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Subject: Sv: FOLLOW UP - SB postdoc mentoring program
Date: 27 October 2021 at 08:24
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Hi Johan,

Thank you for your email and for preparing this proposal. We have discussed it, but given our current heavy workload with regards to the finalization of the Seed Box program and the organization of the Community Garden Festival, we don't think it is feasible to stage this quite ambitious debate within the Seed Box program period. If we were to do it, we would need more time to jointly discuss the premises of the event, since we don't feel that the proposal as it now stands accurately represents our position. We also think that a seminar discussion would be a more appropriate format than a debate.

This, however, of course does not mean that we are not interesting in engaging in conversations about academic freedom, and maybe there will be opportunities to organize some kind of seminar after the Seed Box has formally ended and our work situation is hopefully a little bit less stressful.

Again, thank you for the effort you put into preparing the proposal and let's stay in touch.

All the best,
Victoria and Astrida

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Ämne: Re: FOLLOW UP - SB postdoc mentoring program

Hi Victoria and Astrida,

I have now had time to develop a debate proposal for you to consider (attached). Please review it to see if you agree with the general outline, in particular the section where I attempt to succinctly describe your argument (as best as I've understood it).

The proposed debate features myself and one or more of the members of the Management Team as we discuss the topic of academic freedom and justice (two principles currently part of Swedish higher education act). I also think it would be good to have a moderator and propose Björn-Ola Linnér could fit this role nicely.

You wished to have the event planned later this autumn. I would then suggest sometime from early to mid-December, since it is post-COP but before many of our colleagues begin preparing for holidays. Also, do you prefer to have this on Zoom or as a hybrid/physical event at campus?

Best wishes,
/Johan

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On 22 Sep 2021, at 13:33, Victoria Wibeck <victoria.wibeck@liu.se> wrote:

Hi Johan,

Thank you for your email. We are sorry to hear that you are leaving the mentorship program, and we regret that you decided not to avail yourself of a mentorship opportunity. We will get in touch with Sven Anders and of course clear everything with him. You should not cover any costs yourself.

Setting up a mentorship program like this involves multiple considerations about how to match mentors and mentees. Since this was a new mentorship program, which none of us in the management team had run previously, we did not have everything related to budget frames, format etc settled from the outset. For instance, while we initially contemplated the idea of having two mentors for each mentee, this proved impractical and as it now stands, all the postdocs involved in the program only have one mentor each. Also, no one simply got to choose their mentor, but this has been a more comprehensive matching process.

In your case, the management team decided to go for Sven Anders for several reasons:

1. He was on your list of suggested mentors.
2. Although he has previously collaborated with some Seed Box researchers, he is a new partner in the second phase of the Seed Box. We saw his inclusion in the mentorship program as a good way of integrating him further in the SB network and enable the postdoc group to benefit from his experiences and competence.
3. In addition to being an academic, he is also a literary critic and editor at Aftonbladet, and as such he represents someone who bridges the academic and non-academic worlds.
4. As for MK, none of us had heard of him prior to your suggesting him, and as such it was more difficult to assess whether he would be a suitable candidate for the mentoring program. But we explored this option as well, and as you know we asked you to motivate this choice further. After looking into his profile, we felt that for the formal role as a mentor in a program that draws strongly on e.g. decolonisation and intersectional perspectives, this did not seem like a clear-cut match. Our decision for the mentor is also based on what would be best for the postdoc group as a whole, who should also be able benefit from the conversation. For this reason, as it now stands, all of the mentors are academics or scholarly researchers. However, as we have stated earlier – not the least in Astrida's mail from this summer – of course we have no objections if you want to invite MK to give a seminar, comment on texts etc, within the framework of your Seed Box project. If so, this is something you should bring up with your project leader. We agree that his perspectives, as we understand them, could be important for your particular project to broaden the understanding of your empirical data. As Astrida said in your conversation last fall, we thought that you provided strong arguments for this in your response to us when we asked for motivations for the suggestion of MK and we welcome the opportunity for you to have a discussion with him. The mentor program, as it has evolved, is just not the most appropriate

the opportunity for you to have a discussion with him. The mentor program, as it has evolved, is just not the most appropriate place to do this.

If you would like to organise a seminar around the general topics that you suggested in your email, you would be most welcome to do so within the framework of the Seed Box seminar series. Please feel free to invite us and/or others to engage in this discussion. For practical reasons, we would suggest to plan it for the latter part of this semester, preferably at a late afternoon time to enable Astrida to join.

