

RECONNECT: Recharge, Renew and Reinvent



NCURA Region 1 Spring Meeting
May 2-5, 2022
Newport, Rhode Island

WELCOME!

Greetings Region I Colleagues!

The program planning committee is very excited to invite you to the regional spring meeting, which will be held in Newport, RI. The theme of this year's meeting is Reconnect: Recharge, Renew, and Reinvent. It's been quite a while since we have come together as a region so reconnection should be celebrated. By the time we meet in May, it will have been 3 years since our last in-person meeting. We all need to reconnect with one another, "recharge our batteries" and find new ways to reinvent or do things differently after all of this time.

The committee has been very busy putting together an excellent program which includes a wide range of sessions and discussion groups, offering varying levels for all. We are also offering the Essentials of Research Administration Workshop, which provides an overall foundation for sponsored programs. Other workshops we are offering are Pre-Award: Proposal Preparation and Budgeting, Post-Award: Award Management and Reporting, and Clinical Trials Essentials, taught by experienced research administrators.

Along with our themes of renew and recharge, we are very honored to have Dr. Judson Brewer from Brown University to provide our Keynote Address. Dr. Brewer is the Director of Research and Innovation at the Mindfulness Center and Associate Professor in Behavioral and Social Sciences at the School of Public Health and Psychiatry at the medical school at Brown University. After the uneasiness of the past two years, we are hoping to learn new ways to practice mindfulness in our lives.

We are providing several opportunities for networking and fun, such as the Connections & Innovations Suite, along with a Career Center. Early morning yoga on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well a group walk, if interested. We will have our traditional Welcome & "Reconnect" Reception, New Professionals Cohort, Volunteer Reception and hospitality suites. Newly added is an NCURA Cares Night after dinner groups and a Rest and Recharge (R&R) Room to decompress throughout the meeting. We will celebrate reconnection at the Wednesday evening banquet with a DJ and dancing.

We look forward to seeing you and we hope you enjoy the meeting!

Sincerely,

Stacy Riseman, College of the Holy Cross, Meeting Chair

Susan Zipkin, University of New Hampshire, Co-Chair

Suzanne Araujo, Brown University, Co-Chair

Kyle Lewis, Lewis RA Consulting, Co-Chair

RECHARGE

Take a moment away from the daily grind, to learn from your colleagues!

RENEW

Learn strategies and best practices for success in today's hybrid workplaces!

RECONNECT

Network with your Region 1 colleagues!

NEWPORT MARRIOTT

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Newport, RI 02840

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Placed amid the historic downtown district, the Newport Marriott offers scenic luxury along the shimmering Rhode Island waterfront. Discover Newport's most celebrated attractions including Fort Adams, Naval Station Newport, Belle Mer, Cliff Walk and Thames Street.



NEWPORT MARRIOTT

Ignite your senses with flavorful American fare, draft beers, fine wines and innovative cocktails in MainSail and Skiff Bar both enhanced by breathtaking water views. Our expansive, nautical-themed hotel accommodations are generously appointed with luxurious amenities and spa-like bathrooms with waterfall showers. Find your inspiration in our 24,000 square feet of versatile event space, enhanced by expert planning and custom catering. After a satisfying day of business, sightseeing or fun at the beach in Newport, RI, treat yourself to a massage, beauty treatment or wellness therapy at our full-service hotel spa or try a workout in Studio Fit. When you stay at the Newport Marriott, you will discover a luxury haven along the downtown waterfront.

RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations today!

Mention "NCURA" and get the conference rate at \$199 per night. The room block ends April 19th.

Reservations can be made by phone (call 800-228-9290) or online:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1639684300950&key=GRP>

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MEETING REGISTRATION

Don't wait - registration closes on Wednesday, April 27th!

Full Meeting Registration

Full-Price Registration: \$595

Registrations received after 4/15/22 will be charged the full meeting rate.

Day Registration

Tuesday or Wednesday Only Registration: \$295

Thursday-Only Registration: \$150

Workshop Registration

Register for the Monday workshops for an additional fee.

Full-Day Workshops: \$300

Half-Day Workshops: \$175

Registration Links

Register Online:

The easiest option, pay by credit card!

<https://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences/EventInfo.aspx?sessionaltcd=2022REGION1>

Check Registration:

Complete and print the form, and mail in a check payment.

<https://ncuraregioni.wufoo.com/forms/z1x0ipbs1ht6tz7/>

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) recognizes, values, and celebrates diversity of persons, skills, and experiences in its mission to advance the profession of research administration. Thus, NCURA is committed to building and maintaining a diverse membership and a culture of inclusion. Every member of NCURA has a right, without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, social class, sexual orientation, ability, personality, functional experience, or background, to fair and respectful treatment, equal access to resources to support professional growth, and equitable opportunities to contribute to NCURA's success.

2022 Region 1 Spring Meeting

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

A smaller, less formal group session facilitated by discussion group leaders not requiring AV. Leaders encourage conversation and the sharing of ideas and practices by attendees.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A traditional style, larger session with topic information presented. Many presentations also have a question/answer discussion portion built in.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Speakers present to the attendees at large.



CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Do you want to specialize in a particular track or have a record of the sessions you've attend during the meeting?

Session tracking sheets will be available at the registration desk throughout the meeting.

At the end of each session, provide the tracking sheet to the speaker to certify your attendance.

If you have attended at least two-thirds of the sessions in a particular track, you will qualify for a track completion certificate.

If you just want a record of the hours spent in educational sessions (e.g., for CRA re-certification), total the hours spent in sessions on the tracking sheet.

You may leave your completed tracking sheet with a volunteer at the registration desk or email a scan of the form to secretary@ncuraregioni.org.

Your Certificate of Completion will be emailed to you after the conference.

