OSP Observer

Winter 2021

Sponsored Projects News, Events, and Updates

Happy New Year friends and colleagues,

I sincerely hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break. I can't help but feel a great sense of hope and even excitement for all that 2021 will bring – from another round of **Faculty Research Lightning Talks** (Feb 4th) to **new collaborations with the Data Science Working Group** (Mar 2nd). I look forward to learning from the **experiences of SU faculty who have served on review panels** (Feb 25th), welcoming an **NEH Program Officer** "to campus" (via Zoom on Mar 9th), and **preparing our budget and grant managers for a transition to compensation review** to replace our federal effort reporting process (Feb 12th).

We are encouraged by your commitment to developing your research agendas, submitting grant proposals, your resilience in adapting and re-adapting project plans, and engagement with our fall activities despite the competing (and draining) demands that 2020 required.

Wishing you a hopeful and healthy new year and we look forward to 'seeing' you soon!

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Upcoming OSP Events

Faculty Research Lightning Talks: Anti-Racist Scholarship

Thurs, February 4th 12:30-1:20pm via Zoom (link provided in advance)

Please join us for Winter Quarter's Lightning Talks to learn more about your colleagues' scholarship and make inter-disciplinary connections! Seven faculty from across campus will present their work, with this round's theme of anti-racist scholarship. Our presenters include:

- **Lisa Abel,** College of Nursing
- **Robert Chang,** School of Law
- **Charisse Cowan-Pitre,** College of Education
- **Anne Farina,** College of Arts and Sciences
- **Jasmine Mahmoud,** College of Arts and Sciences
- **McLean Sloughter,** College of Science and Engineering
- **Erin Vernon,** Albers School of Business and Economics

Please RSVP [here](#) by Thurs, January 28th and/or direct any questions to **osp@seattleu.edu**

Winter Faculty Learning: 'The Room Where It Happens' – Insights from SU Faculty who have Served on Grant Review Panels

Thurs, February 25th 12:30-1:30pm via Zoom (link provided in advance)

Please join us as we learn from the experiences of five SU faculty members who have recently served on grant review panels for internal and external sponsors, including the SU Summer Faculty Fellowship, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Fulbright Foundation. The session will begin with a brief 'mini-seminar' introducing typical elements of the review process, discussing how serving as a reviewer can improve your own grant writing, and providing tips for being an effective reviewer. Panelists will then share insights from their experiences, including observations about the characteristics that set successful proposals apart in the review process and how serving as a reviewer has informed their own scholarship. Faculty who will be graciously sharing their insights are:

- **John Carter**, Professor of Mathematics, Fulbright Scholar Program reviewer
- **Kathleen Cook**, Professor of Psychology, NSF reviewer
- **Yen-Lin Han**, Associate Professor of Mechanical and Engineering, NSF reviewer
- **Matt Isaac**, Professor of Marketing, 2021 Summer Faculty Fellowship Review Committee Chair
- **Kerry Soo Von Esch**, Assistant Professor of Education, NSF reviewer

Please RSVP [here](#) by Tues, February 23rd and/or direct any questions to **osp@seattleu.edu**.

Winter Grant Managers Virtual Peer Learning Group: Alternative to Effort Reporting

Fri, February 12th, 10:00-11:00am via Zoom (link provided in advance)

In collaboration with the Associate Controller, we are excited to announce the transition from traditional effort reporting to a review of compensation charges. This new process is being enacted to reduce burden and confusion in the certification of publicly-funded compensation and will be reviewed in detail in this session. Additionally, we'll share our regular OSP quarterly updates and provide time for questions and community. All budget managers and other staff supporting grants are welcome to attend!

Please RSVP [here](#) and/or direct any questions to **osp@seattleu.edu**.

Special Opportunity: Discussion with a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Program Officer

Tues, March 9th 12:30-2:00pm via Zoom (link provided in advance)

Want to learn more about NEH programs and gain tips and tricks straight from a Program Officer? NEH Senior Program Officer Mary Macklem will provide a program overview to interested SU faculty and answer questions you may have. For faculty who can stay on the Zoom call, from 1:30-2 we'll have an informal discussion with Mary about application tips and tricks and review a funded application. Please take advantage of this opportunity to gain insights on the NEH programs and processes directly from a Program Officer!

Please RSVP [here](#) by Thurs, March 4th and/or direct any questions to **osp@seattleu.edu**.

