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Postdoc Spotlight! Dr. Roderic Crooks



Dr. Roderic Crooks is a recipient of the President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. He is currently working with Prof. Geoffrey C. Bowker's [EVOKE Lab](#) in the Department of Informatics. Roderic works with a team of data scientists to investigate how data science itself is applied to public education in the heavily segregated schools of Southern California. His goals are to gather evidence about how data scientists make predictions and how these predictions shape organizational behavior, and to build theories that can explain how data science is becoming a mode of management of risk, complexity, and value.

Roderic received his Ph.D. from the Department of Information Studies at UCLA where he conducted an ethnographic study of a one-to-one tablet computer program in South Central Los Angeles. He is keen on biking and running around the Irvine area. [Website](#)

Bio compiled by Phillip Tran, PhD- Dept. Of Otolaryngology & PDA board member

Your Individual Development Plan- IDP

Assess-Write-Discuss-Implement-Revise

What is an IDP? A tool to assist you in career and personal development, helping you reach short and long-term career goals, as well as improve current job performance. We encourage you to create and update your IDP.

- An IDP helps you communicate your professional development and career planning needs and intentions to others including your mentor, which can lead to helpful advice and resources.
- You can use the IDP to make sure you and your mentor's expectations are clearly outlined and there are no surprises, especially at the end of your training.
- The current job market is challenging; structured career planning via the IDP supports your preparation.

Resources to get you started:

UCI IDP guidelines and fillable IDP form are [available here](#).

AAAS Science Careers IDP [available here](#).

I encourage you to make an appointment with me to discuss your first steps; I can suggest the campus professional development resources that best fit your needs (m.ypmawong@uci.edu or call 824-5196).

Postdoctoral Scholar Association (PDA) Events

Today! PDA Monthly Meeting- Wednesday, May 3- 5:30-7pm BioSci III Rm 2120

All postdocs are welcome to help plan social and professional development events, including the 2nd UCI Postdoctoral Research Symposium (9/22/17).

Critical Discussion Groups (CDG)- Informal, unstructured interactions often yield highly creative feedback!

Organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 10 5:30-7:00pm at the Graduate Resource Center- 3rd floor of Gateway Study Ctr ([campus map](#)). Pizza provided.

We will discuss interests, form appropriate groups, and determine group schedules. [Register](#)

Flyer attached.

What are the benefits of a CDG?

- Discussion of ideas very early in the research process- save time.
- Diversity of group members to encourage creativity in thought.
- Non-hierarchical debate so increased openness and flow of ideas.

Additional Upcoming Events

Careers at the Jackson Laboratory (JAX)

Thursday, May 4 2:00-3:00pm, Colloquium Room, 3070- UCI Medical Education Bdg ([campus map](#))

Join Heather Dillon, University relations specialist at JAX and learn about research, career, and training opportunities available at their independent, nonprofit biomedical research institution. JAX is a National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center with academic research campuses in Bar Harbor, Maine, and Farmington, Conn and a business center in Sacramento, California. Within their academic research laboratories, JAX postdoctoral trainees conduct cutting-edge basic and translational research and have the opportunity to experience both clinical and business applications through JAX's mission driven research initiatives that seek to improve human health. In addition to academic postdoctoral training and tenure track faculty positions, JAX also offers career opportunities in client-based research, sales, marketing, customer service, and education.

Academic Career Paths at a Liberal Arts College (flyer attached)

Friday, May 5 1:00-4:00pm, SBSG 1517 ([campus map](#))

A panel presentation by 6 representatives across a range of disciplines followed by break-out networking groups by categories (sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities). The Liberal Arts Diversity Officers (LADO) consortium represents 26 liberal arts colleges and universities, with approximately 200 faculty positions open each year. This is an opportunity to learn about careers and life at liberal arts colleges and to get specific advice about how to prepare for the application process. [Register](#)

Postdoctoral Professional Master's Program at Keck Graduate Institute Visitation Day- [Details](#)

Friday, May 5 2:00-7:00pm

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