NIKOLAU, NSF DIVISION DIRECTOR TO SPEAK

Thursday, January 24, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Dr. Basil Nikolau is the Division Director for the National Science Foundation’s Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences. His research interests focus on the biochemistry and molecular biology of biotin and biotin-containing enzymes and the regulation of plant lipid metabolism. Dr. Nikolau will provide an overview of funding opportunities in his Division at NSF and provide tips and strategies for submitting successful proposals.

He will also meet one-on-one with MSU faculty/researchers allowing you time to ‘pitch’ a proposal idea and receive immediate feedback. The one-on-one sessions will be on 20-minute intervals. Anyone wishing to participate with Dr. Nikolau in a one-on-one session must contact Lynn Taylor in the ORED office (325-3168). Appointments will be made on a first come-first serve basis. Appointment times will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. in the ORED conference room.

NSF PROGRAM OFFICERS: NUFO AND SMITH TO VISIT MSU

Thursday, March 28, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Dr. Cesar Nufio is the Program Director for the Division of Environmental Biology in the Directorate for Biological Sciences. His program responsibilities include Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC) and Population and Community Ecology Cluster (PCE). Dr. Dena Smith is the Program Director for the Division of Earth Sciences (EAR) in the Directorate of Geosciences. Her program responsibilities include Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into Geoscience (IUSE: GEOPATHS) and Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology (SGP).

Drs. Nufio and Smith will provide an overview of funding opportunities in these two directorates at NSF. They will also meet one-on-one with MSU faculty/researchers allowing you time to ‘pitch’ a proposal idea and receive immediate feedback. The one-on-one sessions will be on 20-minute intervals. Anyone wishing to participate with Drs. Nufio/Smith in a one-on-one session must contact Lynn Taylor in the ORED office (325-3168). Appointments will be made on a first come-first serve basis. Appointment times will run from 8:00 to 10:50 a.m. in the ORED conference room.
DEVELOPING A LITERATURE REVIEW: TIPS & STRATEGIES
Deborah Lee – Professor & Associate Dean, Public Services, MSU Libraries
Tuesday, January 29, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Working on a paper, dissertation, or grant? The literature review is an important part of the research process. This workshop offers strategies for developing an effective literature review.

PICTURE THIS! USING IMAGES IN YOUR PROJECT
Corinne Kennedy – Assistant Professor, General Library
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Images can add pop and pizzazz to your papers, projects, and presentations. However, you must cite images you use and give credit, where credit is due! This session will provide guidance in the ethical use of images. You will learn to evaluate images for your scholarly needs. This includes finding the author, title of image, artist, photographer, etc. In addition, learning to cite even the basics of an image when the copyright holder cannot be determined.

Responsible Conduct of Research credit will be given for attendance.

DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING: IDENTIFYING REPUTABLE JOURNALS
Claudia Holland – Associate Professor, General Library
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Open access publishing is not a trend—it's a viable and valuable alternative to publishing in subscription journals. Learn about current open publishing models and how they differ, tips for identifying deceptive open access journals (& poor subscription journals), and the value of article-level metrics.

NSF FUNDING FOR GRADS/POSTDOCS
Dr. Cesar Nufio – Program Director for the Division of Environmental Biology in the Directorate for Biological Sciences
Dr. Dena Smith – Program Director for the Division of Earth Sciences (EAR) in the Directorate of Geosciences
Thursday, March 28, 2019
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Room 330, Colvard Student Union

Graduate students and post-docs are encouraged to attend this afternoon session where Drs. Nufio and Smith will discuss the fellowship funding opportunities of programs that span throughout all NSF directorates. The POs will discuss the Graduate Research Fellowship Programs that are supported across the disciplines at NSF. Come and learn the strategies and tips for submitting a strong and successful application.
THE TWENTY-SIX WORDS THAT CREATED THE INTERNET

Jeff Kosseff – Assistant Professor, Cyber Science Department
United States Naval Academy
Friday, January 11, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Section U, Colvard Student Union Ballroom

“No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider.” In 1996, Congress quietly enacted those 26 words in Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, providing unprecedented legal immunity to online platforms for all claims arising from user content. The law is responsible for social media, search engines, Wikipedia, Yelp, and any other online operation that relies on third-party content. Jeff Kosseff, an assistant professor at the United States Naval Academy’s Cyber Science Department, will discuss his forthcoming book about Section 230’s history, impacts on society, equities, and future.

