# The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Research at The University of Scranton: Spring 2016



### **ORSP Faculty Grant Writing Initiative:**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is eager to assist faculty in the achievement of their research goals. This includes supporting our faculty in their efforts to write effective grant proposals seeking extramural support for research activities.

**Awarded stipends totaling \$1,500** are available to provide selected University of Scranton faculty with monetary support for the development of external grant proposals. ORSP will offer this initiative twice a year: Intercession and Summer. The deadline to apply for Summer 2016 stipends will be March 4, 2016. Further details to follow via email with specific requirements for completing applications.

### **ORSP Faculty Grant Writing Initiative—Travel Awards:**

ORSP is offering funding to support full time faculty who are interested in attending a grant writing workshop or visiting a funding agency:

- Upon application approval, travel costs (including registration fees) will be **reimbursed up to \$2,000**.
- A faculty member receiving funding under this program will be ineligible for funding in the following academic year.

#### **Requirements:**

- Prior to attending the event, complete an application for approval (no reimbursements will be made for previous or unapproved travel). Form can be found on the ORSP website (using Internet Explorer Browser).
- After attending the event, submit brief (2 page maximum) report describing your experience and knowledge gained during the workshop or agency visit.

#### **Student Scholars Celebration**

The University of Scranton will hold its 16th Annual Celebration of Student Scholars on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. This event will celebrate both undergraduate and graduate student research through the display of posters or oral presentations.

#### Location:

Posters will be displayed in the LSC Atrium

Oral presentations will be in adjacent room LSC 127

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

#### **Research Seminar Series:**

**02/05/16**: Nicholas Sizemore, Ph.D., Chemistry

02/19/16: Darwin Day, Various Presenters\*

03/04/16: Manuel de Alba, Fulbright Visiting Scholar

04/01/16: Michael Friedman, Ph.D., English

04/15/16: Timothy Foley, Ph.D., Chemistry

04/22/16: Vincent Marshall, Ph.D., Biology

**04/29/16**: Jonathan Wilson, Ph.D., History

05/06/16: Patrick Orr, Ph.D., Psychology

\*Organized by Janice Voltzow, Ph.D., Biology

## Danielle Arigo, Ph.D.

**Dr. Danielle Arigo**, Assistant Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist, specializes in the interdisciplinary field of health psychology and behavioral medicine. She received her Ph.D. from Syracuse University in 2012; she completed a clinical internship at the Syracuse VA Medical Center and a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at Drexel University. She has published 21 peer-reviewed articles and five book chapters, and serves as a regular manuscript reviewer for several top journals in the field of behavioral medicine. Dr. Arigo is a Scholar for the 2015-2016 PRIDE-Cardiovascular Disease Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute), which promotes diversity among researchers in cardiovascular disease.

Since her arrival at The University of Scranton in 2014, Dr. Arigo has received internal funding through a Teaching Enhancement Grant to support technology-focused research proposals in PSYC 228 (Health Psychology), a Faculty Research Grant (as co-investigator, with Drs. Joan Grossman and Jessica Bachman of Exercise Science), a Summer Research Grant, and a Grant Writing Initiative Award. This funding has supported the development of an R21 exploratory grant (submitted to the National Institute of Nursing Research, with co-investigator Dr. Margarete Zalon of Nursing) and a K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Scientist Award (to be submitted to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, with co-investigator Dr. John Norcross of Psychology and collaborators at Penn State and Drexel University). Both of these proposals focus on improving the effectiveness of physical activity promotion efforts for women, using digital and social intervention methods.

With colleagues from around the NEPA region, Dr. Arigo serves as a co-investigator for proposals to examine obesity treatment within social networks, the utility of peer support specialists in Veterans' primary medical care, the development of a mobile health application to promote weight loss after pregnancy, and the establishment of a summer research fellowship for students of Psychology (submitted to the American Psychological Association Science Directorate, with collaborators in the Department of Psychology). She also reviews grant proposals for the NEPA affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which provides funding for breast cancer screening and survivorship support programs.

### **ORSP to rollout IRB Net in April 2016**

The University of Scranton's Human Research Protection Program safeguards the rights and welfare of all individuals participating in research performed at the University of Scranton or sponsored by the University.

IRB Net is a suite of tools, accessible via the National Research Network, bringing electronic protocol management, on-line submissions and many other important research oversight features to the research community.

#### IRB Net helps you:

- \* Streamline your submission and review processes.
- Reduce paper, packets and mailings.
- Reduce administrative tasks to allow staff to focus on complex issues and support your research community.
- \* Facilitate clear, coordinated communications and track correspondence.
- \* Enable Members, Researchers and Administrators to access data anytime, anywhere.
- Increase process transparency.
- \* Increase data security.
- \* Maintain a clear audit trail with appropriate documentation and versioning.
- Increase control and reinforce guidance and consistency throughout the process.
- \* Share information seamlessly and securely in real time, wherever your research community may be.
- \* Improve the quality of documentation and study design.

Additional information forthcoming in the next few weeks



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