We hope this clarified how we in the management team have worked with the mentoring program in general and your case in particular.

Best wishes,
Victoria and Astrida

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Ämne: Re: FOLLOW UP - SB postdoc mentoring program

Hi Astrida and Victoria,

I've now had a chance to think through the mentorship properly with Veronica Gyberg and Björn-Ola Linnér (after recommendation from Eva who is still undergoing treatment). While they did not advice on any specific course of action, it was helpful for me to discuss the matter with them. I have now come to the decision that I will decline from participating in Seed Box's mentorship program. I have also informed Sven Anders about this, and am prepared to cover his loss in income for the mentoring.

I will try to explain my own understanding to date of the differing interpretations we (i.e. myself and The Seed Box Management Team) make of the mentorship.

I have understood the mentorship originally as the selection of two mentors, preferably with different backgrounds (perspectives and/or professions) who are selected by the researcher to comment on the researcher's work (at seminars, at meetings).

You did not accept my choice of mentor (Kyeyune), but were willing to accept another option that I had considered initially (Andreas Malm), to serve alongside Sven Anders Johansson. When I insisted on receiving motivations as to why the first option (Kyeyune) was rejected, these have focused on procedure (that we have already decided on one mentor), and resources (that it is too costly, or not possible to administer). What I do not understand is why there would be money for one choice of mentor and not another. Perhaps you could provide me with an answer here?

My impression then is that the Management Team decides on who can serve as mentor based on what it considers to be acceptable ideological positions, and have so far not provided reasoning or motivation for what makes one mentor more suitable than another. What is an acceptable ideological position is a matter that can be debated, ofcourse, and I hope we can do so.

I wish to communicate that I see the current preference of the Management Team as hindering potentially controversial perspectives from being part of our academic production process and it is not something I agree or go along with, and therefore decline from participating in the current mentorship program.

However, I invite you to debate these matters with me, within the framework of Seed Box, on what I think is the larger question here, namely: what is the purpose of our research? Do we think of our work primarily as interventions that contribute to justice in unequal power struggles? Or are we attempting to find truth? One can ofcourse wish to hold both these positions at the same time, but my argument would be that you have to steer towards one or the other.

The debate I suggest is one that addresses different positions on this question, but which I think also touches on the present matter of who is allowed to serve in a mentorship.

Best,
Johan

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On 30 Jun 2021, at 18:42, Neimanis, Astrida <astrida.neimanis@ubc.ca> wrote:

Hello Johan

I will keep this brief as I know Victoria is on holiday, but I have copied her in.

We had a long conversation and then I followed up again with the team, and came back to you again with the explanation of why we were going with Sven Anders. In other words, my explanation has been both verbal and in writing, and has been in consultation with the Management Team. so it is unclear to me why you still need an explanation?

We have now launched your mentorship with Sven Anders and he has agreed, and I believe you have both already been in conversation.

However, no one is stopping you from engaging with Malcom Kyeyune! If you would like to be in conversation with Malcom Kyeyune as part of your work, this sounds interesting, for all of the reasons you initially wanted to speak to him. There is no reason why you can't reach out to him as a Seedbox affiliate and see if he would be interested in engaging with your work. This is something you can of course discuss with whoever is now acting as your Postdoc supervisor.

Best wishes and I hope you have a good summer,
Astrida

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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP - SB postdoc mentoring program

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]
Hi again Astrida,

I write to let you know that I had a good first chat with Sven Anders but also that I have reconsidered the option of only going with him and insist on following the original plan of two mentors for the program (i.e. Sven Anders Johansson as academic and Malcom Kyeyune as non-academic).

You mentioned when we talked last that I could continue by discussing this with Victoria directly, so I have also sent her an email regarding why Kyeyune so far has been considered a person too controversial for a mentoring program.

My question now is why we have discussed Malcom before as a possible second mentor (although not a preferable one) but in these subsequent emails you have indicated that it was not feasible to have two mentors? Is it not correct that the initial mentor plan (communicated to me and the other postdocs) have been that we were to have two mentors, and that in this set-up it is perfectly possible that one is academic and the other non-academic?

Best,
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On 17 May 2021, at 18:02, Neimanis, Astrida <astrida.neimanis@ubc.ca> wrote:

Hello Johan

Thanks for your reply - i had not heard about Eva's diagnosis, what awful news. Thanks for your willingness to step up and help out in this really difficult time.

I will check in with Sven Anders and let's see what we can work out.