OSP VS. SPA

Jonathan Tucker – Manager, Sponsored Programs Accounting
Kevin Enroth – Director, Office of Sponsored Projects
Thursday, January 17, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

When it comes to the fiscal management of your sponsored projects, the Offices of Sponsored Projects and Sponsored Programs Accounting play very different, yet equally vital roles. Both of these offices are available to not only provide regulatory and administrative support, but to share guidance and resources for fiscal accountability and best management practices in complying with sponsor and institutional policies. Attend this session to meet the individuals responsible for pre- and post-award services, and to learn the specific roles and responsibilities of each. Topics will include organizational structure and contact information; forms, processes and procedures; and guidance on potentially complicated issues such as budgeting and managing overhead costs, leveraging resources, as well as cost sharing/in-kind matches. Staff members and leadership from both OSP and SPA will be available to answer questions, as well. This session is appropriate for sponsored project lead investigators/directors (PD/PI, Co-PI, etc.), department administrators, business managers, grants and contracts administrators, and any sponsored project personnel.
NEW FACULTY RESEARCH ACADEMY

Stephanie Hyche – Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects
Friday, January 25, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

The Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) is committed to supporting faculty in their research and funding pursuits and to relieving the administrative burden associated with sponsored programs to the greatest extent possible. This program is intended to welcome and introduce faculty who are new to MSU and/or new to MSU’s research enterprise to the institutional units and personnel, resources and best practices, and policies and procedures supporting research activities. This will include faculty advocacy, finding funding, proposal development, compliance and research integrity, pre- and post-award management, intellectual property, and open access. New faculty and those new to research at MSU are strongly encouraged to attend this half-day workshop to meet our research administrators and learn of the policies and resources pertaining to externally-funded projects.

TARGETS FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR RESEARCH?

David Shaw – Vice President, Office of Research and Economic Development
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

From government agencies to private foundations, the funding environment for research and creative discovery has never been more competitive. It’s no longer business as usual for anyone writing a funding proposal.

In order to adapt to these changes at the institutional level, the Office of Research and Economic Development recently completed a comprehensive analysis of the university’s research portfolio. After a nearly yearlong review that included stakeholders from across the institution, four target areas for strategic investment that capitalize on existing core strengths as well as new opportunities were identified: Addressing Disparity, Bringing Autonomy to the Mainstream, Securing Our Future, and Leading in the 21st Century Economy. Learn more at https://www.research.msstate.edu/ressources/ResearchFocusAreas.pdf

What does this mean for your research and the university’s research enterprise moving forward? Dr. David Shaw, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, will discuss these targets for strategic investment in detail and guide participants toward determining good fits in one or more of these areas. By bringing together bright-minded individuals representing a broad range of perspectives, experience, and expertise, seminar participants will explore how they can contribute to the ongoing discussion shaping the university’s commitment to “Research for the 21st Century and Beyond.”
DISSECTING JOURNAL PUBLISHER AGREEMENTS: WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SIGN

Claudia Holland – Associate Professor, General Library
Thursday, February 7, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Because you spend so much time and energy on your research, understanding your rights as an author is a big deal. Know what rights you’re giving away (or keeping) and language to look out for before you sign a publishing contract. Learn about copyright and licensing, as well as how to negotiate for rights you would like to retain.

THE NSF CAREER AWARD: PROPOSAL PLANNING (PART I)

Stephanie Hyche – Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects
Office of Sponsored Project Administrators
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

The National Science Foundation’s CAREER Award is the agency’s dedicated program for early career investigators across all disciplines. The first of a two-part series, this half-day workshop will provide an overview of the CAREER program, its purpose, eligibility and proposal requirements, and will make available resources, information, and tools for preparing a strong, competitive research and educational plan. MSU faculty who have had successful CAREER proposals will also contribute to the conversation with best practices and the opportunity for Q & A. The CAREER award is reserved for faculty members who hold a doctoral degree by proposal deadline (July 2019) and who are untenured and employed in a tenure-track (or equivalent) assistant professor position. For information on the CAREER mechanism please visit: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214

Registration is required. Lunch will be provided for registered participants. Please register at https://www.tfaforms.com/4644309

