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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

UAB AND MSU HOST SITE VISITS FEATURING PSI ACTIVITIES

One element of the [CGS Project for Scholarly Integrity](#) is a series of site visits to all institutions that have received PSI awards. The purpose of these visits, which are conducted by CGS project staff, is to learn more about a variety of issues that institutions are encountering over the course of their projects, including programmatic details and reflections by participants that will enrich the final CGS monograph on the PSI. In addition, project staff provide feedback to institutions and an opportunity to discuss challenges, next steps, and the sustainability of their projects. PSI Awardees were asked to develop agendas that allowed discussion of topics such as: university-wide and departmental/program activities that comprise each university's Project for Scholarly Integrity; any mid-course adjustments that have been made in the scope and content of proposed activities; resources developed as a result of the project or in conjunction with the project; and hurdles or early successes encountered over the course of the project. The remaining site visits will take place in the summer or early fall of 2010 and will be featured in upcoming PSI newsletters.

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dr. Bryan Noe, Graduate Dean and Dr. Jeffrey Engler, Associate Dean at the [University of Alabama at Birmingham](#) (UAB), hosted a site visit on May 6, 2010. During the morning visits, CGS project staff, Dr. Daniel Denecke and Dr. Julia Kent, met with a number of key leaders within UAB's project, including **Dr. Charles Prince**, Assistant Vice President for Research and Economic Development, who provided the institutional context for research ethics at UAB and described current efforts to identify potential misconduct early through an "Ethics Hotline"; statistician **Dr. Kathy Harrington**, who is conducting preliminary analysis of Climate

Assessment data gathered by UAB as part of the collective assessment effort in which all PSI Awardees are taking part; and **Dr. Sara Vollmer** and **Dr. Harold Kincaid** of UAB's [Center for Ethics and Values in the Sciences](#). Dr. Vollmer and Dr. Kincaid discussed the process for developing the successful video tools used in ethics education at UAB and next steps for building on and refining the "decision tree" model of ethics training on which they are based.

The next part of the visit was a lunch and informal discussion between CGS project staff and the leaders of graduate student associations at UAB. All of the graduate students present had taken part in UAB's required course in RCR for graduate students, and some had participated in a recent TA-training program that taught graduate students to develop lessons in RCR for undergraduates. Students offered candid and thoughtful reflections about these experiences as well as constructive suggestions for further strengthening training opportunities for graduate students at UAB.

Following lunch, the CGS team met with **Dr. Julia Austin** and **Ms. Nancy Abney** of the [Graduate School Professional Development Program](#) to discuss the integration of ethics education into TA training into course syllabi through faculty development workshops. The visit concluded with a wrap-up session with Dr. Noe and Dr. Engler on the next steps for UAB's current project, which will focus on ensuring that students receive the preparation they need. Dean Noe commented, "Even though the RCR education initiatives at UAB have been somewhat comprehensive to date, we recognize that this must be an ongoing process. Our ultimate goals are to integrate RCR education more fully into the curriculum, and to assure that graduate students in all disciplines are exposed to the principles of RCR during their course of study at UAB."

Michigan State University

[Michigan State University](#) (MSU) is part of a three-university consortium including [Penn State University](#) (PSU) and the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) that is conducting a joint climate assessment effort for a PSI project shared by MSU and PSU. As reported in previous [PSI newsletters](#), the consortium proposed a climate assessment effort as part of their joint proposal, and the climate assessment instrument, developed by Dr. Carol Thrush and Dr. Brian Martinson, has been adopted by all PSI Awardees. Since MSU and PSU are conducting separate project activities in addition to the joint climate assessment, a separate site visit to PSU is scheduled for September 2010.

The MSU site visit took place on June 17, 2010 and was organized by Dr. Karen Klomprens, Dean of the Graduate School at Michigan State. The visit opened with an overview of the joint assessment project and included a discussion with Dr. Terry May, who has responsibility for the Responsible Conduct of Research initiatives within the Graduate School, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, and the office of postdoctoral affairs. Next, Dr. Klomprens

and Dr. May led a discussion with the heads of MSU colleges and units that have been partners in MSU's assessment effort and have shared the results of the climate assessment data with their departments and programs. **Dr. Fred Derksen**, Acting Chair of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Agriculture and Natural Resources; **Dr. Rich Schwartz**, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Sciences; and **Dr. Chris Maxwell** and **Dr. Bob Caldwell**, Associate Deans of the College of Social Sciences, described the processes they have used to present data to programs and encourage activities that will help strengthen areas where improvements are needed.