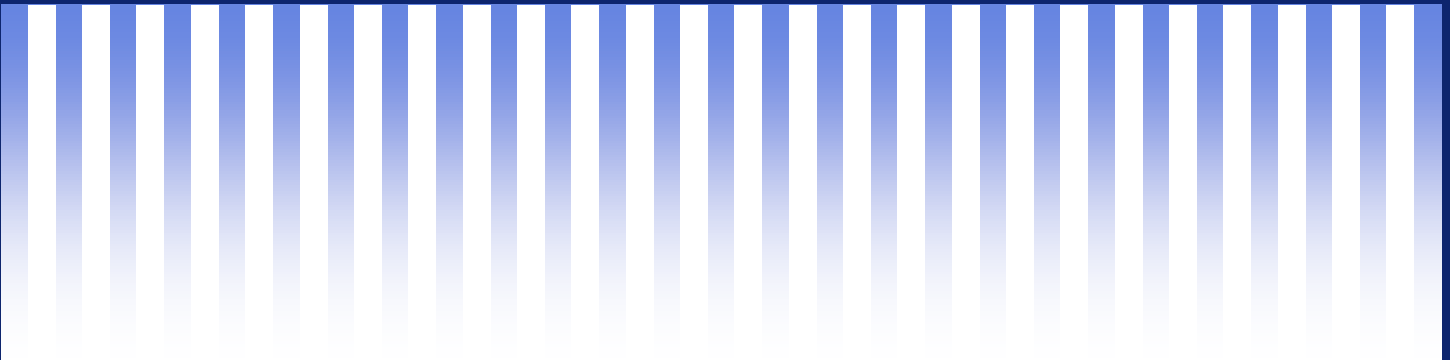
Make the most of your meeting!

If this is your first meeting, we recommend attending the informal networking events and receptions listed in the program.

- ◇ **Try something new.**
- ◇ **Asking questions is a good way to find out!**
- ◇ **Help, if you see help is needed.**
- ◇ **Have fun!**
- ◇ **Fill out feedback and evaluation forms when asked to help make next year's meeting even better**

Please remember that the NCURA I regional meeting is entirely organized and implemented by NCURA members who volunteer to make the meeting happen. Organizers have worked hard to provide professional, interactive, and informative sessions and a variety of informal networking opportunities.

If you need help or have any questions at any time, approach the registration table or any member of the NCURA Program Committee.



Region 1

New Professionals Cohort

As part of the Region I Spring Meeting, the New Professionals Cohort is a group designed to help those feel more comfortable attending the regional meeting for the first time.

Events for the New Professionals Cohort include the Newcomers Reception where you, and your fellow cohort members, can mingle with advisory board and/or program committee members to hear an overview of the meeting. This includes how to get around the hotel, concurrent session and discussion group information, how to use the program app, etc). Also, reserved tables for seating at lunch, as well as a New Professional Dinner group outing. We hope you join us for this great program within the Spring Meeting! An invitation will be sent after the registration process is complete.

DAILY ITINERARY

MONDAY, 5/2/22

START	END	EVENT
7:30 am	5:00 pm	Registration for All Attendees & Speakers
8:00 am	9:00 am	Breakfast for Workshop Attendees
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Half-Day Workshops (Morning)
1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Half-Day Workshops (Afternoon)
9:00 am	4:00 pm	Full-Day Workshops
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch for Workshop Attendees
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Newcomers Reception
6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Welcome & Reconnect Reception
8:30 pm	11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite

TUESDAY, 5/3/22

START	END	EVENT
6:30 am	7:30 am	Yoga or Group Walk (<i>Meet in lobby at 6:20 am</i>)
7:30 am	5:00 pm	Registration for All Attendees & Speakers <i>Note: Closed 12:15-1:15 pm during lunch</i>
8:00 am	5:00 pm	Rest & Recharge Room Open
8:00 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Breakfast Roundtables
8:45 am	9:00 am	Welcome
9:00 am	9:15 am	NCURA National Update
9:15 am	10:30 am	Keynote Address
10:30 am	11:00 am	Recharge Break
11:00 am	12:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
12:15 pm	1:15 pm	Awards Luncheon
1:30 pm	2:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
2:30 pm	2:45 pm	Recharge Break
2:45 pm	3:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
3:45 pm	4:00 pm	Recharge Break
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Dinner Groups
8:30 pm	11:00 pm	NCURA Cares Night & Hospitality Suite

DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, 5/4/22

START	END	EVENT
6:30 am	7:30 am	Yoga or Group Walk <i>(Meet in lobby at 6:20 am)</i>
7:30 am	5:00 pm	Registration for All Attendees & Speakers <i>Note: Closed 11:45 am - 1 pm during lunch</i>
8:00 am	5:00 pm	Rest & Recharge Room Open
7:30 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	10:15 am	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
10:15 am	10:30 am	Recharge Break
10:30 am	11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
11:45 am	1:00 pm	Lunch / Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Plenary Session
1:15 pm	2:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	Recharge Break
3:45 pm	5:00 pm	Connections & Innovations Suite
3:45 pm	5:00 pm	Career Center
5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Volunteer Reception
6:30 pm	11:00 pm	Banquet Dinner / DJ & Dancing

THURSDAY, 5/5/22

7:30 am	8:15 am	Registration for All Attendees & Speakers
7:00 am	8:00 am	Full Breakfast
8:00 am	9:00 am	Region 1 Business Meeting
9:15 am	10:30 am	NIH Update
10:30 am	10:45 am	Recharge Break
10:45 am	12 pm	NSF Update
12:00 pm		Meeting Adjourns

DOWNLOAD THE NCURA APP

Prior to your arrival, follow this QR code or download the NCURA app from the Apple or Google Play stores!

View and manage your conference schedule on the run - the app is accessible on all mobile devices!



NETWORKING & FUN

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Are you new to NCURA? Is this your first NCURA Region I meeting? Are you new to research administration? If you answered yes to any of these questions then please join us to learn more about NCURA benefits, volunteer opportunities, professional development options and gain tips for navigating the meeting.

Monday, 5/2, 5-6 pm, Freedom

WELCOME & RECONNECT RECEPTION

Welcome back, Region 1 - come catch up with old friends as we kick off the meeting! We'll be gathering in the Atrium to reconnect after so much time apart! Appetizers and beverages will be served while we listen to the 3-piece acoustic sound of Poor Man's Gibson. **Monday, 5/2, 6 - 7:30 pm, Atrium**

THANK YOU TO ATTAIN FOR SPONSORING THIS RECEPTION!

EVENING GATHERING SPOT

Come mingle with your colleagues in the Hospitality Suite after a day of great sessions! This gathering provides an informal backdrop to get to know other members.

Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 - 11 pm, Skiff Bar and Newport (Quiet Room)

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUPS

Dinner Groups provide conference attendees with the opportunity to meet other members while enjoying a nice meal. The Program Committee has taken the guesswork out of trying to figure out where to find a great meal in Newport. Choose from a variety of cuisines, stick with your favorite one or try something new!

Sign up for a dinner group at the registration desk by 12 PM on Tuesday, 5/3!

