December 3, 2010

Due to the upcoming holiday season, there will not be a December infosocial.

The next Monthly InfoSocial will be held

**Thursday, January 27, 2010** 3:30 - 5:30 pm Grad Club Snacks and refreshments will be provided

Come meet your fellow postdocs!

November 24, 2010

PAW’s goals this year were to:

1. Increase the postdoctoral scholar awareness at UWO.
2. Give postdoctoral scholars a venue to meet with other postdoctoral scholars.
3. Work with SGPS to inform them about what postdocs need and want from their UWO experience.
4. Provide information to postdoctoral scholars regarding services offered to them by...
UWO.

We have accomplished this by:

1. Launching our new website www.postdocs.uwo.ca and providing you an official email account to contact us with (postdocs@uwo.ca)
2. Maintaining our uwo postdoc mailing list to send you uptodate and pertinent information
3. Setting up monthly infosocials on the last Thursday at the Grad Club from 3.30pm to 5.30pm
4. Listening to the postdocs’s questions and answering these questions through our Frequently Asked Question page (http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/FAQs.html)
5. Setting up an official PAW discussion group where you can ask questions or share advice about your experience at Western with both PAW and other postdocs (More information to follow but this will be on WebCT http://webct.uwo.ca/- you will require a valid UWO account and password.).

There are still many plans for building the postdoctoral community as well as providing professional and social development opportunities to postdoctoral scholars.

In order for us to succeed, PAW needs you to help us help you!

We encourage you to:
1. Fill out our online Feedback/Questions form (http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/Questions.html)
2. Let your peers know that they should sign up to our mailing list by emailing us at postdocs@uwo.ca.
3. Volunteer with us. If you have a specific interest, we may be able to tailor a position for you. In the next couple of weeks, we will sending you specific areas/topics where we could use your help. We know that postdoctoral scholars are very busy establishing themselves as independent scientists, however, many of these positions will not require too much of your time and will only help build your resume and network. We also remind you that the next infosocial will be held Thursday, November 25, 2010. From 3:30 - 5:30 pm at the The Grad Club.

We hope to see you soon.

November 1, 2010
Come meet your fellow postdocs!

October 27, 2010

The University has released the following FAQs for Graduate Students & Postdoctoral Scholars with regards to the potential faculty strike.

We will discuss this more at our infosocial Tomorrow at 3:30 pm in the Grad Club.

October 22, 2010

With the potential for a faculty strike, postdocs may be impacted. PAW is currently looking into details and will send out an email, post the results, and discuss any important information with you at the next infosocial, Thursday October 28 at 3:30 pm in the Grad Club.
October 20, 2010

Do you have questions or concerns you would like us to address? Do you have any feedback about the infosocials? Please let us know by filling out our survey (which can be filled out anonymously).

October 4, 2010

Thank you for making the 1st infosocial a success! We hope to see you at the next one! Thursday, October 28, 2010 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Grad Club

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

NOTE: Future social events will be held on the last Thursday of every month at the same time from November to April. If you have any suggestions concerning what you’d want to hear about at the infosocials, please contact us (postdocs@uwo.ca)!

September 30, 2010

PAW is holding our first monthly InfoSocial from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at Natural Sciences Centre Room 2. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

PAW has written an editorial in the September 30, 2010 Western News to explain why we feel that these Infosocials are important to the postdoctoral committee.
August 27, 2010

PAW Website brand new website is launched! Please take the time look around and give us some feedback!

We will be holding the first Monthly PAW Social Event on:

Thursday, September 30, 2010
3:30 - 5:30 pm
Natural Sciences Centre Room 2.
Snacks and refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP online.

NOTE: Future social events will be held on the last Thursday of every month at the same time at The Grad Club (October to April).

Come meet your fellow postdocs!

April to June 2010

Several of our Western Postdoctoral Scholars have been featured in the Western News.
Exploring the ethics of ecological restoration

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Ecological restoration is a practice that aims to restore ecosystems to a previous, presumably more natural, state. This practice is often initiated to correct the damage caused by human activities, such as deforestation or pollution. However, the ethics of ecological restoration are complex and often overlooked.

The first ethical consideration is the definition of 'natural'. What constitutes a natural state? Is it the state that existed before human intervention, or is it the state that would exist if humans were not present? This definition can vary depending on the context and the perspective of the individual or group involved.

Another ethical consideration is the impact of restoration practices on non-human species. Restoration projects can sometimes result in the displacement or harm to these species, particularly if the original ecosystem is not accurately replicated. The ethical question here is how to balance the needs of human society with the needs of these non-human species.

Furthermore, restoration projects can sometimes lead to the loss of cultural or historical significance. For example, the removal of invasive species from a particular area may result in the loss of a cultural or historical site. The ethical question here is how to balance the needs of human society with the preservation of cultural or historical significance.

In conclusion, ecological restoration is a complex and ethically charged practice. It requires careful consideration of the definition of 'natural', the impact on non-human species, and the preservation of cultural or historical significance.