Welcome!

Hi, I’m Kate

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– She/her pronouns
– At UW in various roles since 2007
– Joined the Allen School in 2020

Quick intros (you!)

– Name, pronouns
– Quick summary of your research
– A store or restaurant near you that we should know about
Housekeeping

> Postdoc listserv: postdocs@cs.washington.edu
  – Postdocs@ is on distribution list for researchers@

> Postdoc Slack channel
  – First, join Allen School Slack
  – Then, email postdocs-cse-slack@cs.washington.edu to request admission to postdoc channel

> Pages worth bookmarking
  – Postdoc Directory
  – Postdoc Resources
Postdoc history and key people

A brief history of Allen School postdocs

> Dawn of time – 2014  Business as usual
> 2014  Grant to implement postdoc best practices
> Present day  Postdoc-focused initiatives remain

People

> Tom Anderson
> Your supervisor/PI
> Postdoc committee
> Kate (postdoc facilitator)

Goal: provide you with resources to maximize your time in the Allen School and use your postdoc experience as a stepping stone to your next professional role
Events

> Grants and teaching seminars (spring quarter)

> Suite of Allen School seminars, colloquia, and distinguished lecture series
  – Welcome to attend any as they occur
  – Lots of past events available online: https://www.cs.washington.edu/events/colloquia

> Quarterly postdoc lunch with the Director

> Monthly postdoc lunches (trying to revive for autumn)
Review of Progress (RoP) and Individual Development Plan (IDP)

Review of progress (RoP)
> Twice annually, due in mid-April and mid-October
> Completed electronically; postdoc and PI both contribute
> Purpose: pause and reflect on your progress, evaluate goals, identify resources and action items

Individual development plan (IDP)
> Templates available on website
> Not required, but very beneficial!
> Purpose: consider your training and development from a broad perspective and set clear training and development goals
Postdoc travel and research awards

Travel awards
- Networking is always a good thing!
- Support costs of attending conferences you might not normally go to

Research awards
- Individual awards up to $10k to support skills-building in grant writing and directing research
- Applications taken twice per year; proposals follow NSF format
- Your own research, hiring/paying undergraduate research assistants

★★ Applications for both due in mid-October, mid-April
Technical writing support

Sandy Kaplan
> Sandy@cs
> Allen School’s resident technical writer and editor

Supports your writing in:
> Conference, journal papers
> Grant proposals
> Dissertation intros/conclusions
> CVs and job applications

Online academic writing workshop
> https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/tech_writing/
Additional resources

> UW Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
  – Additional seminars, events, and resources
  – Added to mailing list upon hire

> Postdoc Union – UAW 4121
  – [uaw4121.org](http://uaw4121.org)
  – Has long represented TAs/RAs; postdocs joined June 2019
That’s all, folks! Thank you for attending today.

Contact Kate at any time with questions, ideas, or feedback: kjgayle@cs.washington.edu