

UVM Postdoctoral Association Meeting

8.28.2025 | Waterman 427A

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. 3:30pm ET
- II. Attendance**
 - a. Jill Stockwell
 - b. Postdocs
- III. Mode of Meeting**
 - a. Hybrid (in-person + virtual)
- IV. Agenda**
 - a. Welcome & announcements
 - b. Postdoctoral Appreciation Week
 - c. Officer reports
 - d. Graduate resource fair
 - e. Events (Fall off-campus events/ Meeting with Dean Holger in Fall/Professional development events)
- V. Welcome & Announcements**
 - a. Approval of Saul's nomination for *At-Large Advisor* position by Dr. Jill and all the postdocs whom join the meeting
- VI. Postdoctoral Appreciation Week**
 - a. An overview
 - i. Panel discussion and social events will be there
 - ii. Saul will organize and moderate the panel discussion (in-person)
 - iii. Panel
 - 1. Currently, panelists are being invited
 - 2. Panelists will be previous UVM postdocs (alumni) who are now either faculty members or working in various sectors
 - 3. Two have already confirmed their participation on the panel, and another one or two panelists will be confirmed soon
 - iv. Dr. Jill, Sima, and Ariane will be coordinating with Saul to invite the remaining two panelists
 - b. RSVPs and social events
 - i. For RSVP complete the online forms in all the emails/materials shared by Dr. Jill
 - c. Venue and the catering arrangements (Panel discussion)
 - i. Livak Ballroom at Davis center

- ii. Pizza and soft drinks will be given

VII. Officer Reports

- a. Based on the recent meeting with Dr. Jill, the following updates were noted:
- b. Secretary: Responsible for preparing meeting minutes, sending reminders for monthly meetings, and sharing minutes with co-chairs for approval
- c. Webmaster: Currently working on obtaining Drupal access for the previous PDA website from the administration and will focus on website updates, including Postdoc Spotlights
- d. Public relations officer: Will create LinkedIn and Instagram accounts as the first two social media platforms to highlight UVM PDA, and will seek assistance from an expert in creating and managing these platforms

VIII. Graduate Resource Fair

- a. On Friday, September 12th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- b. Ariane will lead the event as the Public Relations Officer of the UVM PDA
- c. A handout containing information about PDA activities and relevant links will be prepared and distributed during the event (including NPA materials)
- d. PDA executive members will be present at the event

IX. Events

- a. Fall off-campus social event
 - i. Potential activities
 - 1. Visit to one of the following locations: Oakledge Park, Shelburne Farms, Rock Point, or the Ice Cream Factory
 - 2. An email will be sent to all postdocs to request RSVP for participation in the visit
 - 3. Tentative date: September 27th
 - b. Potential meeting with Dean Holger
 - i. On August 21, the PDA committee members met with Dean Holger to brainstorm ways in which the Graduate School and Postdoctoral Affairs can better support postdocs at UVM. He expressed interest in continuing the conversation and suggested organizing a Fall meetup.
 - ii. What we highlighted as issues at the moment
 - 1. Discount on accommodations for Postdocs
 - 2. Grant support, including how to secure grants and how to transfer grants to another institution if a postdoc relocates
 - 3. Support for participation in teaching: The Dean suggested developing ideas to assist postdocs with teaching opportunities (e.g., discussions with program chairs).
 - iii. Fall meet-up with Dean

1. Dr. Jill will communicate with the Dean to confirm his availability for the Fall meetings (e.g., once per month or once every two months)
2. Postdocs are encouraged to share topics or questions they would like to discuss with the Dean. During the next meeting, the PDA executive committee will address these matters on behalf of all postdocs.

c. Upcoming Professional development events

- i. Graduate and postdoctoral fellowship workshop series 2025
On grant writing, fellowship applications, funding ideas etc.
- ii. Postdoctoral week celebration activities (RSVP required)

X. Next Meeting

- a. 25th September (Last Thursday)
- b. 3.30pm ET
- c. Location TBD

XI. Adjourn

- a. 4:30pm ET