Meet in the lobby at 5:45 pm.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Thank you, Region 1 volunteers! It's because of you that we're able to offer so many quality programs to our members. Please join us for a special reception in your honor. **Wednesday, 5/4, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Atrium**

RECHARGE

YOGA

Certified Instructor: Lisa Griffin, RYT-200

These morning Vinyasa Yoga classes are suitable for anyone wanting to start their day with more strength, balance, fluidity and confidence. Vinyasa Yoga is an energetic and invigorating practice embodying the flow of yoga and focuses on strength, stability and flexibility. Every level of experience is supported and encouraged.

Please bring your own water, mats, towels, etc.

Tuesday, 5/3 and Wednesday, 5/4

6:30 - 7:30 am, Enterprise

GROUP WALK/RUN

Come and enjoy an early morning fun walk of fitness and friendship with colleagues around Newport!

Meet early in the main lobby at 6:30 AM so you can enjoy the sessions after your return at 7:30 AM. This is a great way to start your busy filled day of sessions with fresh air and meet new colleagues.

Hosted by our very own Geraldine Pierre

Tuesday, 5/3 and Wednesday, 5/4

6:30 - 7:30 am, Meet in the Lobby

REST & RECHARGE ROOM

Looking for a quiet space to recharge? Need to take a few minutes to process the multitude of information? Retreat to the Rest & Recharge Room where you will be greeted with soft sounds, low lighting, and soft blankets. We will have a phone charging station, a puzzle to work on, coloring books, as well as yoga mats and exercise balls to help you stretch and renew after sitting. Phone calls and Zoom meetings will be discouraged. Make sure to stop by during the meeting for some self-care.

Tuesday, 5/3 and Wednesday, 5/4,

8 am - 5 pm, Courageous

NCURA CARES

NCURA CARES OUTREACH PROGRAM

The NCURA Cares Outreach program connects with local shelters and organizations by assisting in their mission of providing accessible barrier-free services to empower people struggling and to advocate for solutions such as providing basic essentials. You can help by donating some (or all) of your hotel vanity items to provide necessities for those in need. NCURA Volunteers will be collecting these items throughout the conference; please drop off items at the Registration desk.

In addition, we are asking that you please consider donating item(s) from the top requested items. The Dollar Store is a great place to get some of these items! THINK BIG! Collaborate with your colleagues or consider hosting a needs drive at your institution and bring collected items for donation to Newport, Rhode Island.

Two RAFFLE DRAWINGS means 2 chances to win!!

- * Gift card for hotel vanity items
- * Gift card for additional items from the Top Requested Items list

Top Requested Items

- *Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Gas, Grocery, etc.)*
- *Diapers & Pull-Ups (especially size 4-5)*
- *Baby wipes*
- *Child-sized masks*
- *Cleaning and paper products (full-size, new): laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues*
- *Toiletries (full-size, new): soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hair brushes, razors*
- *Non-perishable foods*

NCURA CARES NIGHT

Tuesday evening, after dinner groups, we will also be having NCURA Cares night to make cards for kids in hospitals from NCURA during the Hospitality Suite. Whether you feel you are creative or not, we will have all the items needed to make a card to send to kids to show NCURA Cares.

For more information regarding NCURA Cares (additional items needed, what you/your institution can do to assist this outreach program, etc.), please contact Kyle Lewis at lewisraconsulting@gmail.com.

Tuesday, 5/3, 8:30-11 pm, Newport



MONDAY, 5/2

WORKSHOPS

FULL-DAY WORKSHOPS

9 am - 4 pm

Essentials of Research Administration

The Essentials of Sponsored Research Administration workshop provides participants with a broad overview of sponsored projects administration. The workshop covers cost principles, budgets, coordination and review of proposals, negotiation and acceptance of awards, financial and administrative management, closeout and audit, and compliance issues.

Denise Rouleau
Tufts University

Danforth Nicholas
MIT

Krista Ernewein
Harvard University

Weatherly

HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS

9 am - 12 pm

Pre Award: Proposal Preparation and Budgeting

This workshop will focus in some depth on pre-award topics that drive proposal submissions. Proposal elements will be identified on the basis of common RFPs, with special attention to updated Current and Pending and Other Support regulations. A survey of sponsored systems will be offered with live demos of working with Fastlane, research.gov, Workspace, and ASSIST. The workshop will also focus on budgeting strategies, review of budget template/s, and crafting of

Rady Rogers
Harvard University

Ashley Bens
Harvard University

Columbia

1 pm - 4 pm

Post Award: Award Management and Reporting

This workshop will focus on award management and financial accounting of sponsored funds. The topics that will be surveyed include reporting requirements, financial management, account structuring, cost principles and best practices in financial reconciliations. Additional topics for discussion are effort reporting and international activities disclosures. The workshop will also focus on strategies for financial projections and strategizing with regard to new proposal submissions to maintain healthy sponsored portfolios.

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Harvard University

Christyne Anderson
Harvard University

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TUESDAY, 5/3

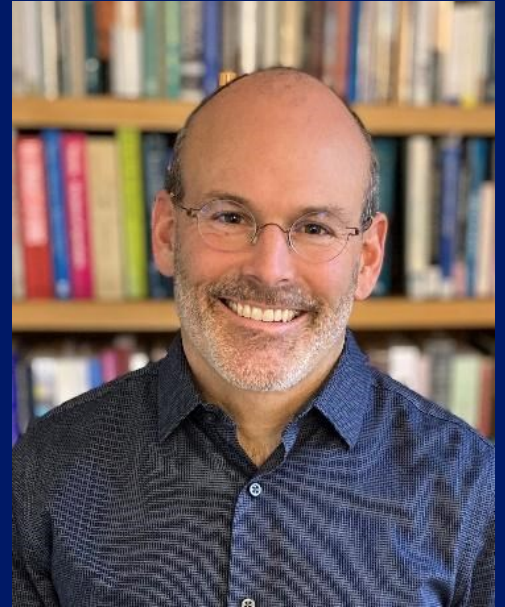
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

DR. JUDSON BREWER

9:15 - 10:30 am, Atrium

Unwinding anxiety: can insights from the science of habit change help how we view and treat anxiety?

