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## 'Research Administration 101' Sessions Begin September 9

A popular, free 10-week course designed to help educate campus administrators and staff about the management of externally-sponsored grants and contracts returns this fall under the sponsorship of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

"Research Administration 101: A Guide to the Administration of Sponsored Projects at the University of Kansas," begins September 9 and continues on subsequent Wednesday's through November 11. Sessions are presented from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Apollo Room at Nichols Hall on the West Campus.

The course addresses a wide range of issues related to research projects, including submitting grant proposals, award spending and monitoring, intellectual property issues, the responsible conduct of research, and how research funding is measured at KU. Each session focuses on a specific set of topics.

To enroll in the course, send an e-mail with your name, affiliation, phone and e-mail address to [resadmin-events@ku.edu](mailto:resadmin-events@ku.edu). Past participants are welcome to drop in on any session of interest for a brush-up.

Along with educating administrators and staff on the intricacies of externally-funded research, the course also provides an excellent opportunity to develop contacts with people from a number of departments and disciplines across campus. Members of the university community who complete the course receive a certificate of completion and participation will be noted in their personnel files.

To learn more about the course, including topics and handouts from fall 2008, visit the RA101 web page, [http://www.rcr.ku.edu/ra\\_101/ra\\_101.shtml](http://www.rcr.ku.edu/ra_101/ra_101.shtml) or contact William Sharp, director, Research Integrity at [wsharp@ku.edu](mailto:wsharp@ku.edu) 864-4140.

## New Travel Rate Took Effect August 1

As of August 1, the new domestic per diem rate is \$54 per day and \$13.50 per quarter day. The international per diem rate (\$87 per day and \$21.75 per quarter day) is unchanged, as is the personal mileage reimbursement rate (\$.55 per mile).

The KUCR travel rate schedule is on-line at [http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/downloads/tr\\_rate\\_sched.shtml](http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/downloads/tr_rate_sched.shtml), and the KUCR travel report form and per diem calculator are posted at [http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/downloads/tr\\_exp.shtml](http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/downloads/tr_exp.shtml). KU travel policies are on-line at [http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/tr\\_policy\\_sum.shtml](http://www.rgs.ku.edu/forms-policies/tr_policy_sum.shtml). When you travel, please remember to submit your KUCR travel report within 30 days of the travel.

## Kansas Congressional Leaders Coming to Lawrence

The KU Center for Research, along with Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the Lawrence Journal-World, and other local organizations, is sponsoring a new series of informational public meetings with members of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

The opening event in the series was a breakfast with Sen. Sam Brownback on August 10. Subsequent events are a luncheon with Rep. Todd Tiahrt on August 13, a luncheon with Rep. Dennis Moore on August 25, a breakfast with Rep. Jerry Moran on September 8, and a breakfast with Rep. Lynn Jenkins on October 5. The breakfasts are at 7:30 a.m. and the luncheons are at noon, all at Maceli's, 1031 New Hampshire St.

The series is presented by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. Each meeting includes remarks by the speaker and an opportunity for questions from the floor. A full description of the series, and links to on-line registration, can be found at [www.lawrencechamber.com](http://www.lawrencechamber.com), or call 865-4411. The cost of each meal is \$15 for Lawrence Chamber members.

## Visual Compliance Software Helps With Export Controls, International Financial Transactions

Regulations and restrictions governing export controls and international financial transactions seem to grow more complex daily. In order to enhance compliance with these rules, KUCR is expanding its use of a software tool called Visual Compliance.

Visual Compliance is a web-based system that provides real-time support for:

- Classification of exports and deemed exports;
- Analysis of controlled goods and munitions;
- Screening to identify individuals and companies restricted from conducting business with US entities;
- Monitoring government lists to identify countries subject to export controls and economic sanctions; and
- Maintaining a library of historical activity of export transactions and restricted party searches for future reference

KUCR has utilized Visual Compliance for several years in a limited capacity. Recently, the decision was made to obtain a site license to expand the use of Visual Compliance to a much broader user base at KU. If your department regularly ships equipment or materials out of the country, makes payments to foreign individuals or entities, collaborates with foreign scholars or foreign institutions, or if your personnel travel abroad, this software tool can help ensure that your department is operating within U.S. export control laws.

