [PDA](#) here.

Featured Announcements

Postdoctoral Scholar Domestic and Foreign Travel Program (Deadline: **May 9**, 2023)

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 May 9th, 2023.**

Industrial Conference On Data Mining (ICDM) Workshops Call for Papers (Deadline: **May 25**, 2023)

Industrial conference on data mining (ICDM) 2023 is comprised of 4 workshops. They are:

- International Workshop on Data Mining in Marketing, DMM 2023
- International Workshop Case-Based Reasoning, CBR-MD 2023
- International Workshop of Advanced Internet of Things for Medicine and Others - IoTMO 2023 The Internet of Things and Services
- International Workshop on Multimedia Forensic Data Analysis, Forensic 2023

Call for papers to all four workshops. All papers will be published in the proceedings of the respective workshop. The proceedings are OPEN ACCESS. They are online available. Please refer to [here](#) for more information about the workshops.

Congratulations to Vicente Kenyi Saito-Diaz, PhD on winning the 44th Annual Postdoctoral Research Award! (Deadline for next application: **November 1**, 2023)



Postdoctoral Research Award

**Vicente Kenyi Saito-
Diaz**

Center for Molecular Medicine

Submissions for next year will be due in **November 1st, 2023**. For more information, please follow the [link](#).

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.



Jiyea Park, Ph.D.

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I am a postdoc in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication at the University of Georgia (UGA). I received my Bachelor and Master's degrees in the Department of Lifelong Education at Soongsil University in Korea, where I studied "Baby Boomers' learning outcome of the reemployment education."

After graduating from the Master's program, I realized that I was overqualified and took a position that did not match educational qualification. My one year experience of being a telemarketer in English Institute became my research interest and dissertation topic. In Fall 2018, I joined the Doctoral program in Learning, Leadership, and Organization Development at UGA, and received Ph.D. degree in May 2022. My research interests are focused on generational issues, underemployment, and women's career development. As a qualitative researcher, currently I am working on Community Diagnostics and Social Impact (CD+SI) toolkit with my PIs and on a collaborative project, Georgia Hunger Study. My personal hobbies include go to concert, upload new contents on personal YouTube, travel, hiking, and cooking. Email: jiyea.park@uga.edu



Sergei Makaev, Ph.D.

*Postdoctoral Research Associate
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College of Family and Consumer Sciences*

Sergei Makaev is a postdoc with Prof. Sergiy Minko and Assistant Prof. Vladimir Reukov, working on two NSF projects. He received a master's degree in material science from the Moscow State University in Russia and later got PhD degree in physical chemistry from the Russian Academy of Sciences, on the topic of hydrothermal (high-temperature, high-pressure) chemistry. Afterward, he worked as a postdoc on water treatment using polymer membrane technologies at another institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. At the UGA, his research centers on polymers synthesis and characterization, with a specific aim on the preparation of polymers for biomedical applications. Sergei hopes that the technology they are developing will be used in the industry for human skin growth and transplantation. Sergei joined UGA in September 2022. He became one of the PDA's board members as a secretary/treasurer in January 2023. Sergei's hobbies include cycling, sailing, and board games. Email: makaev@uga.edu

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).

The Foundation Relations team

Foundation Relations Funding Opportunities - UGA Development & Alumni Relations

UGA Internal Competition Space - InfoReady

InfoReady is an application and internal competition management system utilized by the Office of Research, Public Service and Outreach, and the Graduate School at the University of Georgia (UGA) for various programs.

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.

UGA Resources

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

- [Office of Research](#)
- [Postdoc Policy](#)
- [UGA Research News](#)
- [UGA Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate Programs](#)

UGA University Libraries

- [Open Access Publishing & Resources](#)

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[Research Insights/Funding Announcement](#)

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 Insights is disseminated monthly to [subscribers](#).

[Research 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](#)

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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