Can anxiety and worry be perpetuated like a habit? Anxiety levels are increasing individually and collectively in modern day. Faced with uncertainty, an overabundance of information (and misinformation), among other challenges, our minds struggle to keep up. Our brains default to old survival mechanism to help us deal with anxiety, which can lead to the development of unhealthy coping habits (e.g., stress eating) and ironically feed anxiety as a habit itself. Drawing on his clinical work, neuroscience research studies and development of next-generation digital therapeutics for habit change, Dr. Brewer will discuss the underlying behavioral and neurobiological mechanisms of why anxiety and other habits are formed and how we can paradoxically tap into these very processes to uproot them. He will also discuss how we can apply these insights to improving clinical treatments and to our own lives.



Biography

Jud Brewer, MD, PhD is the Director of Research and Innovation at the Mindfulness Center and associate professor in Behavioral and Social Sciences at the School of Public Health and Psychiatry at the Medical School at Brown University. He also is a research affiliate at MIT. A psychiatrist and internationally known expert in mindfulness training for addictions, Brewer has developed and tested novel mindfulness programs for behavior change, including both in-person and app-based treatments for smoking, emotional eating, and anxiety. He has also studied the underlying neural mechanisms of mindfulness using standard and real-time fMRI, and source-estimated EEG, and is currently translating these findings into clinical use (see www.drjud.com for more information). He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, presented to the US President's Office of National Drug Control Policy, foreign Parliaments, trained US Olympic athletes and coaches, and foreign government ministers and has been featured on 60 minutes, at TED (4th most viewed talk of 2016 with over 17 Million views), in the New York Times, Time magazine (top 100 new health discoveries of 2013), Forbes, Businessweek, NPR, National Geographic, and the BBC among others. He is the author of *The Craving Mind: from cigarettes to smartphones to love, why we get hooked and how we can break bad habits* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017) and the New York Times best-seller, *Unwinding Anxiety: New Science Shows How to Break the Cycles of Worry and Fear to Heal Your Mind* (Avery/Penguin Random House, 2021). Follow him on twitter @judbrewer.

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11 am - 12:15 pm

Human Capital

Intermediate / All

Salon IV

Debating Critical Race Theory & Multicultural Recruitment and Retention in Academia

This session will promote dialogue and debate on “evidence” based best practices toward creating increasingly inclusive, equitable and diverse academic communities.

Learning Objectives: By the end of this session participants will be able to (1) describe the origin and application of critical race theory, CRT, & relevancy to academic research, (2) Listen to disparate voices in the debate on CRT, and hone one’s own perspectives, (3) List 5 key tenets of critical race theory in academic settings, and challenges, (4) Create a framework for discerning ‘evidence’ and (5) Explain the role of theories and frameworks in: creating sustainable behavioral change and applying best practices in recruiting and retaining members into the academic community.

Maria Madison

Brandeis University

PUI

Intermediate / All

Columbia

Leveraging the CFR and SRO expertise at a PUI: A Case Study

Mass Timber is a grant from the USDA Forest Service Program that supports capital projects on college campuses. Using that application process as a case study, we will examine how a CFR officer and SRO officer can work together across departments to leverage each other’s expertise. Attendees will leave this session with an example of a strategy that can maximize expertise and efficiently manage a federal grant that does not fit neatly under the confines of development or academic affairs. Attendees will be encouraged to share their own strategies and tips as time allows.

Cara Martin-Tetreault

Bowdoin College

TUESDAY, 5/3

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11 am - 12:15 pm

Pre-Award

Beginner

Salon III

Budgeting Basics: Unlocking the Mystery of Budget Building for Federal and Foundation Grants

Are you new to building grant budgets? Do you have a PI who seems to expect you to build their budgets for them? Budgeting is not as simple as adding $2 + 2 = 4$, and grant budget has complex requirements that can be daunting for a beginner. Creating budgets for grants is a special skill, one that requires training from those with experience. In this hands-on talk, join experienced research administrators as we walk you through the basics of building federal and general foundation proposal budgets using case studies. We will build budgets in real-time, and you will walk out of the session with the practical skills and helpful examples and materials you need to create budgets for grant proposals.

Denise Rouleau

Tufts University

Suzanne Araujo

Brown University

Post-Award

Intermediate / All

Weatherly

Post-Award Management from a Departmental Perspective

Learn the ins and outs of post award management from a departmental perspective. Learn best practices you can do in the department to manage post award from funding to closeout. Learn how to build and nourish relationships with all the players involved in the successful execution of a sponsored award.

Benjamin Garvin

Harvard University

Bob Cohen

Attain

Human Capital

Intermediate / All

Freedom

The Impact of Your NCURA Membership

This session will provide an overview regarding the impact of your NCURA membership, and how the organization supports you and your career through its various conferences, educational resources, and volunteer opportunities.

Timothy Schailey

Thomas Jefferson University

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Compliance

Beginner

Salon IV

Essential Compliance Topics in Research Administration

Research compliance essentials that every principal investigator and research administrative professional should know. This session will provide participants with an overview of compliance requirements related to sponsored projects. Participants will learn about multiple areas of sponsored project compliance, and become familiar with typical roles and responsibilities related to compliance.

Sonya Stern

University of Vermont Medical Center

Lana Metayer

University of Vermont

Hospital / Clinical

Intermediate / All

Weatherly

Creating a Diversity Mentoring Program at an Academic Medical Center

The Mass General Brigham (MGB) CADI Mentoring Program provides mentorship for diverse employees from senior management, to support and shape our leaders of tomorrow. During this session you will learn how and why MGB started this program ten years ago and MGB will review the main components of the program as well as its support structure.

Sandy Armstrong

Mass General Brigham

Katrina Allen

Mass General Brigham

Dennis MacDonald

Mass General Brigham

Karla Ventura

Mass General Brigham

Post-Award

Intermediate / All

Salon III

Audits and Internal Controls

This session is for research administrators who would like to gain knowledge of audit requests and what actions are needed when you are audited. We will cover the work flow of audits, the types of audit requests one may receive as well as requested documentation to support costs. During this presentation, we will demonstrate the connection between strong internal controls and clean audits. Both departmental and central perspectives will be addressed.

Christyne Anderson

Harvard University

Rady Rogers

Harvard University

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUPS

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Pre-Award

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Checklist: Your Ace In The Hole

Research Administrators (RAs) rely heavily on a myriad of checklists to guide the effective management of their pre and post-award processes and activities. In this interactive and robust discussion, we will share techniques, essential strategies and key components that make checklists an ace in the hole for RAs. Session Learning Objectives: • Participants will understand the key components of effective pre and post-award checklists.