Questions about obtaining access to Visual Compliance may be addressed to Jay Darnell at KUCR Financial Services. [jdarnell@ku.edu](mailto:jdarnell@ku.edu).

## KU Cancer Center Address Planned August 24

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and Roy Jensen, director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center, invite faculty and staff to the second annual State of the Cancer Center Address. It is scheduled for Monday, August 24, from 2-3 p.m. at the Auditorium in the Simons Biosciences Research Laboratories on West Campus. Jensen will discuss the vision for continued momentum, the milestones achieved during the past year, and the critical next steps needed to apply for National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation. Parking is available in front of the Higuchi Biosciences Center.

## KU Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation Appoints Advisory Board

The KU Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation (IAMI) appointed its inaugural advisory board of directors in July, each of whom is renowned in his respective fields. IAMI was established in December 2008 through an \$8.1 million gift from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. KU Endowment will raise an additional \$8 million to support the program. IAMI focuses on the advancement of medical innovations created by university researchers and training the next generation of medical innovators at KU.

Scott Weir is director of IAMI and associate director of translational research at the University of Kansas Cancer Center. "We have formed an incredibly high-level, experienced advisory board that will ensure the success of the Institute," Weir said. "They have outstanding track records in commercialization of medical innovations and strong connections to the university, either as KU graduates or through scientific collaborations. They will help us make decisions on which projects we invest in, assist us in developing commercialization strategies for the medical innovations, and help us secure the resources to sustain the Institute long-term."

The advisory board members are as follows. With the exception of Austin, all of them hold degrees from KU.

- **Christopher P. Austin** is director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genomics Center, Division of Intramural Research.
- **Steven D. Averbuch** is vice president in the Oncology Transition Strategy and Development and head of pharmacodiagnosics in Oncology Global Clinical Research for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.
- **Anand C. Burman** is Chairman of the Board of Dabur India Limited, in New Delhi, India.
- **David Jenkins** is managing partner for FatBoy Capital, L.P., a venture capital partnership.
- **Michael D. Webb** is executive chairman of Virtify, Inc., a provider of software solutions for regulatory compliance to life sciences companies.
- **Thomas Wiggins** is chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Peplin, Inc., a U.S. and Australian biotechnology company.

## New Army “Wounded Warriors” Attend KU Campus Orientation

The second cohort of U.S. Army “Wounded Warriors” arrived at KU July 30 for an all-day campus orientation session. The five participants are recent combat veterans, all of whom are medically retired civilians. They will begin coursework this fall.

The program was announced in February 2008 during a ceremony at Ft. Leavenworth involving representatives of KU and the Army, and eight individuals participated during the first academic year. The intent of the program is to educate soldiers so they can serve as trainers and educators throughout the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command organization. At KU, the program is administered through the Office of Professional Military Graduate Education in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

The five new Wounded Warriors enrolling this fall, and their KU degree goals, are:

**Spec. (Ret.) Tom Wiggins**

B.S. Linfield College

Goal: Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction

**Sgt. (Ret.) Nathan Deinked**

B.S.Ed. University of Missouri – St. Louis

Goal: Master’s degree in International Studies

**Capt. (Ret.) John Gatineau,**

B.A. California State University, Fullerton

Goal: Master’s degree in International Studies

**Sgt. (Ret.) Rob Laurent**

B.S. Texas State University, San Marcos

Goal: M.B.A. degree in Supply Chain Management and Logistics

**Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Ret.) Kevin Nimitz**

B.S. Spring Arbor University

Goal: Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction

## Annual IPSR Publication Nears Web Posting

The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual edition of the *Kansas Statistical Abstract* will go live on-line September 1. This free publication is produced each year by the Institute for Policy & Social Research, and contains updated data on a wide range of important topics, e.g., agriculture, business, energy, government, population and much more. The new edition will be posted along with all prior editions (back to 1965) at <http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/ksah/>.