All best wishes
Astrida

From: Johan Gärdebo <johan.gardebo@liu.se>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 12:13:50 AM
To: Neimanis, Astrida
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP - SB postdoc mentoring program

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]
Hi Astrida,

Sorry on my end for delay in response. As you may have heard, Eva has been diagnosed with cancer and will be on sick leave to undergo treatment. She is in good hopes that it will work out, but as you may have guessed these news have also meant that we had to work quickly in the project to reshuffle responsibilities and tasks. As part of this, I have offered to stay on for longer in the project to work on some of Eva's tasks, one of which is the exhibition promised Seed Box.

So in brief, as it looks now I will be at Linköping until the end of this year (December), and am committed to participate in presentations of project results also until Autumn 2022 (which is when I am planned to be in the UK). Any time before this I am flexible to participate in Seedbox events and activities.

As to the mentoring, Sven Anders remain my in-house option for academic mentoring. If he is available, I am keen to discuss further in what capacity he would wish to provide feedback on texts or commentary on the work in general.

Again, apologies for the past week's delay. By now I think we have a plan ahead for the project and as part of this also my Seedbox work.

Hope to talk more soon,
Johan

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On 4 May 2021, at 22:12, Neimanis, Astrida <astrida.neimanis@ubc.ca> wrote:

Hello Johan,

Well, I have dropped the ball on this one, for sure. It has been a difficult time in my life and I apologise that this has had consequences for others.

Last we were in touch, you were asking for an official response from the SeedBox about why your original choice of mentor was not followed up. I had hoped that our conversation had cleared this up; if it is did not, please accept this email as that official response. This mentoring is a pilot program; having now done this for two (one successfully, one abandoned to be begun again) it is clear that it is not a simple thing to set up, particularly when suggested mentors are not academics. For this reason, and for this pilot outing, we are therefore asking Postdocs to provide a first choice of mentor as an academic, and someone preferably associated with the Seedbox in some capacity already. If there is no one suitable, then we can look beyond. Since you had also suggested an academic, this is the reason we are not going with your first choice. It will smooth the process.

Now, I know that you are leaving the Seedbox to take up a new role, and i have potentially missed the window during which time a mentor's feedback was going to be helpful to you.

If this is not the case, and having a mentor (1) provide feedback on some written work and (2) have a follow up conversation with you, would still be helpful, i am very happy to try to facilitate that at this point. Even if it would be officially past your end date with the SeedBox, we would still be happy to organise it.

Let me know what you think and we can proceed. Again, apologies for the delays on this, which are entirely on me, and not a reflection of the broader SeedBox management team.

Best wishes
Astrida

All best wishes,
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Subject: Rebooting SB postdoc mentoring program; how about contributing to a blog miniseries about your research?

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]
Hello all,

First, I am writing to let you know that from now on you will receive emails from me from my new address: astrida.neimanis@ubc.ca

I hope the first months of 2021 are treating you all ok. The pandemic is still very much with us, and I know this has been very disruptive and concerning for some of you, personally and professionally. Here in my new home, we are now in a very worrying third wave.

Postdoc Mentoring Sessions:

This all has been challenging for me too, in a number of ways. However, as we move through the second year of the Seed Box program, i hope to still facilitate the promised mentoring sessions for each of you. I will be in touch individually, directly following this group email.

Blog Series:

Sue Reid, our SB Research Associate and communications support squad (!) has also proposed something additional for you all to consider: namely, using the Seedbox blog as a way to usher some preliminary research into the world. Ame (who has concluded their time as an SB postdoc now) used this to great effect - a three-part series that explains some of the ideas you are currently working with is a great way to get your work out into the world in a timely manner in a format that can be referred to and cited by others, and build your own profile (with the support of the Seedbox network and social media machine).

If you think this is something that would be good for you and your work, please get in touch with Sue, who can help set up a timeline for your blog miniseries.

Unfortunately due to my new timezone it is difficult for me to attend SB fika meetings, but i hope your work is all progressing well.

best wishes
Astrida

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Subject: ZOOM LINK: Postdoctoral mentoring session -Dr AM Kanngieser and A/Prof Katerina Teaiwa - March 30, 2021.

Dear all

Please find the ZOOM invitation for Ame's session with Katerina Teaiwa next week. (NB the date/time is my own timezone - PST! - so be sure to convert it for yourself!)

Best wishes
Astrida

Hi there,

Astrida Neimanis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AM Kanngieser - SEED BOX Mentoring session
Time: Mar 29, 2021 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/87283024398?pwd=VTk3eURTSHZlSXFcicQrc0hMTTh1dz09>
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Or Skype for Business (Lync):

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Subject: REMINDER: Postdoctoral mentoring session -Dr AM Kanngieser and A/Prof Katerina Teaiwa - March 30, 2021.