Geraldine Pierre
Maximus

Chanda Robe
Boston Medical Center

Ben Garvin
Harvard University

PUI

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Columbia

In It Together: Co-existing, Collaborating and Thriving with your Foundation Relations Office

Relationships between Grants and Sponsored Project offices and Foundation Relations offices do not have the best reputations. A Research Administrator and a Foundation Relations Officer from a PUI will lead this discussion group focused on opening up lines of communication and collaboration. They will share successful strategies and stories of collectively supporting faculty research and institutional priorities.

Bonnie Troupe
Stonehill College

Marie Kelly
Stonehill College

TUESDAY, 5/3

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Human Capital

Beginner

Salon IV

Career Evolution: Transitioning from Managing Grants to Managing Grant Managers

Research administration is a challenging and ever-changing field. Those who excel in it often find themselves promoted until they eventually cross over into management, where they face new challenges like balancing staff workloads, employee morale, and ensuring that the trains run on time and grants get out the door. Without leadership training, these responsibilities can get overwhelming, and new managers often aren't sure where to start. There's great news! There are so many transferrable skills that are applicable both to manage grants and manage people, and in this session you'll identify your management brand to set strong expectations with your staff, learn to manage workloads, and apply techniques to avoid some common manager mistakes so that your team runs as effectively as your grant portfolio.

Minessa Konecky

Direct to Success

Hospital / Clinical

Intermediate / All

Columbia

Managing Staff during COVID-related Redeployment

The role of a hospital departmental research administrator is ever-changing; the day you have is never the day you think you're going to have. Administrators in departments are responsible to both the institution and their departments, which can create conflicting priorities and a packed to-do list, especially in the era of COVID and COVID surges. The key to success is communication.

Laurel Cobban

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Lisa Griffin

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Ryan Lavoie

Brigham & Women's Hospital

TUESDAY, 5/3

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2:45 - 3:45 pm

Compliance

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Salon III

Overview of Regulatory Committees (IRB/ IACUC/IBC/Stem Cell) and the Impact on the Project Lifecycle

In your everyday life as a sponsored research professional you often encounter regulatory committees that significantly impact your externally funded projects. It is not always clear when these regulatory committees will have oversight on your projects. Further complicating your work is their oversight may change over the project's lifecycle. This session will help demystify these committees and when they are likely connected to the project.

Understand the basic structure and oversight of these regulatory committees: IRB, IACUC, IBC, and ESCRO.

Develop a framework of questions to help you to quickly determine if one of these commonly encountered regulatory committees will impact the project.

Understand how the regulatory committee oversight will change over your project's lifecycle.

Ross Hickey

University of Southern Maine

Tedd Myatt

University of Rhode Island

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Pre-Award

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Weatherly

Funding Opportunities and Partnerships with European Agencies and Governments: What U.S. Administrators Need to Know

U.S.-European academic cooperation and mobility is increasingly fueled by university partnerships in research, teaching, and collaborative programming. This session will explore programs and funding sources primarily from the European side which U.S. organizations are able to access to increase collaboration with European institutions.

Learning Objectives: Participants will learn about successful partnership mechanisms and examples in advancing U.S.-European collaborations, and will take away information on innovative models, resources, and potential for partnership programs and funding sources focused on European governments and agencies.

Christopher Medalis

SIT- School for International Training

Jennifer Crockett

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

DISCUSSION GROUPS

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Post-Award

Advanced

Freedom

Senior Level Hot Topics - "Ask Weezie"

Join these seasoned administrators to discuss hot topics and answer your burning questions. Questions can be submitted in advance to louise.griffin@unh.edu.

Louise Griffin

University of New Hampshire

Jill Mortali

Dartmouth College

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

4 - 5 pm

Human Capital

Intermediate / All

Weatherly

How to make working from home work for you

Working from home can be chaos, and it's hard to feel like you're getting anything done when most of your day is spent putting out fires and making sure no one misses the innumerable deadlines that make up life while also dealing with crying toddlers, dinner plans, laundry, and a plethora of sick and snow days. You're trying to find balance, so that you feel like you can be a present parent, who also has downtime for yourself, AND also bring your best performance to your work. Most often we use schedules, time blocking, and other time organization tricks to accomplish this. In this session you'll learn about what comes BEFORE that - the mindset and perspective that you approach your work with that will allow you to instantly recognize busywork for what it is, eliminate work clutter, and amplify what you get done when you ARE working, so that you can have your work from home cake, and eat it too.

Minessa Konecky

Direct to Success

Pre-Award

Intermediate / All

Salon III

Rules, Tools and Working together: Reconnecting with colleagues and reinventing the way in which we work together

By the end of the session, attendees will understand the importance of communication between the central research office and departmental staff as it relates to the rules that impact grant proposals. We will also discuss tools available to ensure successful proposal submission and award management.

Sharon Moitoso

Brown University

Brandi Glover

Brown University

TUESDAY, 5/3

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

4 - 5 pm

Post-Award

Intermediate / All

Salon IV

A Fundamental Shift in Industry for UG Compensation Compliance

OMB specifically recognized that alternative methods to effort reporting satisfy the after-the-fact review requirement, may reduce burden and removed the word 'effort'. Both NSF and NIH have recently published statements that alternative methods to meet the after-the-fact review requirement are acceptable. NSF OIG and DHHS OIG reiterated that they agree with the agency specific guidance already issued that alternative methods are acceptable and must be supported by a strong system of internal controls per Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200). This session will demonstrate and provide examples of how institutions have integrated a system of internal controls to meet the standards for documenting personnel costs in accordance with the Uniform Guidance (200.430 – Compensation). In addition, sample after the fact review reports for institutions that have transitioned to an alternative to effort reporting will be presented. This presentation will provide attendees with the needed information about alternative methods of compensation compliance that are growing within the university community.

Hospital / Clinical

Intermediate / All

Freedom

Career Development at an Academic Medical Center: Creating Goals and Finding Mentors

This panel session seeks to explore the pathways and components of a successful and challenging career in Research Administration. The overall goal is to give all attendees an overview on what it will take to be successful in the future of research administration. Audience members will be strongly encouraged to drive the conversation by asking our panelists questions directly.