## Recent Recognition

- **Ed Wiley**, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and a senior curator in the Biodiversity Research Center is one of four featured scientists in the 'Meet the Scientists' section of the *Year of Science 2009* website [http://www.yearofscience2009.org/themes\\_ocean\\_water/meet-scientists/](http://www.yearofscience2009.org/themes_ocean_water/meet-scientists/) as part of the June Ocean and Water theme.
- **Michael Beckloff**, a member of the KU Center for Research Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, was recognized recently by *PharmaVOICE* magazine <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/b9e7faf8> as one of the top 100 life science leaders in the country. He is president of Beckloff Associates <http://www.cardinal.com/beckloff/> in Overland Park and is chairman of the board of the KansasBIO <http://www.kansasbio.org/> industry advocacy organization. Beckloff’s background includes a B.S. degree in cellular biology from KU.

## RGS Changes: Staff and Locations

- David Miller will join KU in August as the new director of the Animal Care Unit, succeeding Jim Bresnahan. He previously worked for the Research Triangle Institute, the Baylor College of Medicine, and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
- The Office of Professional Military Graduate Education relocated on July 1 from 308 Strong Hall to 222 Strong Hall.
- At Youngberg Hall, most of the Office of Research Integrity staff has moved to the south wing of the building. For specific locations, see the “People/Contacts” tab at [www.rgs.ku.edu](http://www.rgs.ku.edu). Director Bill Sharp remains in the north wing but in a new room: 209A.
- Also in Research Integrity, Barb Starrett is a new compliance coordinator, while Kat Meara is a new program assistant. Barb was formerly with the KU Center for Technology Commercialization as licensing assistant, and succeeds Jan Butin, who is now working with the Human Subjects Committee Lawrence. Kat was a student assistant.
- Joe Heppert begins work part-time August 18 as an associate vice provost for research and graduate studies <http://www.news.ku.edu/2009/may/14/heppert.shtml>. He is located at 211 Youngberg. Joe will work with George Wilson through the end of December, when George will retire as associate vice provost.
- Mickie Gillispie and Joshua Myers joined Post-Award Services this summer. Along with current staff Lisa LaBlanc-Willis and Joan Bland, they helped eliminate a backlog in KUCR’s vouchers, resulting in improved turnaround times of about a week from receipt of voucher.

## People of RGS

Each month, we introduce you to staff in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) who make a difference on campus and in their community. Is there someone you’d like to see featured? Contact [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu).

### Jody Milford

**Title:** Administrative Assistant - HR and Accounting, Financial Services

**Years at KU:** I worked for Graduate Studies and International Programs from November 2004 to May 2007, took a short break to move to Missouri and back, and returned in December of 2007 to continue my work with Research and Graduate Studies.

**Duties:** I am the accounting contact for Graduate Studies, which includes the Office of the Dean, the Graduate Application Processing Center, and the Office of Professional Military Graduate Education. I also process accounts payable and accounts receivable. In addition, I process the payment of all Graduate Studies scholarships and tuition sponsorships. If Graduate Studies is spending or receiving money, it should cross my desk. I am also the Human Resources contact for Research and Graduate Studies. I administer the recruitment process for all positions that report directly or indirectly to the vice provost, and I serve as liaison to HREO with regard to personnel issues.

**For Fun:** I am married and have 2 kids. I earned my B.F.A. in printmaking at KU, and am proud to say my daughter also recently graduated from KU. My son is a freshman at Baldwin High School. I’m a bit of a home body, but get out regularly attending my kids’ activities and events. I have a large collection of music and movies that I watch and listen to often. Gardening, walking, running and cycling are my outdoor hobbies. I also love to cook. Recently, my husband and I have been honing our beer-brewing skills – which is kind of like cooking. The beer comes in very handy after a long day at work, a strenuous workout, or while enjoying one of my favorite movies.