An Introduction to Visualizing Data using SPSS

Tues, March 2nd 10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom (link provided in advance)

Hosted by the Data Science Working Group with support from the OSP and the Center for Faculty Development

Visualizing data is a key tool in data-informed research. Well-developed graphs help investigators to understand data and formulate new research questions, and enable clear and quick communication of interesting findings. While Excel is commonly used to graph data, it has limited data visualization functionality. SPSS – a statistical software package that employs a spreadsheet interface similar to Excel and is available to SU faculty, staff and students through the SU virtual desktop (desktop.seattleu.edu) – offers far richer options for data visualization and analysis. This workshop will cover the underlying principles of what makes for good and useful data visualization, as well as how to create effective visualizations in SPSS. We will first explore several standard types of graphs and discuss how to decide which are appropriate for a given data set, then learn how to use SPSS to create them. The workshop will include both SPSS demonstrations as well as time for participants to try SPSS for themselves. Though example data sets will be provided, participants are welcome to bring data from their own projects if they would like help in getting started on visualizations! The workshop is designed to be entry-level; No prior experience in statistics or data visualization is required.

Please RSVP [here](#) and/or direct any questions to **sloughtj@seattleu.edu**.

Recent OSP Events – Materials Available

Fall Faculty Learning:
Many Roads Travelled – Reflections on Research Funding 'Roadmaps'

A recording of OSP's first event of the year featuring SU faculty from a range of disciplines and career stages who shared the 'pathways' they have followed in developing their research programs and the ways in which external funding has shaped their trajectories is available **[here](#)**. Thank you to faculty panelists – Elizabeth Dale (Arts & Sciences), Matt Hickman (Arts & Sciences), Kristin Hultgren (Science & Engineering), and Mo Sin (Nursing) – for sharing their experience sand perspective! The program also featured a 'mini'-workshop by OSP staff offering practical tools to support developing a research 'roadmap' and funding plan that maps research interests, capacities, and potential funding opportunities to identify pathways for achieving near- and long-term goals. Materials – including slides, resource sheet, and templates – are available **[here](#)**.

College of Education Research Speed Dating

OSP and the College of Education partnered to facilitate this event, which featured quick 10-minute sessions in which faculty members shared their research agendas and external funding needs with staff from OSP, the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations and the College of Education's Development Director. Nearly 25 funding opportunities have been shared with the faculty as we continue to develop strategies and refine projects. If your department or college is interested in hosting a similar event, please contact **osp@seattleu.edu**!

Faculty Scholarship Discussion Hour: Racial Justice

On October 22nd, 14 faculty from across campus came together with the OSP, Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, and Lemieux Library to share their racial justice-focused scholarship and learn about the public and private landscape in this area. We invite you to explore the **Racial and Social Justice Funding Guide**, which outlines funding opportunities that support justice-oriented scholarship, as well as information on being an 'equity-minded' scholar and resources to support your scholarship.

Faculty Research Lightning Talks: Summer Faculty Fellows

On November 4th, OSP hosted seven faculty members from across campus to share their work as 2020 Summer Faculty Fellows. Special thanks to Brooke Coleman (Law), Rosa Joshi (Arts & Sciences), Ashli Tyre (Education), Kirsten Thompson (Arts & Sciences), Kumhee Ro (Nursing), Phil Thompson (Science and Engineering), and Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler (Arts & Sciences) for their engaging presentations. Videos of each talk are available **here** on Seattle University's **ScholarWorks**.

Fall Grant Managers Virtual Peer Learning Group: Overview of OSP Processes & Resources

The fall Peer Learning Group provided an opportunity for budget managers and staff supporting grants to explore the breadth of information, process descriptions, forms, and other resources available on the **OSP website**. Slides are available **here**, along with the fun (and fictional) 'Mad Libs'-style activity participants worked on collaboratively in order to assist Rudy Redhawk with post-award support of the National Mascot Foundation sponsored project (**here**).

New OSP Resources

A number of new resources to support faculty in developing their research and preparing proposals are available on the OSP website. We hope you will find them helpful for independent work, and/or as tools to support conversations with **your Sponsored Research Officer**!

- **Research Development Resources**
- Tools for developing a Research Funding Roadmap, including **Research Logic Model** and **Funding Plan** templates and **additional resources**
- **National Science Foundation (NSF) Proposal Development Guide**, including NSF proposal checklist, templates, NSF proposal development and submission guidance, and other relevant links and resources
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Proposal Development Guide**, including NIH Academic Research Enhancement (AREA) Award Proposal Checklist and other NIH proposal development and submission guidance and resources

New Funds Awarded

Congratulations to the below investigators who were recently awarded funding to support Seattle University research and initiatives*!

