



In honor of National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW) 2025, the Intermountain West Postdoc Alliance (IWPA) invites you to our second annual event:

Reflections and Advice from Recently Successful Postdocs on the Job Market

This panel allows you to learn from postdocs who have recently transitioned into their next roles. You will learn about their successful job searches and may even learn some tips to help you with your own job search.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | 1 – 2 pm MT
Zoom Meeting ID: 959 1795 5266 | Passcode: 515671

Dr. Priscila Silva Grijó Farani joins the University of Texas- El Paso (UTEP) School of Pharmacy as a tenure-track Assistant Professor, bringing deep expertise in molecular parasitology, immunology, and integrative multi-omics. Her research focuses on understanding host-pathogen interactions and discovering novel biomarkers and therapeutic targets for neglected tropical diseases, with a particular emphasis on Chagas disease. Dr. Farani has contributed to numerous high-impact studies, including pioneering work on the role of microRNAs in Chagas cardiomyopathy, the development of molecular diagnostic tools to improve disease detection, and the creation of the GlycoImmunoArray (GIA) platform to monitor immune responses and treatment efficacy in Chagas chemotherapy follow-up. She plays a coordinating role in the NIH-funded [TESEO clinical trial](#), a multinational effort to advance diagnostics and treatment for Chagas disease. A strong advocate for professional development and collaboration, Dr. Farani founded the [UTEP Postdoctoral Association](#) and served as its Chair for over a year.



Dr. Sophie Givens completed a postdoc at the University of Colorado Boulder and is a Senior Scientist and Laboratory Director at the [Apeiron Research Center](#). Dr. Givens' graduate research focused on cardiovascular tissue engineering. Being an expert in stem cell biology, she is transitioning to a role in private industry where she will be working on cell therapy.



Dr. Ashley Snyder completed her PhD in Population Health Sciences and her postdoc at the University of Utah. She is now an assistant professor at the [University of North Dakota](#). She teaches Biostatistics 1 for UND's MPH program, and she is planning to additionally teach Introduction to Clinical Trials next year for MPH and medical students. Her research interests are in lifestyle and evolutionary medicine, and she focuses primarily on celiac disease and dermatologic diseases.



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