



## 2021 NCURA Region III Spring Meeting Program

Milestones: Celebrating Growth and Progress in Research Administration

*New Orleans, LA*

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## Note on Meeting Cancellation

The safety of our NCURA Region III members is our top priority whenever we plan and conduct events.

After much discussion among the Executive Committee and our host hotel in New Orleans, it was clear that we would be unable to move forward with planning the type of in-person experience that meets members' expectations for professional development and face-to-face networking.

Your safety was of the utmost importance as we worked to plan our 2021 Regional Spring Meeting amid both a challenging public health crisis and contractual obligations to the host hotel. While we were able to put together a conference full of high-quality content that would follow every local, state and federal safety protocol, we believe it was the right decision to cancel the meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are incredibly proud of the Program and Planning Committee members who worked with us to create a great conference, and while we are sad that we will not be able to carry it out, we are at the same time grateful for the continued dedication of so many wonderful Region III members who gave of their time and talent to help create yet another fantastic professional development experience for our members. Listed below are the proposals that were accepted for the 2021 Program.

This conference would have been a celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Region III – an incredible milestone. However, we will now turn to 2022 in hopes we can celebrate with all of you at our “50 plus 1” meeting.

Thank you again to all of you for making Region III such a wonderful organization.



**Scott Niles and Kay Gilstrap,**

**Region III 2021 Spring Meeting Co-Chairs**

## 2021 Program & Planning Committee

Program Committee Chairs	
Chair	<b>Scott Niles</b> , Georgia Institute of Technology
Co-Chair	<b>Kay Gilstrap</b> , Georgia State University

Program Committee	
Program Track	Track Lead
Workshops	<b>Kathleen Halley-Octa</b> , Georgia State University
International	<b>Andrea Moshier</b> , University of Melbourne
Compliance	<b>Carpantato Myles</b> , University of Alabama
Pre-award	<b>Ken Carter</b> , University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Post-award	<b>Laneika Musalini</b> , Tri-County Technical College
PUI/Small	<b>Alison Krauss</b> , Western Carolina University
Organizational Development	<b>Abby Guillory</b> , North Carolina State University
Government/Federal	<b>Greg Adams</b> , Broward College
Department	<b>Leigh Stephens</b> , St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Senior	<b>Kay Gilstrap</b> , Georgia State University
Human Relations in RA	<b>Ashley Whitaker</b> , Nova Southeastern University

Planning Committee	
Role	Committee Member
Speaker Liaison	<b>James Denney</b> , East Carolina University
Book Club	<b>Tanya Blackwell</b> , Duke University
Attendee Experience	<b>Erika Clark</b> , University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Philanthropy	<b>Melinda Fischer</b> , Clemson University
New Member Activities	<b>Lauren Swindell</b> , University of Virginia
Sponsorship Coordinator	<b>Candice Ferguson</b> , Georgia State University
Volunteer Coordinator	<b>Lily Peschanskaia</b> , East Carolina University
Hospitality Coordinator	<b>Molly Sagona</b> , University of South Carolina
A/V Coordinator	<b>Trey Bauer</b> , University of Kentucky
Eventpedia	<b>Ford Simmons</b> , Medical University of South Carolina
Surveys and Evaluation	<b>Savanna Hulon</b> , University of South Carolina
Program Book Coordinator	<b>Kelly Millsaps</b> , University of North Georgia
Diversity and Inclusion Advisor	<b>Laneika Musalini</b> , Tri-County Technical College

## Accepted Workshops

Lead Presenter	Lead Presenter Institution	Track	Workshop Title	Co-Presenters
<b>Full-day Workshops</b>				
Dede Rutberg	National Institutes of Health	Federal	NIH Fundamentals	
Jennifer Camp	University of Alabama		Fundamentals of Post-Award Financial Management	Gabbie Slappey, Georgia Institute of Technology
Tony Ventimiglia	Auburn University		Pre-Award Fundamentals	David Smelser, University of Tennessee
<b>Half-day Workshops</b>				
Jennifer Shambrook	University of Central Florida		Building Resilience to Stress in Yourself and Your Research Administration Team	
Kay Gilstrap	Georgia State University	Compliance	How to use the Uniform Guidance	Rob Roy, Georgia Institute of Technology
Laneika K. Musalini	Tri-County Technical College	Organizational Development	Did you just say that?: Addressing and Overcoming Implicit Bias to Build Inclusion in the Workplace	Natasha Williams, Kennesaw State University; Shanta Mackinnon, NC Central University

