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Grant Award Recipients

Congratulations to:

Dr. James Roberts, with the Department of Biology, who received a research grant from The Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Dr. Kelly Vance, with the Department of Geology and Geography, who received a research grant from the University of Georgia.

New Funding Matchmaker will cater to NIH Rejects

The Online Partnership to Accelerate Research (ONPAR) is a collaboration between the NIH and the defense, engineering, and health contractor Leidos. This new program will serve as a matchmaker between researchers who have been rejected for funding by the NIH and second chance potential funders. ONPAR will allow researchers to upload their rejected NIH proposals to an online portal where private funders can review these and the scores received from reviewers and decide whether to fund the proposals.

According to NIH, there are more worthy applications than there is available funding; therefore ONPAR would provide an additional opportunity for applicants to continue to conduct important research. For additional information, please click [here](#).

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2016 – WINNERS CIRCLE



The Georgia Southern University Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. The Symposium held on April 16th

included speakers, poster and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines. Student posters and presentations were judged and awarded based on abstract/proposal submissions and the presentation of their work on the day of the Symposium.

Top Poster Presentations: **Ian Byrd** (Natural and Physical Sciences); **Jessica Le** (Humanities and Social Sciences); **Kyle Leep** (Computer Science & Information Technology); **Jose Perez** (Education and Learning); **Gil Salazar** (Natural & Physical Science); **Varadan Sevilimedu** (Public Health and Wellness); **Shauna Tietze** (Natural & Physical Sciences)

Top Oral Presentations: **Katelyn Grimes** (Exercise Science & Human Performance); **Arthur Hatton** (Humanities and Social Science); **Elizabeth Mormile** (Exercise Science & Human Performance); **Nicholas Smoot** (Natural & Physical Science)

2016 Jack N. Averitt Awards

We want to congratulate the three individuals who received the 2016 Jack N. Averitt Award. **Heidi Moyer**, a graduate student in the Department of History, received the award for excellence in research. **Desiree Riley**, a graduate student in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, received the award for excellence in instruction. **Martin Muinos**, a graduate student pursuing a master's in applied engineering under the mentorship of Dr. Valentin Soloiu, received the award for excellence in research. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduate students within the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

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Meet the Office of Research Integrity

The Research Integrity Office manages the Institutional Review Boards, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Financial Conflict of Interest, Export Control and Responsible Conduct of Research Education as well as providing institutional support for research compliance and assurance issues.



Ele Haynes, Director, has been with GSU since 2007 serving in various roles. She is responsible for policy, program development, emerging programs, assurances and is the liaison for the Faculty Research Committee.

Shelley Salter, Compliance Officer, has been with GSU since 2011. She manages the faculty compliance committees, compliance audits, public interface, education and web development.



Upcoming events:

June 8, 2016 – Webcast – 1 – 2:30 PM EDT – Export Control – Basics (The Best Webinar You'll Ever Attend (About Export Control) Export Solutions)

June 9, 2016 – Webcast – 1 – 2:00 PM EDT – Balancing Public Interests, Benefits and Risks in Animal Research, Allyson Bennett, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

August 1 – 30, 2016 – Annual Conflict of Interest disclosures – This year the annual financial conflict of interest disclosures will be entered through the Cloud Express electronic research administration system using the same platform as researchers use to submit externally funded grant applications.

NSF Massages Grant Titles with Eye on Critics in Congress

Due to criticism from Congress in 2014, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has increased their awareness of the titles that researchers submit with their grant proposals. NSF has since made continued efforts to review and make necessary changes to proposal titles to make them easier to understand and to better describe the projects it funds. As a result of these reviews, the NSF noted that projects funded in 2015 were more than twice as likely to display new titles compared to those funded in 2012. In addition, they are striving to improve the readability of the online abstracts that describe proposals by including a nontechnical statement of why the research is important and useful to society. NSF's goal is for the titles "to be understandable by the public". To read more about this, please click [here](#).

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