Center for Community Engagement

Kent Koth | Seattle University Youth Initiative | *The Ballmer Group* (renewal)

College of Arts and Sciences

Jacqueline Helfgott | South King County Pre-Trial Assessment and Linkages Services (PALS) Program Evaluation | *King County Adult and Juvenile Detention* (extension)

Rachel E. Luft | Healing Justice: Emergent Wellbeing Practices in Social Justice Movements | *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* (supplement)

College of Education

Kerry Soo Von Esch, **Charisse Cowan Pitre**, and **Neria Sebastien** | Collectivized Teacher-Led Spaces to Empower and Support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Equity Educators | *Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board*

Fostering Scholars Program

Colleen Montoya Barbano | Seattle University Fostering Scholars Student Support | *Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust* (renewal)

School of Law

Cindy Yeung | Moderate Means Program | *Washington State Bar Association* (renewal)

School of Theology and Ministry

Michael Trice | Seattle University Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs | *Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust* (renewal)

Summer Programs

Lauren Johnson and **Duron Jones** | Albers Summer Business Institute 2020 | *BECU Foundation*

In addition to the above awardees, we would like to congratulate investigators from the **seven colleges, schools, programs, and centers** who submitted **18 proposals** this quarter! We commend SU investigators' commitment in these most challenging times.

Note: This list comprises all new and renewed sponsored projects awarded in the second quarter of the current fiscal year (Oct 1-Dec 31, 2020). For a complete list of funds awarded in previous fiscal quarters, please see past OSP Observers, [here](#).

Sponsored Projects Highlight

Continued Support from the Shemanski Testamentary Trust awarded to Fostering Scholars and Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs

Colleen Montoya Barbano, Director, Fostering Scholars Program
Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust

Michael Trice, Professor, School of Theology & Ministry and Director, Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs
Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust

Congratulations to **Michael Trice** ([Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs](#)) and **Colleen Montoya Barbano** ([Fostering Scholars Program](#)) who were recently awarded grants from the Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust, whose philanthropic mission focuses on supporting interfaith tolerance and understanding and promoting quality educational, human services and health care programming for economically challenged individuals . These two recent awards continue the

Shemanski Trust's generous and long-standing– over 50 years – support of initiatives and student scholarships at Seattle University, including 15 years dedicated to interreligious engagement.

The Trust has provided vital funding to establishing and expanding the current **Interreligious Initiative**, a program launched five years ago in the Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs. The new initiative focuses on creating tools and opportunities for dialogue that reveal interreligious and intercultural connections and shape theological education. This year's support will enable the Initiative to create curriculum for two university core courses, and to produce weekly podcasts with partners around the world that explore the wisdom of religious traditions and spiritual pathways in responding to societal challenges.

Continued funding from the Trust, including this year's award, will also sustain the Seattle University Fostering Scholars Program, which provides critical financial, academic, and personal support to current and former foster youth who face enormous barriers to success. As the first program of its kind in Washington State and a national model, Fostering Scholars serves cohorts of 18 to 23 scholars in achieving their life-changing goal of earning a college degree. With the generous funding from the Shemanski Trust, students in the Fostering Scholars program will continue to receive full scholarships that cover the comprehensive costs of attending SU (tuition, books, supplies, healthcare, and year-round housing). Scholarship funds are complemented with wrap-around, personalized academic and social support, advocacy, and mentoring.

Congratulations again to Michael and Colleen – as well as their partners in Corporate & Foundation Relations and University Advancement – and to the Shemanski Trust for their continued support of the Interreligious initiative and Fostering Scholars program!

News & Awards on the OSP website

Check out the "**News & Awards**" page on the OSP website to learn more about current research activity at SU, including external grants awarded to SU investigators. In particular, check out links to recent **SU Newsroom** articles about the following externally-funded investigators:

– College of Education Professors **Kerry Soo Von Esch**, **Charisse Cowan-Pitre**, and **Neria Sebastien**'s recent State of Washington Professional Standards Boards grant *[**article**]*
– Associate Professor of Biology **Kristin Hultgren**'s ongoing research with SU undergraduates supported by the National Science Foundation *[**article**]*
– Associate Professor of Sociology **Rachel E. Luft**'s supplemental grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation *[**article**]*
– The **Center for Community Engagement** team's (led by Director of Educational Partnerships **Colina Bruce**) recent Safeco Insurance Fund award supporting the Redhawk Mentoring Program *[**article**]*
– And **more**!

SU Policy Updates

Managing Ongoing Research Impacts of COVID-19

OSP continues to be available to support investigators in understanding implications of ongoing and evolving impacts of COVID-19. In addition to the **OSP homepage** – which provides an up-to-date and comprehensive inventory of SU and sponsor policies and guidance – your **Sponsored Research Officer** is able to help think through approaches to addressing challenges associated with managing current awards and pursuing new opportunities, as well as to work with funding agencies as needed.

