

Winter Break Hours

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research, 2610 and 2810 Beardshear, the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration and the Office of Research Assurances, 1138 Pearson, will be open 7:30 to 4:00 from December 19 through December 30. Please remember that due to the holidays, there may be limited staff available to assist you December 27-30.

Welcome

- Stephen Proulx, assistant professor of EEOB, from the University of Oregon.
- Jeanne Serb, assistant professor of EEOB, from University of California-Santa Barbara.
- Michael Shogren-Knaak, assistant professor of BBMB, from University of Massachusetts Medical School.
- Lyric Bartholomay, assistant professor of entomology, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Jennifer Locke, assistant professor of VCS, from Tufts University.
- Dennis Chamberlin, assistant professor in Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, from Indiana University.
- Annemarie Peil, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, from the University of Iowa.
- Katherine Charron, assistant professor of history, from Yale University.

OSPA Review

The Office of Sponsored Programs Administration (OSPA) provides sponsored programs support services to the ISU campus. The investigators, grant coordinators, departments, and colleges are OSPA's customers, as well as the sponsors who provide the financial support. OSPA is committed to improving the sponsored programs process. However, the sponsored programs process is a team effort made up of investigators, grant coordinators, staff in departments and colleges in addition to the OSPA staff. To that end, OSPA will take a lead role in reviewing the current sponsored programs process from inception to completion with input from all interested parties.

We are delighted to announce that the review process was recently kicked-off by a visit from Vermeer Manufacturing. On behalf of the Iowa Business Council, Vermeer Manufacturing recently spent one day here at ISU working with OSPA and several other ISU staff to discuss lean thinking with regard to the proposal process. Lean thinking is another example of lean manufacturing, an improvement process adopted by manufacturers for many years. The next steps in the sponsored programs review process will involve meeting with investigators, grants coordinators, department and college staff and all other interested parties to reveal what was learned during this recent discussion and present possible improvements.

Hold This Date

The Office of the VPR is sponsoring several workshops on working with federal agencies. ISU faculty will provide insights on how to write a successful grant proposal. NSF will be discussed Thursday, Feb. 9, 3-4:30 p.m., 1213 Hoover.

Changing Names

The Office of Research Compliance (ORC), the Committee on Animal Care (COAC) and the Biohazards and Public Health Committee (BPHC) are changing their names. Beginning December 1, 2005, the ORC is changing its name to the Office of Research Assurances (ORA), the COAC to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and the BPHC is changing its name to the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).

It is believed that changing the name of the ORC to the Office of Research Assurances more accurately reflects the mission of this office, because a large portion of its responsibilities involves fulfilling the requirements of its assurances with federal funding agencies.

Changing the names of the COAC to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and BPHC to the Institutional Biosafety Committee is also intended to more accurately reflect the committees' responsibilities. The name change will eliminate the need to refer to both the institutional name and the name commonly used at the federal level and other universities when speaking to new faculty members, federal auditors, etc.

Recent Sponsored Funding Awards

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CEAH Awards

The Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities would like to congratulate the following six faculty members who were awarded 2006 CEAH Fellowships for Scholarship and Creative Activity. Fellows of the Center are eligible for up to \$5,000 in funding, awarded as either a grant account or summer salary support. Proposals for the spring round of awards are due February 1, 2006. For more information, go to www.iastate.edu/~ceah/funding.html.

Patrick Barr-Melej, Assistant Professor, History

Project: *Silo: A Biography*

Award funds travel to Argentina for a series of interviews with 'Silo' (Mario Rodriguez Cobos).

Leland LHote, Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Project: *Queer Representation in Spanish Cinema of the Post-Franco Era*

Award funds time to work on book-length study that traces the trajectory of male homosexual representation in Spanish cinema from 1975 to present.

Daniel Naegele, Assistant Professor, Architecture

Project: *Frank Lloyd Wright's Lowell Walter House*

Award funds time to write a critical history of Cedar Rock, a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright built in the 1940s.

Diane Price-Herndl, Associate Professor, English

Project: *Breast Cancer as Metaphor*

Award funds time to complete a chapter of "Thinking Through Breast Cancer," an interdisciplinary study that critically examines the way literature and culture structure the breast cancer experience.

Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Associate Professor, History

Project: *Rural Poverty and Rural Adaptation: Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, 1870-1930*

Award funds research and writing time for a new book-length historical study of rural poverty in the upper Midwest in the era before the Great Depression.

Matthew Stanley, Assistant Professor, History

Project: *Huxley's Church and Maxwell's Demon: Constructing the Limits of Science*

Award funds research and writing time for a book-length study that explores the historical emergence of the boundaries that mark science off from religion, culture, and the arts.

• To Steve Devlin and Ron Cox, CIRAS, *Biobased Product Testing and Evaluation* from the USDA, \$1,968,384

• To Ruth Litchfield, FSHN, *Wisewoman: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Project* from the Iowa Department of Public Health, \$148,590

• To Krishna Rajan, MSE, *Informatics Searching Using an NSF Information Center* from Honeywell International, Inc., \$75,000

• To Paul Wiegand and Larry Stevens, CTRE, *Roadway Design Standards for Rural and Suburban Subdivisions* from the Iowa Department of Transportation, \$112,500

• To Lowell Brenneman, Ext to Ag, and Matt Helmers, ABE, *Reducing Nitrate Losses Through Modified Drainage Systems and a Constructed Wetland* from the USDA, \$88,115

• To Chris Williams, Halil Ceylan, Steve Andrie, Ed Jaselskis, and Russ Walters, CCEE, *Investigation of Electro-Magnetic Gauges for Determination of In-Place Density of HMA Pavements* from the Iowa Department of Transportation, \$50,986

• To Matthew Liebman and Paula Westerman, Agron, and Brent Danielson, EEOB, *Managing Cropping Systems for Weed Regulation by Granivorous Rodents, with Special References to Over-Winter Weed Seed Mortality* from the USDA, \$499,497

• To Michael Pate, ME, and Byron Brehm-Stecher, FSHN, *The Impact of Household Refrigerator Storage Conditions on Shelf-Life of Fruits and Vegetables* from the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers, \$126,580

• To Chad Stahl, An Sci, *Development of Novel Antibiotic Alternatives* from the Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation, \$40,000

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