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SEMINAR?
LET US KNOW!
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CLICK-IT TO TICKET: USING THE OSP REQUEST PORTAL, FEATURING SUBCONTRACTS AND NON-FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS

Kevin Enroth – Director, Office of Sponsored Projects
Justin Stidham – Grants and Contracts Admin, Office of Sponsored Projects
Thursday, March 7, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Join us for an overview of the online OSP Request Portal as we walk through account creation, request ticket creation and ticket management, as well as answer any questions that may not be clear. Then, we will change gears to discuss outgoing subawards before finishing with non-financial agreements, which include nondisclosure agreements, material transfer agreements, and other zero-dollar agreements.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

Stephanie Hyche – Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects
Brandy Akers – Director of Business Operations, High Performance Computing Collaboratory
Jennifer Easley – Business Manager II, Dean of Engineering
Lele Newell – Sr. Grants and Contracts Admin, Office of Sponsored Projects

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Research administrators at all levels must wear many hats. Furthermore, the field of research administration requires professionals to be fluent in very complex technical areas and to stay abreast of constantly-changing policies and regulations of myriad sponsor agencies and federal compliance protocols. Institutions can ensure their research administration personnel are well-equipped for successfully navigating these challenges by providing opportunities for robust and comprehensive training. This presentation will address the many avenues research administration professionals have to enrich their knowledge of and credentials in their field. We will explore a variety of professional organizations, certifications, and many unexpected and cost efficient learning opportunities for research administrators (RA), as well as share a number of MSU’s internal resources for professional development and training in Research Administration. The target audience for this program is departmental, college, and all other staff who assist in any way with the preparation, submission, or management of externally-funded programs at MSU.

FIND YOUR FIT: NAVIGATING THE NEW IRB EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

Kacey Strickland – Director, Research Compliance
Nicole Cobb – Human Research Protection Programs Officer, Research Compliance

Thursday, March 28, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

A substantial revision to the federal policies mandating the protection of human subjects (i.e., Common Rule) took place in January, 2019. Of particular interest to researchers is a broadening of the Exempt Categories which allows more types of research to fall into that level of review. For example, benign behavioral interventions conducted with adults may now be exempt (note that researchers must still submit to the IRB for a determination that activities are exempt). Another example is the collection of identifiable, sensitive information from adults; however, this new category requires a limited IRB review to determine that appropriate privacy and confidentiality protections are in place. Come learn where your research fits into the new Exempt Categories.

Responsible Conduct of Research credit will be given for attendance.

REGISTRATION
Please register for spring seminars at www.research.msstate.edu/workshops
Stakeholders’ and experts’ participation in sponsored projects is always desirable and often required by funders. Advisory boards play important and various roles in helping to develop and execute strategies to navigate the complex issues facing our research projects and priorities. Board members can put new eyes on your research project, provide new ideas while filling in the gaps of your knowledge, and will give you honest advice, all of which are necessary when submitting proposals and/or writing annual reports.

Glenda Crump, Chief Administrative Officer with the MS Public Health Institute will discuss strategic and practical benefits of having an advisory board/council/coalition, how to define the right size and composition of these groups, how to determine and assign specific roles and responsibilities to members, and when it is necessary (how much and the mechanisms available) to compensate board/council/coalition members. Following the presentation there will be a panel of three faculty members to provide additional successful tips when engaging advisory boards/councils/coalitions.

The second of two programs dedicated to preparation of a NSF CAREER proposal, this program will focus on completion and quality enhancement of the proposal components, including the ancillary required documents such as biographical information, data management plans, and letters of commitment and support. Opportunities for peer and editorial review of participants’ projects will be available, and final instructions will be given regarding MSU’s internal processes for proposal processing and submission via NSF’s Research.gov platform by the Office of Sponsored Projects.

Registration is required. Lunch will be provided for registered participants. Please register at https://www.tfaforms.com/4707832.
SHEDDING LIGHT ON IMAGE MANIPULATION: LEGAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS

Kacey Strickland – Director, Research Compliance
Claudia Holland – Associate Professor, General Library
Thursday, April 11, 2019
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

This session will provide examples of appropriate and inappropriate academic image manipulation. You will also learn about your fair use rights and the legal implications of modifying a copyright-protected work, as well as when to seek permission for image use.

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