

Postdoctoral association at Western (PAW) Archive 2010

December 3, 2010



Postdoctoral Scholars MONTHLY INFOSOCIAL

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WHERE: The Grad Club (in Middlesex College)
WHAT:

- Meet other postdoctoral scholars
- Get updates and information relating to postdoctoral scholars at Western
- Help build Western's postdoctoral community

For more information on Postdoctoral Scholarship at Western, visit:

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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



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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.

Group offering a voice to postdocs

THE BOOK STORE AT WESTERN PRESENTS
Autumn Writes
COMPELLING. INSPIRING...

Drug Saunders and Debi Goodwin
Thursday, September 30 at 7:00pm
Faculty of Education, Room 1107 Western Hall, London
Free admission - Book sale and signing
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Innovation in Writing Studies

AND WICKED!



Trevor Cole and Andre Alessi
Monday, October 4 at 4:00pm
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August 27, 2010

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

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Come meet your fellow postdocs!

April to June 2010

Several of our Western Postdoctoral Scholars have been featured in the Western News.

Postdocs seek recognition of unique campus role

Postdoctoral fellows are a unique group of individuals who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the university campus. They are often the most recent graduates of top-tier graduate programs and are highly motivated to contribute to the university's research and teaching mission. However, their role is often undervalued and they face significant challenges in terms of recognition and support.

Many postdocs feel that their contributions are not fully acknowledged, and they often struggle with the transition from graduate student to professional. They may feel that their skills and expertise are not being fully utilized, and they may be frustrated by the lack of career development opportunities. This can lead to a sense of isolation and a lack of belonging on campus.

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IN PROFILE: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Postdoc term opens possibilities

By Susan Wood

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POSTDOCTORAL PROFILES

Solar researchers 'borrowing' from plants

By Scott Mac

When the sun's rays hit the Earth, they provide a steady stream of energy that scientists are trying to harness to power the world. One of the most promising ways to do this is by mimicking the way plants capture and convert solar energy into chemical energy through photosynthesis.

"I have found some real exciting things in the Canadian research program and then there is foreign research that is focused on and interested in what we're doing."



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Western News Apr 29, 2010

PROFILES

Postdoc preferred route to faculty position

By Scott Mac

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"There really is only one way to get to a faculty position and the postdoc route is the preferred way to gain further experience on the job."

Helping academia through language

By Scott Mac

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Exploring the ethics of ecological restoration

By Scott Mack

Some of the most interesting and important questions in environmental ethics are about the ethics of ecological restoration. What does it mean to restore an ecosystem? Should we? Under what circumstances? How should we go about it? These are the kinds of questions that are being asked by ecologists, philosophers, and the public alike.

Ecological restoration is the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. It is a complex and multi-disciplinary field that involves the application of scientific knowledge to the management of natural resources. The goal of ecological restoration is to return an ecosystem to its original state or to a state that is as close to the original as possible.

There are many different approaches to ecological restoration, and each has its own strengths and weaknesses. Some approaches focus on the physical aspects of the ecosystem, such as the soil and the water cycle. Others focus on the biological aspects, such as the reintroduction of native species. Still others focus on the social and cultural aspects of the ecosystem, such as the restoration of traditional land management practices.

One of the most important ethical questions in ecological restoration is whether or not we should restore ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed. Some people argue that we should restore all ecosystems, no matter how degraded or destroyed they are. Others argue that we should only restore ecosystems that are of high value or that are in danger of being lost forever.

There are many factors that need to be considered when deciding whether or not to restore an ecosystem. These factors include the extent of the degradation, the value of the ecosystem, the cost of restoration, and the likelihood of success. It is important to weigh these factors carefully and to make a decision that is based on the best available information.

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