Travel Restrictions Extended through June 2021

SU has announced that all non-essential travel is restricted through June 30, 2021, including travel related to sponsored projects. Additional information about travel restrictions can be found on the **SU Travel Cancellation FAQs**.

Minimum Wage Increases effective January 2021

In accordance with the City of Seattle Minimum Wage law, all new student hires will start at the 2021 minimum wage of $16.69 per hour effective January 1, 2021. Additional information is available on the **Seattle University Student Financial Services Student Employment website**.

Sponsor Updates

National Science Foundation Policy Update – Changes to Reporting Requirements

Effective October 5, 2020, the NSF requires that all Principal Investigators (PIs) of current NSF awards report on whether there have been any changes to the PI(s)'s active other support. If a change is reported, the PI(s) will be required to upload an up-to-date Current and Pending Support document to Research.gov in one of two NSF-approved formats. More information about reporting Current and Pending Effort can be found **here**.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Virtual Conference Materials Available

Slides and recordings from the recent NSF Virtual Conference are available **here**. Sessions that may be of particular interest to SU faculty include those on the **Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)** and **Facilitating Research at Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)** Programs (**here**), the **Major Research Instrumentation** Program (**here**) and the **NSF Merit Review Process** (**here**). These and many other NSF resources are available on the OSP website (**here**).

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Virtual Regional Seminar Materials Available

Slides and recordings from the recent National Institutes of Health Virtual Seminar are now available **here**. Sessions that may be of particular interest to SU faculty include those on the **Academic Research Enhancement (R15) Award** (AREA; **here**), **Fundamentals of NIH Grants Process** (**here**), **Overview of NIH Peer Review** (**here**), and **Grant Writing for Success** (**here**). These and many other NIH resources are also available on the OSP website **here**.

Ford Foundation: Advice from Recent Awardees

OSP highly recommends any SU faculty interested in pursuing funding from the Ford Foundation view this panel of recent Ford awardees from Carleton College, Williams College, and Vassar College who shared their advice for faculty at peer institutions (**here**).

Other Programming to Support Faculty Research

Center for Faculty Development Programs

The **Center for Faculty Development** is hosting several **virtual workshops in Winter quarter** as part of their regular series, all of which offer excellent opportunities for professional and personal growth. The following are particularly helpful in supporting faculty research and scholarship:

Affinity Group for Faculty Parents
   Wednesdays: January 13th, **January 27th**, and **February 10th** (2:30-3:30pm)

Affinity Group for Tenure-Track Faculty of Color
   Tuesdays: January 19th, **February 9th**, and **March 9th** (1:30-2:45pm)

Unlocking my Writing Resistance
   Mon, February 1ˢᵗ (2:00-3:20pm)
Full descriptions of these events can be found on the **CFD website**. Registration for all events is **here**.

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity – Upcoming Curriculum

The **National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity** (NCFDD) – an organization dedicated to advancing diversity in academia and supporting faculty in successfully navigating academic careers – provides many excellent resources, all of which are available to faculty through SU's institutional membership. Instructions for activating your NCFDD membership are provided by the SU Center for Faculty Development **here**. Four upcoming programs that may be of interest to SU faculty are:

Every Semester Needs a Plan – Led by Dr. Anthony Ocampo, Associate Professor of Sociology at California State Polytechnic University
   Thurs, January 14ᵗʰ (11:00-12:00pm) – More information and registration **here**.

Turning Chutes into Ladders for Women Faculty: A Roadmap to Equity in Academia – Led by Dr. Michelle Cardel, Assistant Prof. of Health Outcomes at the University of Florida
   Tues, January 26ᵗʰ (11:00-12:00pm) – More information and registration **here**.

How to Align your Time with your Priorities – Led by Dr. Rachel McLaren, Prof. at University of Iowa
   Thurs, February 11ᵗʰ (11:00-12:00pm) – More information and registration **here**.

Navigating Faculty Career Transitions: Getting to Mid-Career and Beyond – Led by Dr. Lisa Wolf-Wendel, Prof. of Higher Education at University of Kansas
   Tues, March 23ʳᵈ (11:00-12:00pm) – More information and registration **here**.

The Office of Sponsored Projects is here to help!

We are here to support the full life-cycle of your research and scholarship – from identifying funding opportunities and creating a research plan, developing and submitting competitive proposals, and managing awards. Please reach out to us to **request a consultation**, **notify us of your intent to apply** for a funding opportunity, or for **help with managing your award**!

Your OSP support team:

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Please direct any suggestions about how we can make the quarterly OSP Observer most useful to **Kara Luckey** – we welcome your thoughts!