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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

The Office of Research Integrity's [Quest for Research Excellence Conference](#) (Washington, DC, August 29-30, 2011) will include a number of presentations and posters by graduate leaders and partners in the Project for Scholarly integrity. Two concurrent sessions on Monday, August 29th will highlight the accomplishments of PSI institutions as well as broader efforts to support the climate of research integrity at graduate institutions.

THE INSTITUTIONAL CLIMATE FOR SCHOLARLY INTEGRITY

A morning session, *Research Integrity I: the Role of Institutions*, will include presentations by the members of the Research team that implemented a climate assessment study for the three-university consortium of PSI institutions: Michigan State University (MSU), Penn State University (PSU), and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Carol Thrush (University of Arkansas for Medical Science) and Dr. Brian Martinson (HealthPartners Research, MN), who provided consultation and advice on survey analysis to the consortium's research team, will also present on issues related to the development, validation, and implementation of the instrument.

Lead members of the consortium's survey team will focus on the use the climate survey data to strengthen the research environments of departments and programs. Presentations will feature the work of Dr. Karen Klomparens, Graduate Dean at MSU and Dr. Terry May, MSU's Faculty Conflict of Interest Information Officer, as well as that of Dr. James Wells and Dr. Eileen Callahan, respectively Director of the Office of Research Policy and Director of Graduate Student Professional Development of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

THE PROJECT FOR SCHOLARLY INTEGRITY

An afternoon session, *The Project for Scholarly Integrity*, will feature the work of all PSI awardees and affiliates to embed and institutionalize research integrity in graduate education. CGS staff will discuss the project design and share research findings from the project that suggest national needs and opportunities for a more comprehensive institutional approach to research integrity education.

Senior leaders from five university graduate schools involved in the PSI will discuss achievements, strategies, and lessons learned in using evidence-based approaches to inform program design and institutionalize curricular and administrative reforms. Speakers will include: Suzanne Adair (Pennsylvania State University), Jan Allen (Columbia University), Andrew Comrie (University of Arizona), Jeffery Engler (University of Alabama at Birmingham), and Wylie Nichols (Emory University).

Upcoming Events

TRAINER OF TRAINERS CONFERENCE ON EDUCATING SCIENTISTS

A trainer of trainer's conference, *Educating Scientists in Research Ethics for the 21st Century*, will be held at the Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland, from August 25-28, 2011. The event is co-organized by the Survival Skills and Ethics Program at the University of Pittsburgh, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and the Office of Research Integrity (ORI).

Experts in the field of research ethics and education will share interactive approaches to teaching research ethics as well as methods for assessing student learning. While the conference will focus on educating scientists, the program will be relevant to anyone who provides training in research ethics in a research-oriented field in colleges, universities, research institutes, or private sector settings, including trainers of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff scientists. Theme-based sessions will address instructional content areas such as conflict of interest and ethical issues in emerging technologies, as well as pedagogical issues and methods such as:

- Approaches to teaching ethics
- Teaching with actors
- Cultural issues in teaching the responsible conduct of research
- Integrating RCR into professional skills training
- Using cinema and other innovative methods
- Evaluating instructional impact
- Program implementation
- Moving beyond mandates: virtue ethics

Seating for the event is limited, and conference participants are selected on a competitive basis. Admission is rolling until all seats are filled, and limited

financial assistance may be available. For information about the conference and to complete an application, contact the [event website](#).

The conference will be followed by ORI's Quest for Research Excellence conference (August 29-30) at George Washington University. Please note that the two events require separate registration.

NEW UPDATES FROM ORI ON QUEST CONFERENCE

Organizers of the ORI Quest for Research Excellence 2011 conference announce the following updates:

The Early Bird deadline for Conference registration is July 14th. Please visit the [conference website](#) to register.

Plenary speakers include Dr. Jonathan Beckwith, Dr. Susan M. Reverby, and Dr. Edward F. Gabriele. Dr. Beckwith, a molecular biologist from Harvard University, is the author of "Making Genes, Making Waves: A Social Activist in Science." Dr. Reverby, Wellesley College, is the author of "Normal Exposure," about the Government Study on Syphilis in Guatemala from 1946-48. Dr. Gabriele, Special Assistant for Ethics and Professional Integrity to the Surgeon General of the United States Navy, will speak about the challenge of ethics for individuals, institutions, communities and cultures.

There will be more than 25 poster and 80 oral presentations on education in responsible conduct of research (RCR) and findings from research on research integrity (RRI). There will also be special tracks for research integrity officers (RIOs), graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, and an international track. The special track dedicated to RIOs will contain elements of a "mini RIO boot camp" led by Drs. John Dahlberg and Wright and the ORI attorneys. The sessions will be held on Monday, August 29 and are included in the regular registration.

NOMINATE A GRADUATE STUDENT TO ATTEND QUEST CONFERENCE

ORI is currently accepting nominations of graduate students to receive a stipend to participate in the upcoming Quest for Research Excellence Conference in Washington, DC, August 29-30. Stipends of at least \$700 will be available for those selected. If you would like to nominate a graduate student, please do so **by July 8** by sending the student(s)'s name(s) to Cynthia Ricard (cynthia.ricard@hhs.gov) at ORI.

If you would like to suggest an event, activity, or news item for inclusion in the PSI Newsletter, please contact Julia Kent at the address below. For more information about the Project for Scholarly Integrity, please contact:

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