On December 26, 2013, OMB published its comprehensive overhaul of federal grant administrative, cost accounting, and audit policies (aka "Supercircular") in the Federal Register, to be codified in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This Final Guidance titled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" supersedes and combines the requirements of eight existing OMB Circulars (A-21, A-50, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-110, A-122 and A-133). It significantly reforms and strengthens federal grant-making to focus resources on improving performance and outcomes with the intent of reducing administrative burdens for grant applicants and recipients and reducing the risk of waste, fraud and abuse.

The Final Guidance will be effective on December 26, 2014, one year after the publication date. Audit Requirements will apply to audits of fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2014. For many institutions, this will result in the audit requirements becoming effective for the fiscal year June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016.

Additional information has also been published by OMB and the Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR). ORSP will continue to provide updates and further guidance for implementation as necessary regarding the pre-award grant process.

Student Scholars Celebration:
The University of Scranton will hold its 14th Annual Celebration of Student Scholars on Thursday, May 15, 2014. This event will celebrate both undergraduate and graduate student scholarship by featuring their work through either a physical display of posters or oral presentations. Location:
- Posters will be displayed in the LSC Lobby
- Oral Presentations in Provost Conference Room
Light refreshments will be provided.

A reception dinner at which we celebrate these accomplishments will be held following the event for participants and their faculty mentors.

Upcoming Events:
02/07/14—Research Seminar Series, Michael Fennie, Ph.D.
02/28/14—Research Seminar Series, Darwin Day
03/07/14—Research Seminar Series, Zachary Huard, Ph.D.
03/28/14—Research Seminar Series, Rev. Michael Bellafiore, S. J.
04/04/14—Research Seminar Series, Bryan Burnham, Ph.D.
04/25/14—Research Seminar Series, Jessica Nolan, Ph.D.
05/02/14—Research Seminar Series, Amy Banner, Ph.D.

**All presenters for Research Seminar Series are tentative.**

05/15/14—14th Annual Student Scholars Celebration
Dr. Margarete Zalon, Professor of Nursing focused her early research on nurses’ pain management practices finding that nurses underestimated severe pain and overestimated mild pain. Continuing in that line of inquiry, she found very little attention was given to pain management in nursing curricula across the country. Inconsistent findings about pain in elders led to an American Nurses Foundation funded study of pain in frail, elderly women. Dr. Zalon then received NIH-funding to examine correlates of recovery after surgery in older adults finding that pain, fatigue, and depression were significantly related to functional status and self-perceived recovery. She has partnered with Sonia Sandhaus, MSN, RNC, CRNP, an alumna of the graduate program to examine the prevention of delirium and cognitive decline in hospitalized elders. Recently, Dr. Zalon, Ms. Sandhaus and Mary Kovaleski, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, faculty specialist, and Paula Roe-Prior PhD, RN, examined delirium descriptors in patient charts. This will provide groundwork for the development of a delirium prevention clinical decision support module.

Dr. Zalon is part of an interdisciplinary team including Herbert Hauser, PhD, Robert Spalletta, PhD, Christine Zakzewski, PhD, and Ayad Haboubi, PhD that is examining unobtrusive monitoring of elders so that they can age in place in their homes. This work included developing a prototype for a technology-enhanced pill console.