Lisa Mosley

Yale University

David Ngo

New York University

Roseann Luongo

Huron Consulting

Efosa Lawani

Brigham & Women's Hospital

LaShaunda Gayden

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Jennifer D'Attanasio

Mass General Brigham

Raquel Espinosa

McLean Hospital

TUESDAY, 5/3

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUPS

4 - 5 pm

Compliance

Intermediate / All

Columbia

Love Data Week: An Opportunity to Promote Institutional Research Data Management Resources, Policies, and Collaboration

Love Data Week is an international celebration of data that takes place every year around Valentine's Day. Love Data Week's various events are designed to raise awareness and build community around research data management, sharing, preservation, reuse, and institution-based research data services. We will discuss how Brown University's Research Administration uses Love Data Week to foster collaboration across campus units to educate researchers on the University's and federal sponsors' data management and sharing resources and policies (including the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing). We also welcome research administrators to share their institutions' tips for collaboration on data management and sharing resources and their strategies to promote and make them accessible. By the conclusion of the session, attendees will be able to apply the tips learned throughout the session to starting their own Love Data Week chapter or volunteer for a chapter already established at their institution to effectively communicate directly to their research community forthcoming regulatory changes in the research data space.

Arielle Nitenson
Brown University

Andrew Creamer
Brown University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9 - 10:15 am

Post-Award

Intermediate / All
Weatherly

Uncovering the Mysteries of F&A!

Join us for an exploration of what F&A is and different approaches for F&A Rate Proposal development in an age of big data. Learning Objectives: Participants will gain a better overall understanding of F&A and of the components that make up the F&A proposal, as well as the planning and engagement required for a successful F&A proposal.

Charlotte Gallant

Harvard University

Brian Kimball

Brown University

Eric Wang

Huron Consulting

PUI

Intermediate / All
Columbia

Research Development at PUIs: It's One of the Things We Do

This session will provide an introduction to research development and an overview of the services we offer at the University of Hartford to faculty in the pre-award (or pre-pre-award) stage. Participants will leave with an understanding of strategies they can use to build trust and collaborative good will with their faculty members.

Julie Portfolio

University of Hartford

Hospital / Clinical

Intermediate / All
Salon III

Industry Sponsored Clinical Trials: Initial and Interim Budgeting

This session will walk through the differences between an Industry vs NIH sponsored clinical trial. Discussion will include components of an industry budget, as well as typical expectations from sponsors with regards to budget layout, cost items, fixed costs vs variable costs, payments, and negotiations. Learning Objectives: Understanding the components of an industry budget, determine how to identify costs at the site and how to calculate those costs accurately, learning negotiation strategies and techniques.

Lynelle Cortellini

Massachusetts General Hospital

John Montana

Mass General Brigham

Pre-Award

Advanced
Salon IV

The Subaward Lifecycle

The session will provide an overview of the life cycle of subawards.

Jessica McDonough

Dartmouth College

Lisa Mosley

Yale University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUPS

9 - 10:15 am

Human Capital

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Freedom

Teleworking Research Administration

Discussion group to review positives and negatives of the telework research administration environment we have had to work through, what your organization did to work through it, what are you doing now, what worked, what didn't work, best practices, and next steps.

Kyle Lewis

Lewis RA Consulting

Joyce Ferland

Mass General Brigham

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:30 - 11:45 am

PUI

Intermediate / All
Columbia

To Whom are We Writing For? Faculty Reflections on Lessons Learned as Proposal Reviewers

Who are proposal readers and reviewers? What are they really looking for? What makes a proposal 'easy' to read? How do you encourage your faculty members to serve in this capacity? Ever considered becoming a reader yourself? Three faculty members and one research administrator will share their experiences of serving as readers on review panels. Additionally, the session will outline why and how a faculty members and research administrators should become involved with an agency grant review process. Impressions from reviewers for the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education (Title III and TRIO Upward Bound) and the National Institutes of Health (AREA R15) will be featured.

Bonnie Troupe

Stonehill College

Karen Anderson

Stonehill College

Julie Striuli

Fairfield University

Jennifer Van Reet

Providence College

Compliance

Advanced
Salon IV

NSPM-33 Guidance: Looking Ahead to Implementation

This session will use the NSPM-33 Guidance as a roadmap to walk through potential implementation and how institutions can best prepare themselves. The session will also highlight the leadership of FDP and COGR in providing resources to and advocacy for the community.

Amanda Humphrey

Northeastern University

Lisa Mosley

Yale University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

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Pre-Award

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Salon III

From Taskwork to Teamwork: Applying the Science of Team Science to Research Support Professionals

Complex proposals, such as center grants, institutional training grants, and equipment grants, require substantial institutional support. This support comes from various units, including research administration, research development, corporate and foundation relations, technology transfer, university counsel, compliance offices (IRB, IACUC), and school/university upper administration (deans, provost, president, etc.). While these offices work for the same institution, they often have differing reporting lines, different strategies for getting things done, and their own language for their work. Strategies for these administrative teams to work together effectively are required to ensure compliance and quality.

In this session, we will discuss how three concepts from the science of team science applies to administrative teams: 1) developing a shared vision in support of the scientific vision of the investigators; 2) developing a shared vocabulary across diverse administrative units who often have their own specialized terminologies; and 3) understanding the motivators, detractors. These strategies will result in increased ability to break down institutional silos, thus making the processes of completing complex proposals easier. Practical solutions for assigning roles and responsibilities and communicating effectively with the investigator team will also be provided.

Amy Gantt

Tufts University

Sarah Marina

Tufts University

Zoya Davis-Hamilton

Tufts University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

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10:30 - 11:45 am

Post-Award

Advanced

Freedom

Promising Practices for NSF Award Management: A Review and Best Practices Discussion

The recently released Cotton & Company LLC report titled, "Promising Practices for NSF Award Management" details a review of common audit issues the company found on NSF awards. We will use the report to structure the discussion that will focus on best practices used across institutions to safeguard against audit findings. This session is expected to be a lively, interactive discussion meant for the more advanced research administrator.

Heather Dominey
Brown University

Thomas Dillon
Brown University

Hospital / Clinical

Intermediate / All

Weatherly

Supporting Innovation at Academic Medical Centers

AMCs are unique compared to other health systems because of their tripartite mission of clinical care, research, and education. Clinical innovation that advances high quality products and services for the benefit of patients and society is an extension of this core academic mission.

