



## Navigating Career Choices Post-PhD

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### Reflections on Work and Identity

This workshop will provide space to discuss, critique, and engage with some of the thorny questions about transitioning to non-tenure track careers. Kelly Anne Brown, Associate Director at UCHRI, and Shana Melnysyn, Competitive Grants Officer at UCHRI, will share their perspectives as PhDs at work in an Institute that hires many PhDs. We will begin by engaging with a few examples of “quit lit” from across the affective spectrum, and discuss how we might approach them as primary sources in our research on broadening career horizons. We ask graduate students to come having read the articles listed below, and prepared with questions about pursuing different kinds of work--particularly those they wouldn't feel comfortable asking in other contexts.

We'd also love to hear from you in advance of the discussion. What do you hope to get out of this session? For those who already have questions in mind, please send them to us at [smelnysyn@hri.uci.edu](mailto:smelnysyn@hri.uci.edu) by **Wednesday, October 17th** so that we can better shape the trajectory of the discussion.

#### Readings:

[Just Another Piece of Quit Lit](#), by Joseph Conley

[The Sublimated Grief of the Left Behind](#), by Erin Bartram

[Thesis Hatement](#), by Rebecca Schuman

[Quit Lit is About Labor Conditions](#), by Katie Rose Guest Pryal

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