## Accepted Concurrent Sessions

Lead Presenter	Lead Presenter Institution	Level	Concurrent Session Title	Co-Presenters
<b>Compliance</b>				
Doug Backman	University of Central Florida		Foreign Influence and Conflict of Interest	
Melanie Clark	Georgia Institute of Technology		IRBs Past, present and what could the future hold????	
<b>Departmental</b>				
Amy Thomas	Auburn University		It's Our Pleasure	
Lorrie Robbins	Duke University	Intermediate	Critical Thinking: I want some of that!	Betty Morgan, Duke University
<b>Federal</b>				
Andrew Hayes	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Beginner	USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Program Loans and Grants	
Cindy Hope	Georgia Institute of Technology	Overview	FDP/COGR Update	
DeDe Rutberg	National Institutes of Health	Overview	NIH Update	
Jannele Gosey	National Science Foundation Grants Office	Beginner	Tips on Award Management for NSF Grants	Tianay Robinson
Jeremy Leffler	National Science Foundation Policy Office	Overview	NSF Proposal & Award Policy Update	
Samuel Scheiner	National Science Foundation	Beginner	A Program Officer's Perspective on NSF Funding	
Stephanie Yee	National Science Foundation	Beginner	Research.gov Modernization Update	
Susan Hamm	US Department of Energy	Overview	Funding Opportunities at the U.S. Department of Energy	
<b>Human Relations in RA</b>				
Kay Gilstrap	Georgia State University	Overview	Bridging Relationships Across Generational Lines	Kathleen Halley-Octa, Georgia State University; Candice Ferguson, Georgia State University
Laneika K. Musalini	Tri-County Technical College	Overview	Eliminating implicit bias in the workplace	Shekinda Ward, Clemson University

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<b>International</b>				
Jackson Howard	Euraxess North America	Overview	European Funding Opportunities	
<b>Organizational Development</b>				
Ford Simmons	Medical University of South Carolina	Overview	Forming Your Agreements: Using REDCap As A Tool for MTAs, DUAs, and More	
Jessica Parker	Auburn University	Overview	Emerging Research Training Trends: Meeting New Educational Expectations	Abby Guillory, MLIS, CRA, NC State University
Katy Hendry	Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition	Intermediate	NCURA Research Program: Started from the Bottom Now I'm Here; Going from RA to PI	
Kevin M. Alicea-Torres	University of Puerto Rico at Humacao	Overview	Fostering Inclusive Excellence Strategies for Administrators at a Hispanic Serving Institution	Lilliam Casillas-Martinez, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
<b>Post-Award</b>				
Natasha Williams	Kennesaw State University	Beginner	This Money Won't Spend Itself	
Shannon Gary	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Intermediate	Uniform Guidance Revisions - Does it affect me?	David Schultz
<b>Pre-Award</b>				
Carly Pigg	LSU Health New Orleans	Beginner	Budgets 101: The Basics of Creating a Federal Grant Budget	
Melinda Fischer	Clemson University	Beginner	Fear and Loathing in Award Budgets: Minimizing pain for post-award staff at the pre-award stage	Melissa Freudenberger
Laura Letbetter	Georgia State University	Overview	Running to Catch Up: Promoting Sponsored Research Activity in the Business School	
<b>PUI</b>				
Erika Cottingham	Columbus State University	Overview	Maximizing Resources with Minimal Budget	

## Accepted Discussion Groups

Lead Presenter	Lead Presenter Institution	Level	Discussion Group Title	Co-Presenters
<b>Compliance</b>				
Tanta Myles	University of Alabama		Compliance Collaboration	Jennifer Mill, The University of Alabama; Michelle Beck, The University of Alabama
<b>Departmental</b>				
Laura Letbetter	Georgia State University	Intermediate	Moving Between Central and Departmental Roles: Where do You Land?	
<b>Human Relations in RA</b>				
Kay Gilstrap	Georgia State University	Intermediate	Bridging Relationships Across Generational Lines	Kathleen Halley-Octa, Georgia State University; Candice Ferguson, Georgia State University
Rashonda Harris	Consultant	Overview	Diversity & Inclusion: How can I help?	
<b>International</b>				
Andrea Moshier	University of Melbourne	Overview	NCURA Global Fellowship Program: Mutually beneficial to the Fellow and the Host Institutions	Rashonda Harris, Consultant
<b>Organizational Development</b>				
Michelle Beck	The University of Alabama	Intermediate	Thriving, not just surviving: A discussion on best practices for adapting to increasing organizational growth	
Robert Holm	Auburn University	Overview	Engaging Faculty for Mission Success	Robinlee Speakmon, University of South Carolina
<b>Post-Award</b>				
Jennifer Camp	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa	Beginner & Intermediate	Fundamentals of Post-award Financial Research Administration: Tools for Success	
Rob Roy	Georgia Institute of Technology	Beginner & Intermediate	Creating a Culture of Internal Control	

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<b>Pre-Award</b>				
David Smelser	University of Tennessee		Institutional Proposal Routing Deadlines	
Melinda Fischer	Clemson University	Beginner	Speed Dating - Theory and Practice	Simon Kerridge, University of Kent
Tony Ventimiglia	Auburn University		The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program: Tools and Tips for Managing the Program Successfully at Your Institution	
<b>PUI</b>				
Alison Krauss	Western Carolina University		Cheering for an Empty Stadium: Research Development Post-COVID	