Scott McNeal
Mass General Brigham

Lesley Watts
Mass General Brigham

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

DEI PLENARY SESSION

JESSICA HALEM, MBA

12 - 1 pm, Atrium

Unmute Yourself: Improv Skills for Inclusion and Belonging

Jessica Halem (born Kent, Ohio) is an award-winning educator, advocate, and consultant with accolades from GLMA, Harvard, Howard Brown, and The Advocate. She works with Fortune 500 companies, medical centers, and public officials on LGBTQ+ issues, workplace inclusion, and healthcare equity.

As the inaugural LGBTQ Outreach and Engagement Director at Harvard Medical School, she recruited and supported a class of over 15% LGBTQ+ students by building a community of mentors and advocates. A long-time fundraiser, she secured a historic \$1.5 million dollar grant for integrating sexual and gender minority health equity in medical education.

Previously, Jessica ran the Lesbian Community Cancer Project in Chicago where she implemented the nation's first cultural competency trainings for the CDC and served on then-candidate Obama's first LGBT Advisory Committee. While in Chicago, Jessica trained at Second City and went on to lead a successful stand-up comedy career.

She serves on the Board of the Tegan and Sara Foundation and lives with her partner Jen Manion, who is a Professor of History and Sexuality, Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College. She received her BA from Sarah Lawrence College and her MBA from Simmons College.



WEDNESDAY, 5/4

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Compliance

Intermediate / All

Salon III

How Federal Enforcement of Foreign Influence Cases Has Changed the Landscape of Research: Our New Reality

Over the past several years, federally funded researchers have faced increasing scrutiny from funding agencies, law enforcement and legislators concerning international research activities and support. We have experienced a dramatic shift in the focus of enforcement and no longer are indictments limited to actual allegations around theft and loss of intellectual property or proprietary information. The numerous examples of enforcement actions served as a wake-up call to all federally funded research institutions, causing us to re-examine our internal controls and prepare for pending changes in the landscape of research security. Join us for a presentation on certain examples of enforcement activity and the lessons gleaned therefrom.

Jeff Seo

Northeastern University

Post-Award

Beginner

Weatherly

Service Centers: The Not So Simple Basics

The session is a beginner's guide to operating or overseeing scientific service centers. Service Centers are internal operating units that sell goods or services to members of the research community or other users. The costs of providing the products/services are allocated to the users based on established billing rates. How are service centers established? How are rates set? What rules govern the operations of service centers? What are the common pitfalls? What does it mean to be compliant? Learning Objectives: To provide an overview of the basics of service center setup, budgets, rate setting, billing, and annual reviews as well a primer on the regulatory environment in which service centers operate.

Sarah Axelrod

Harvard University

Zach Belton

Huron Consulting

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Human Capital

Intermediate / All

Salon IV

Strategies for creating a safe space for an honest and open dialogue: An open forum for breaking down cultural norms within the academic setting

It is critical to create safe spaces for open dialogue within the academic setting, and a vital component in this, is breaking down cultural norms. The current cultural conditioning does not intentionally create an environment that supports research administrators to be active allies, speak truth to power and create open dialogue. This panel discussion will focus on strategies to create open dialogue within academic settings.

Theresa Caban

Retina Vitreous Associates Medical Group

Rashonda Harris

University of Connecticut

Region I Inaugural DEI Committee Representative

Pre-Award

Intermediate / All

Columbia

Proposal Submissions: Are You There Yet?

Are your PIs chronically late with submitting their proposals? How do you deal with it? This discussion group is geared at uncovering solutions to late proposal submissions, particularly at a departmental level. In addition, we will share and discuss different institutional policies. We will also focus on solutions that can be brought about by departmental and central offices in collaboration, such as procedural adjustments and improved planning and communication. Finally, we will brainstorm coping mechanisms that all of us can use to alleviate the stress of a deadline-driven pre-award job.

Rady Rogers

Harvard University

Nadija Mujagic

Boston University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Hospital / Clinical

Surviving an Audit

Intermediate / All

Freedom

This session will discuss topics related to audits in research. Department and Research Management experts will address the challenges of surviving a financial and FDA audit. The goals of the session are to provide a general overview of the audit process, tips on how to set up an award to result in successful future audits, and learn how department level processes have changed after going through an audit.

Lewis Seton

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Efosa Lawani

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Pamela Richtmyer

Mass General Brigham

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Federal

National Science Proposal Modernization

Intermediate / All

Salon IV

An update on proposal modernization efforts regarding the transition from Fastlane to Research.gov. The target date for the move to Research.gov is December 31, 2022.

Stephanie Yee

National Science Foundation

Human Capital

Strength in Numbers: Fostering Collaborations Across the Institution at the Departmental Level

Advanced

Weatherly

One of the most commonly-used phrases in departmental research administration is, 'Why reinvent the wheel?', yet this is exactly what we find ourselves doing over and over again. In this session, we will discuss the benefits of interdepartmental collaboration with respect to establishing and encouraging best practices and a collegial atmosphere across the institution.

Tanya Kershaw

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Caitlin McCarty

Brigham & Women's Hospital

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:30 - 3:30 pm

PUI

Intermediate / All
Freedom

Effectively Planning for Sabbatical Fellowships

This session centers on helping faculty prepare for sabbatical and pursue fellowship opportunities. From prestigious national fellowships to small travel funds, we will review a comprehensive list of Fellowship Opportunities and discuss how it is used as a faculty resource. Guidance on what questions to ask your faculty and which parties on campus to involve during the sabbatical fellowship planning stages will be addressed, and best practices recommended. Learning Objectives: Participants will: 1) be able to identify major sabbatical fellowships, 2) participate by providing examples of other fellowships, 3) receive fellowships list as takeaway resource, 4) learn tips and techniques on guiding faculty through the fellowship application and sabbatical planning process.

Dalila Alves

Providence College

Cara Martin-Tetreault

Bowdoin College

Compliance

Beginner
Salon III

Do You Speak IRB? IRB Basics for the Busy Research Administrator

Research Administrators must often make decisions on whether approvals are needed from other research compliance areas including whether IRB approval is required for particular research activity. Regulatory language can be challenging to understand, especially when not part of your everyday research administration vernacular. The goal of this session is to provide the busy research administrator with basic information about the IRB process, IRB language, and regulatory fundamentals to assist in deciding when IRB approval is needed. At the end of this session, attendees will: 1) Understand the regulatory terminology used by IRB's. 2) Have a basic understanding of the IRB review process. 3) Acquire knowledge on how an IRB determines what is and what is not regulated research involving human subjects.