## Greg Harris

- Title:** Network Specialist, Research Computing Technologies
- Years at KU:** I've worked for KU for 5 years, with the last 3 ½ years in Research and Graduate Studies.
- Duties:** I design the infrastructure used for RGS enterprise servers as well as some of the server systems used by researchers. This includes everything from the rooms the systems run in, the power and cooling requirements for the servers, to the software and applications that run on the servers.



I have extensive experience with server-based architecture and design techniques that maximize system uptime and reliability and minimize support and maintenance costs as much as possible. I also write application and integration code for various systems ranging from payroll auditing to service laboratory billing systems. In addition to this, I am currently working with staff from Information Services to provide UNIX interoperability for the next generation identity management systems and to improve network architecture at KU. I also work closely with the Information Technology Security Office serving as a Field Security Officer. This additional duty includes mentoring system administrators at KU and advocating for responsible security practices. One of the most fulfilling projects I've completed while at RGS was a four-month project that upgraded and virtualized all RGS servers. It reduced operations and administration costs and saves roughly \$10,000 per year in electricity and cooling costs.

- For Fun:** I like to spend my free time with my wife Bethany and our two cats. We go bicycle riding in the evenings and also like to travel when we can both get time off of work. I am originally from Missouri and my wife is originally from Fairbanks, Alaska. We try to go back to Alaska to visit as often as we can. We were last there last summer and went to Denali National Park, which was amazing (see photo). We're planning a combined trip to Las Vegas and Alaska this Christmas, spending part of the time with my parents in Las Vegas and then on to Alaska to spend Christmas with Bethany's family. We'll be eating her grandmother's traditional Christmas Eve dinner of Norwegian krub and lefse. My wife and I both have Norwegian roots.

## Upcoming Events

A calendar of events of interest to the research community

### August 13

Jayhawk Welcome and Graduate Student Information Fair  
Big 12 Room, Kansas Union  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

### August 18

KU Teaching Summit: Engaged Learning  
Budig Hall  
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### August 24

State of the Cancer Center Address  
Roy Jensen, Director, KU Cancer Center  
Auditorium, Simons Biosciences Research Labs  
2-3 p.m.

### August 25

Hall Center for the Humanities Lecture Series  
Lewis Hyde, "Culture as Commonwealth"  
Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union  
7:30 p.m.

### August 31

Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute: Research Symposium  
Frontiers in Comparative Medicine: Animal Models for Human Disease  
<http://www.kclifesciences.org/events/symposium/symposium.php>  
Kansas City Convention and Entertainment Centers  
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### September 4

Richard L. Schowen Lecture in Bioorganic Chemistry  
Prof. Richard Wolfenden, "Two Extreme Examples of Enzyme Catalytic Proficiency"  
1001 Malott Hall  
3:30 – 5 p.m.

### September 9

Session 1: Research Administration 101  
Apollo Room, Nichols Hall  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**September 9**

Third Annual Welcome Reception: KU - Haskell Indian Nations  
University NIH-Funded Programs  
Kansas Room, Kansas Union  
4-5:30 p.m.

**September 12**

Conference: Preparing Future Faculty  
Kansas Union  
1-4 p.m.

**September 16**

Session 2: Research Administration 101  
Apollo Room, Nichols Hall  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**September 23**

Session 3: Research Administration 101  
Apollo Room, Nichols Hall  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**September 25-26**

Third Great Plains Annual Regional Symposium on  
Protein and Biomolecular NMR  
Plenary: Brian Volkman, Medical College of Wisconsin  
Auditorium, Simons Biosciences Research Labs  
All Day Friday, Saturday Morning Only

**September 30**

Session 4: Research Administration 101  
Apollo Room, Nichols Hall  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.