Hi all,

Just a reminder about Ame's mentoring session with Associate Prof Katerina Teaiwa next week!

Please RSVP (if you have not already) so we will know who will attend in "person".

If you cannot make it but would like to send comments in advance, that would be wonderful! We can integrate them into the discussion session. Please send them to me (or directly to Ame) by next Monday. I will send out the ZOOM invitation at the end of the week.

I have attached Ame's text again here. Please remember that this is not for further distribution.

Thank you
Astrida

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Subject: Re: First Postdoctoral mentoring session -Dr AM Kanngieser and A/Prof Katerina Teaiwa - March 30, 2021.

Thank you Ame!

Please, everyone, see below (first message) for the time and date of the session. Please RSVP to me no later than 26 March if you plan to attend. If you cannot attend (time zones are tough, i understand), it would be wonderful if you wanted to send comments or questions through to me in advance of the session, and we can include them.

We will record the session but it will be password protected and only available to this group.

Thank you!
Astrida

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Hi all

Attached is a first draft of my chapter on Nauru. I look forward to any questions and engagement and ask that you please do not distribute it any further.

This chapter is part of a larger book on climate catastrophe, colonialism and environmental racism in the Pacific. The place-based chapters like this one prioritise interviews and testimony, and the book is written specifically for the people that I work with; I want this to be a book that weaves together the many interviews I did and speaks directly to the relations and connections between people's experiences.

The section on listening in the introduction is unlikely to stay here, much of it will be moved to the larger introduction, I put it in here to give some context for you in terms of the method.

Warmly
Ame

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Dear SeedBox postdocs and friends!

I am delighted to announce that the first formal mentoring session will take place at the end of this month; please mark your calendars!

Dr AM Kanngieser (University of Sydney) in conversation with Associate Professor Katerina Teaiwa (ANU)
Tuesday 30 March, 9:00 am AEST (note: this is Australian Eastern Standard time!)

We know that this time is awkward for Swedish colleagues... However, given that both Ame and their mentor are in Australia, we are going to privilege that time zone this time, which hopefully is also a better time for Camila who usually has to get up for 4 or 5 am to make our meetings! I am afraid, Nikiwe, that it may not be optimal for you either 😊

This Postdoc mentoring session will be 1 hour long:

9-9:05: Introductions from the Chair (Astrida)
9:05-9:15: Brief summary presentation by the Postdoc, noting in particular any issues they hope to receive feedback and comments on
9:15-9:30: Some prepared comments and feedback from the A/Prof Teaiwa
9:30-9:55: Q&A and further comments from the attendees, moderated by Astrida

We will distribute the draft chapter in mid-March. Please note that this is for reading only within our postdoc group, and is not to be distributed any further! **If you are unable to attend the session, please send any feedback or questions directly to Ame, or you can send questions to me** that I can ask on your behalf, as moderator. We will record the session, but it will only be available (password protected) to our postdoc group.

ABSTRACT OF AME'S DRAFT WORK:

This chapter offers an ethnographic account of the contemporary ecocidal conditions experienced by people living on Nauru. It is one of five ethnographic chapters featured in the monograph "Between Sound and Silence: Listening for Environmental Justice", which composes sonic ethnographies to trace the complex ways that colonialism, extractive capitalism and environmental racism intersect with, and intensify, the impacts of climate change across the Pacific. More than aural hearing, I approach listening as a practice of sensing, attunement and noticing. Weaving together oral testimonies, conversations, stories, and environmental fieldrecordings, the book demonstrates how nuanced listening dispositions are critical to amplifying complex and diverse movements for self-determination and liberation beyond narrow definitions of victimhood and resilience.

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You can read more about Katerina [here](#).

Please RSVP (to me) if you plan to attend! I will send the ZOOM link out a few days before the session, accordingly.

I am now looking forward to setting up the rest of the sessions with you all over the coming year - as many of you know, i have been engaged in a cross-planetary move for the past 6 weeks but now I am back at work at turning back to all of these things.

Best wishes
Astrida

I will be responding to email from 5-15 January, 2021, after which I will be on a period of extended leave until 28 February, 2021.

As of 1 March, I will no longer be employed by the University of Sydney, and I will begin a new position at the UBC Okanagan.

This University of Sydney email will remain active, but I will not access it regularly.

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