Shannon Sowards

Harvard University

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

Concurrent Sessions & Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUPS

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Post-Award

How to Avoid Drowning in Cost Transfers

Advanced

Columbia

Are you looking for ways to reduce the administrative burden of cost transfers for PIs, departments and central offices, while maintaining/enhancing compliance? Join us for a lively discussion on cost transfers including: defining your cost transfer population, identifying low risk exceptions that do not warrant additional documentation, enhancing control and monitoring activities. Please come prepared to share your own policies and procedures and learn from your colleagues.

Devina Mooney

University of New Hampshire

Susan Zipkin

University of New Hampshire

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

CONNECTIONS & INNOVATIONS SUITE

3:45 - 5 pm, Southeast Foyer

Introducing the Region I DEI Committee - We want to include you! *

Dalila Alves
Providence College

Your Hybrid Life: Managing workload and workflow in a hybrid environment

Geraldine Pierre
Maximus

Hustleproof your Grant Management!

Suzanne Araujo
Brown University

Disruptions, glitches, day to day as a Research Administrator through a remote working perspective with (fun) tips and tricks to effectively keep your day productive

Minessa Konecky
Direct to Success

Automating Processes Using Software

Kyle Lewis
Lewis RA Consulting

NCURA Region I Information Table *

Jennifer Haas
Mass General Brigham

Checklists for the DRA - Your Ace In the Hole

Sharon Moitoso
Brown University

Stacy Riseman
College of the Holy Cross

Denise Rouleau
Tufts University

Chanda Robe
Boston Medical Center

Ben Garvin
Harvard University

Geraldine Pierre
Maximus

** Note: Not participating in the exhibitor competition*

Please stop by to visit exhibits, ask questions, and network while gaining useful tips and new experiences!

Exhibits will include posters, checklists, one-page best practice handouts or even laptop visuals. Eye-catching, easy-to-read materials will be presented and will guide conversations about the various topics being shared.

Please come vote for your favorite exhibit! The winner will be announced at the end of the session and will receive a prize!

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

CAREER CENTER

3:45 - 5 pm

We are offering employers connections to the brightest, most qualified candidates in the job market and providing job seekers access to some of the most prestigious opportunities in our Region at the Spring Meeting in Newport, RI. We will also have a job board, so please bring any job descriptions you'd like to post.

Benefits for Employers Include:

- Employer ads placed in all Welcome packets
- Reserved space in the Connections Suite on
- Wednesday 3:45 pm – 5:00pm
- Reserved space in the Interview Room the following day.
- School banners and literature are welcome. (Please take all materials with you after the session - any items left behind will be discarded.)

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Interested? Contact sponsorship@ncuraregioni.org

NCURA Members, please reach out to your employer and let them know we will be offering this opportunity at the NCURA Spring Meeting.

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**Brown University
School of Public Health**

Mass General Brigham

WEDNESDAY, 5/4

DINNER & DANCING

Celebrate your conference experience with a casual evening of fun while enjoying a delicious dinner with us.

Dance the night away to your favorite tunes by DJ Mike Cordeiro from MC Entertainment.

The theme is Game Night!

Join in the fun as we play lawn games (without the lawn), trivia, and table top games!

6:30 - 11 pm, Salon I/II



THURSDAY, 5/5

REGION I BUSINESS MEETING & FULL HOT BREAKFAST

The Business Meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 am. All are welcome to join for the full hot breakfast while the Region I Committee Leaders kick off their updates and review regional business.

We will reveal the overall meeting raffle prize winner during this meeting. The raffle winner must be present to win.

Breakfast 7:00 - 8 am, Salon III

Business Meeting 8 - 9 am, Salon IV



THURSDAY, 5/5

Concurrent Sessions

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:15 - 10:30 am

Federal Intermediate / All Salon IV	NIH Update Don't miss this opportunity to hear about what is new and being developed within the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) programs, policies and budgets. In this comprehensive review, participants will learn about the newest policy updates and how their respective institutions may be impacted. Upon completion of the presentation, participants may have the opportunity to ask questions about new and existing policies. Topics include recent and upcoming changes to NIH policy, compliance requirements, and so much more!	Adam Graham Division of Grants Policy Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) National Institutes of Health Kasima Garst Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) National Institutes of Health Corey Taylor Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) National Institutes of Health
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:45 am - 12 pm

Federal Intermediate / All Salon IV	NSF Update Review of what is new and being developed within the National Science Foundation programs, policies, and budgets.	Jeremy Leffler Outreach Specialist, NSF Policy Office National Science Foundation
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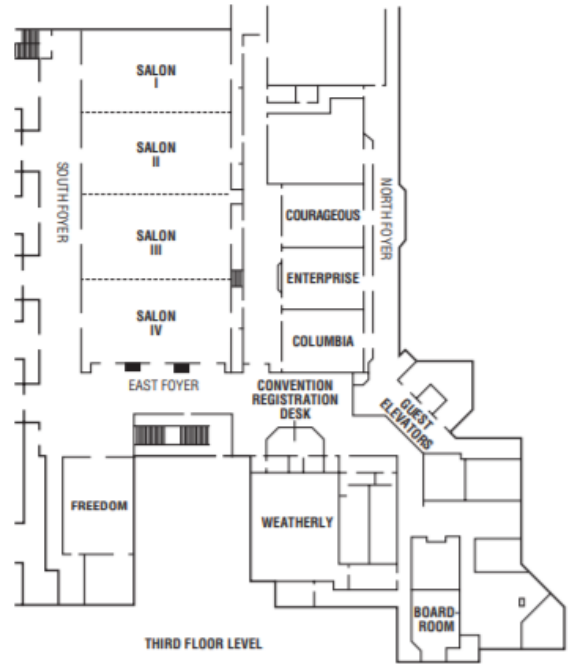
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THIRD FLOOR LEVEL



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

As we are all employed by hospitals and universities with vaccine requirements, it is anticipated that we are a highly-vaccinated group which increases everyone's safety.

If you haven't yet received your booster, now's the time!

RI Guidelines as of 4/30/22

<https://covid.ri.gov/>

- Venues and businesses have the ability to create their own masking and vaccination policies. Please be respectful of the guidelines at the Newport businesses you visit during your stay.
- The state's indoor mask mandate expired on Friday, February 11th. Regardless of the state's requirements, attendees may be encouraged to wear a mask if COVID numbers are on the rise at the time of the meeting.
- For up-to-date community-level data for Newport County, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

[We are all in this together!]

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.