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Education

M.S. in Management (concentration in Research Administration)
Emmanuel College – Boston, MA (2012)

B.S. in Biological Sciences (concentration in Biochemistry, Cellular, and Molecular Biology)
The University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN (2003)

NCURA Involvement

Leadership

2019 NCURA Board of Directors – Presidential Appointee
2016 NCURA Executive Leadership Program (ELP) – Class of 2016
2016 NCURA Region III Chair Appointed Executive Committee
2014-2015 NCURA Region III Secretary

Professional Development

2020 NCURA Magazine Contributing Editor – Spotlight on Research
2018 NCURA Education Scholarship Fund Select Committee – Chair
2017-2018 NCURA Professional Development Committee (PDC)
2015-2017 NCURA Magazine Co-Editor

Program Committees

2011-2020 Four NCURA Region III Program Committees
2015-2020 Three NCURA Annual Meeting Program Committees

Other

2020 NCURA Research Program Committee
2020 NCURA Presidential Salary Survey Task Force
2016-2017 NCURA Region III New Members Committee
2013 NCURA Social Media Team
2011-2013 NCURA Region III Nominations and Elections Committee
2011-2013 NCURA Region III Membership and Awards Committee

Awards, Honors, & Selections

- 2019: UTK Leadership Program – selected by the Provost to participate in mentoring program for faculty/staff who have demonstrated promising careers in university administration.
- 2018: NCURA Region III Senior Service Award – awarded to a member who has made and sustained, distinctive contributions to both the region and profession.
- 2016: Endeavor Summit – selected through University-wide nomination to participate in the celebration of the next generation of leaders in Knoxville, TN.
- 2006 & 2007: Gamma Sigma Delta Faculty Team Award – awarded for outstanding contribution to research, teaching, and/or extension, either directly or indirectly, related to agriculture and related disciplines at University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

Presentations and Publications (selected of 48)

- Smelser, D., Webb, P., Hamaker, A., “*Institutional Proposal Routing Deadlines: Establishment and Enforcement*” NCURA AM62. August 2020.
- Rhea, L., Blackwell, T., Smelser, D. “*Recruitment into Our Field and Professional Organization.*” NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2019.
- Smelser, D., Moody, D. “*Getting Involved with NCURA.*” NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2019.
- Smelser, D., Letbetter, L. “*Networking: For Introverts, Extroverts, and Those In-Between.*” NCURA AM61. August 2019.
- Csaplar, C., McMillen, K., Smelser, D. “*Going Beyond Pre-Award Basics: Navigating Pre-Award Roles and Activities*”. NCURA AM60 Workshop. August 2018.
- Smelser, D., Devereux, E. “*Strategic Leadership Development*”. NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2018.
- Smelser, D., McElwain, D., Callahan, T. “*Pre-Award Basics*”. NCURA AM59 Workshop. August 2017.
- Torres, L., Torres, J., Smelser, D. “*Using Data for Decision-Making*”. NCURA AM59. August 2017.
- Smelser, D., Ventimiglia, A., Torres, J. “*Dr. Sheldon Cooper Presents: Fun with Research Administration*”. NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2017.
- Schmiedel, M., Walton, F. Smelser, D. “*How to Make the Most of Your Early Years in Research Administration*”. NCURA AM58. August 2016.
- Smelser, D., Ventimiglia, A., Torres, J. “*Research Administration According to Sheldon Cooper*”. NCURA PRA. March 2016.
- Westcott, S., Gray, S., Smelser, D., Sward, S. “*Proposal Planning: Logistics & Compliance Consideration*”. NCURA Life Cycle Series. October 2015.
- Torres, L. McElwain, D., Smelser, D., Atkinson, A., Gilstrap, K., Ventimiglia, A., Gambrell, E. “*Getting to Know Region III*”. NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2015.
- Fenwick, B., Minnema, L. & Smelser, D. “*The Current Health and Future Wellbeing of the American Research University*”. NCURA AM54. November 2012.
- Smelser, D., Magruder, L. & Croft, S. “*Avoiding Proposal Pitfalls and Preparing for the Big One*”. NCURA Region III Spring Meeting. May 2011.