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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

UNIVERSITY PRESS RELEASES ON PSI

A number of Awardees and Affiliates have issued press releases and articles describing their institutions' involvement with the Project for Scholarly Integrity. These articles not only make individual projects more visible to university communities, they also draw attention to the national importance of scholarly integrity and the project's nationwide effort to strengthen graduate research cultures. You can read these articles by clicking on the names of the institutions listed under the "Awardees" or "Affiliates" sections of the website's list of "Participants," or by accessing the following links:

Awardees:

Emory: http://www.graduateschool.emory.edu/about/announcements.php?entity_id=10

Michigan State University: <https://www.msu.edu/~rohler/rnfall08/CGSgrant.htm>

Penn State University: <http://live.psu.edu/story/37811>

University of Wisconsin: <http://www.news.wisc.edu/releases/15125>

Affiliates:

University of West Florida: <http://uwf.edu/graduate/psi.shtml>

Wake Forest University: <http://www.wfu.edu/news/release/2009.02.02.c.php>

Awardee and Affiliate universities that have issued similar press releases are invited to send the relevant links to Julia Kent at jkent@cgs.nche.edu.

CHEMICAL AND ENGINEERING NEWS FEATURES PSI

The March 2, 2009 issue of *Chemical and Engineering News* features an article on the Project for Scholarly Integrity, "Instilling Scholarly Integrity." The article provides an overview of the project's goals and includes comments by the PSI Program Officer at the Office of Research Integrity, Mr. Loc Nguyen-Khoa, and by two of the PI's representing Awardee institutions, Dr. Karen Klomparens of Michigan State University and Dr. Lisa Tedesco of Emory University. The full article can be accessed in vol. 87, issue 9 of the journal, available online at <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/education/87/8709education.html>

NEW "BLOG" POSTING ON THE USE OF VIDEO IN RCR TRAINING

A key feature of the Project for Scholarly Integrity Website is [an interactive "blog"](#) that allows project Awardees and Affiliates to communicate with each other and the broader graduate community on various topics in research ethics education. Dr. Jeffrey Engler, Co-PI at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), has written a blog on the use of video vignettes in RCR Training. Dr. Engler describes some of the advantages of using this method of training and provides links to video resources that he has developed with fellow PI, Dr. Bryan Noe, for research ethics training at UAB. The blog posting also includes a summary of presentations by Elizabeth Holmes, Paul Braunschweiger, and Lee Williams at the CGS Annual Meeting in December 2008 about RCR training resources based on video vignettes and case studies. Visitors to the blog page are invited to comment on the posting or to answer questions raised by Dr. Engler about the use of case studies in research ethics education. Those wishing to **post a comment to the blog** can do so by registering at <http://www.scholarlyintegrity.org/RegisterUser.aspx>

National News in Research Ethics

NSF SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON AMERICA COMPETES ACT

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting public comment concerning the implementation of the responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR) requirement mandated by the America COMPETES Act. As of October 1, 2009, "a proposing institution's Authorized Organizational Representative must certify that the institution has a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers who will be supported by NSF to conduct research." While NSF will not require that an RCR plan be included in proposal applications, institutions may be required to provide it upon request. NSF will also develop an online digital library of information on RCR best practices. Institutions and other stakeholders are asked to comment on this issue by **March 31**. Comments should be emailed to RCRinput@nsf.gov. The full notice can be accessed on pages 8818-8819 of the Federal Register, available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4100.htm>

PRESIDENT OBAMA ISSUES MEMORANDUM ON "SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY"

On March 9, 2009, President Barack Obama issued a Memorandum on Scientific Integrity to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies. The Memorandum outlines a number of steps toward "ensuring the highest level of integrity in all aspects of the executive branch's involvement with scientific and technological processes." The full text of the memo is available at the website of the White House Press Office, at http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Memorandum-for-the-Heads-of-Executive-Departments-and-Agencies-3-9-09/

Upcoming Events

RCR DIALOGUE AT CGS SUMMER WORKSHOP

The **CGS Summer Workshop for Graduate Deans** will be held in Quebec City from Saturday, July 11, to Wednesday, July 15, 2009. On Sunday, July 12, at 3:30 p.m. a "Dean's Dialogue" session will be held on "**Ethics Education and the Responsible**

Conduct of Research.” The session will focus on the NSF’s response to section 7009 of the American COMPETES requirement and on tools available for assessing student learning in RCR and the institutional climate for scholarly integrity. The featured speakers (final program TBA) will describe evidence-based institutional efforts to improve research ethics education and RCR training for graduate students. For more information about the Summer Workshop, including registration information, please visit <http://www.cgsnet.org/Default.aspx?tabid=178>. Please note that early registration ends on **April 30**.

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