The discussion of interventions at the college and department level was followed by a meeting with MSU's Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, **Dr. Ian Gray**. Dr. Gray discussed the importance of connecting RCR education to the quality of research; this message has been an important part of MSU's communications about the implementation of the NSF and NIH mandates requiring RCR training for all graduate students, undergraduate students, and post-docs. The next meeting was a discussion with **Dr. James Pivarnik**, MSU's Research Integrity Officer, on MSU's efforts to raise greater awareness about RCR, and on specific needs and questions that have arisen following the NSF and NIH mandates as well as the university's implementation of the climate survey.

The visit concluded with a brief conference call including Dr. Carol Thrush and Dr. Jim Wells, the Director of the Office of Research Policy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on their role in the analysis of the consortium's climate data. Dr. Klomparens said, "This has been a terrific experience for MSU and I hope also for our consortium partners, as well as Carol Thrush and Brian Martinson. During our weekly conference calls over the course of the approximately 18 months we were engaged in preparing, administering, and analyzing the survey and data were lively and stimulating. Our collective goal is to provide a very useful RCR climate survey for all universities to use in order to engage faculty in discussions about this important topic."

Recent and Upcoming Events

CGS TO HOLD PSI SESSION AT 2010 SUMMER WORKSHOP

The [2010 CGS Summer Workshop](#) (July 11-15, 2010) in San Juan, Puerto Rico will feature a session devoted to the Project for Scholarly Integrity. This technical workshop will take place on **July 15, from 8:30-11:00 a.m.** and focus on a range of innovative curricular and administrative interventions implemented by project awardees. Dr. Karen Klomparens, Dean of the Graduate School at Michigan State University and Dr. Henry Foley, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at Penn State University, will discuss the use of climate assessment data to address areas of vulnerability in colleges, departments and programs that have participated in the survey as well as other project-related activities at their institutions. Dr. Jan Allen, Associate Dean at Columbia University,

will focus on lessons that Columbia's deans have taken from project activities and positive changes in the graduate school's relationship with other university partners and offices. While each institution will deliver formal presentations about their project, the technical workshop will include many opportunities for discussion with other PSI Awardees and Affiliates and other workshop attendees.

UPDATES ON SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY

As announced in the [February 2010 PSI newsletter](#), the [Second World Conference on Research Integrity](#) will be held in Singapore from July 21-24, 2010, adjacent to the [10th World Congress on Bioethics](#) (July 28-31, 2010). Following an earlier global forum in Lisbon, Portugal, in September 2007, co-sponsored by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the European Science Foundation (ESF), the Singapore conference seeks to build on priorities outlined in the Lisbon conference and further explore a range of key issues in global research integrity.

The [program](#) sessions will take place on July 22-23 and feature both plenary sessions on major challenges to research integrity and concurrent sessions on specific topics in training and research themes:

Plenaries:

Plenary I: Integrity Challenges for Research Leaders

Plenary II: Developing National and International Research Integrity Structures

Plenary III: Developing, Sharing, and Promoting Best Practices

Closing Plenary: Formulating a World Statement on the Fundamental Principles of Professionally Responsible Research

Concurrent Sessions:

National and International Research Integrity Structures

Codes of Conduct

Training for Responsible Research

Research Integrity Issues for Authors and Editors

Special Concurrent Sessions:

Integrity in the Climate-Change Debate

Integrity in the Digital Age

Integrity Issues in Dual-Use Research

On July 24, following the conference, **post-conference workshops and training sessions** will provide short courses for institutional leaders as well as administrators, researchers, authors, and editors:

Training for Misconduct Investigations

Next Steps in the Development of Organizational, National, and Global Codes of Conduct

International Responsible Conduct of Research Education Workshop

Workshop for Editors and Publishers

[Registration information](#) and a listing of post-conference workshops with space still available can be found on the conference website.

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