

News Briefs

Kennesaw State University
Office of Research

Research Talks!

Kennesaw State University's 1st Annual Research Symposium



From left to right: Russ Hunt delivers Opening Remarks; Marcus Davis and Michael Van Dyke present their research at the symposium.

By Kelly Millsaps

Research - here in the Office of Research, we get so excited by the stuff that we have to add exclamation marks to our event names. It is not uncommon to hear "Woo hoo!" of excitement when an award letter comes in. I'm sure the second floor in Kennesaw Hall has wondered on occasion what that thumping noise is that's coming from the ceiling (I've been known to jump for joy when an especially hardworking PI gets that ever-so-satisfying funding for their awesome project).

I like to think a second meaning of "Research Talks!" is how delightful and surprising it is when research talks – whether it's back to the investigator or to the public. (Yeah, yeah, enough with the cheese.) I sincerely think it's not only fascinating, but extremely important, for KSU investigators to share their discoveries and accomplishments with the rest of the university community. First, I personally want to know what on earth all those tables and charts they stressed over in the proposal mean. Second, well, just think of the possibilities!

& Organismal Biology), and Michael Van Dyke (Chemistry & Biochemistry).

Though a small group of people attended the event, all were eager to learn. After a light breakfast and mingling, Russ Hunt, Associate Vice President for Research, delivered the opening remarks with an overview of the services the Office of Research provides. He also reminded us of Dr. Papp's "State of the University" address and the President's shout-out to increase research and external funding at KSU (that means you!). Dr. Van Dyke then gave a rousing presentation on orphan protein discovery and the genome sequencing he's performed as part of his research at KSU. Next up was Dr. Tagliatela, who gave some delightful renditions of bonobo and chimpanzee attention-getting sounds as part of his talk on the neurobiological foundations of non-verbal communication (how apes process language), as well as the progress he's made as director at the Ape Cognition and Conservation Initiative in Iowa. Dr. Davis then enlightened us on the importance of shark penises. Or rather, the Hox genes of

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sharks and paddlefish and the information we can glean from their manipulation. Last but not least, Dr. Rushton gave a somewhat disturbing presentation on the state of Chemistry Education – disturbing in the sense that his results show there has been a decline in the number of content-specific qualified K-12 educators in the field. This led to a lively discussion led by Mike Dishman, Associate Dean of the Graduate College, who gave the closing remarks for the event. As the food was cleared, audience members lingered to debate the state of education and research in general and at Kennesaw.

I'd like to consider the symposium a successful stepping-stone for the growth of the research community at KSU. Though our office name would indicate a focus on, you know, research, we're equally supportive of and interested in all creative activity at KSU. And, while we do love the College of Science and Math, the office will make special efforts to recruit investigators from a wider array of disciplines for the next forum. We'd also LOVE to hear your thoughts - even if you didn't attend - on how to make Research Talks! even better next year. Just email spnprog2@kennesaw.edu or give Natasha, Carolyn, or Kelly a call. With the initial onslaught of consolidation confusion behind us, it's time to buckle down and see what the new KSU is capable of!



Jared Tagliatela presenting "The neurobiological foundations of non-verbal communication" at Research Talks!

DigitalCommons@Kennesaw State University

By Kelly Millsaps

Natasha and I recently met with Ajay Murphy, Managing Editor of the DigitalCommons at KSU, and we are officially supporters of the site. [DigitalCommons](#), hosted by the Library, is KSU's Institutional Repository. What is that, you ask? "Institutional Repositories (IRs) bring together all of a University's research under one umbrella, with an aim to preserve and provide access to that research. IRs are an excellent vehicle for working papers or copies of published articles and conference papers. Presentations, senior theses, and other works not published elsewhere can also be published in the IR" (<http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/about.html>).

If you ever wanted to make your work more noticeable, this is the place to put it. The site is Open Access, making it possible for people around the world to find your articles and papers. There's a real-time map that shows where KSU work is being

downloaded (my personal favorite part of the site - 7 downloads from England, Malaysia, India, and the U.S. have popped up in the past 10 minutes!) and you can get a report showing how many times your articles have been downloaded (for those in need of an ego boost). Within the site, you can search for research and scholarly material by different categories including departments and centers, conferences and lectures, dissertations, faculty publications, and journal articles. There's also a handy [Faculty Bookshelf](#) showcasing books written or edited by KSU faculty. DigitalCommons is also a great way to encourage your students to make their conference presentations and dissertations available to the public. To get started uploading your work and creating a comprehensive repository of KSU's brilliant minds, contact digitalcommons@kennesaw.edu or go to <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/>.



Greg Rushton presenting his research on Chemistry Education at the symposium.

RECENT AWARDS

PI	Department	Project Title	Sponsor	Award Amount
Bill Ensign	Ecology, Evolution, & Organismal Biology	Paulding Water - Northern Basins	Paulding County	\$5,642.00
Bill Ensign	Ecology, Evolution, & Organismal Biology	Cobb Water - Southeast Basins	Cobb County	\$4,941.00
Daniela Tapu	Chemistry & Biochemistry	RUI: Anionic Multitopic N-Heterocyclic Carbenes: Building Blocks for Molecular, Supramolecular, and Polymeric Architectures	National Science Foundation	\$247,656.00
Elke Leeds	Information Systems	PLA: A Guide for Faculty Assessor Training	GA Institute of Technology	\$30,000.00
Jay Waronker	Architecture	Sub-Saharan African Synagogues and Other Jewish Architecture	Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta	\$4,400.00
Kathy Negrelli	Foreign Languages	Teaching Materials for Japanese Language	Japan Foundation	\$1,000.00
Leonard Witt	Center for Sustainable Journalism	Covering Youth Substance Use Prevention and Foster Care	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	\$250,000.00
Leonard Witt	Center for Sustainable Journalism	JJIE.org Membership Program	Institute for Nonprofit News	\$30,610.00
Lisa Adams	Ecology, Evolution, & Organismal Biology	SPLASSH Student Support 2015	SECOORA	\$2,000.00
Merle King	Center for Election Systems	Center for Election Systems FY16	GA Secretary of State	\$791,263.00
Paul Dover	History & Philosophy	Enduring Question: "What is the relationship between past and present?"	National Endowment for the Humanities	\$22,000.00
Stephanie Foote	First Year & Transition Studies	A Multi-Campus Study to Measure Perceptions of Academic Exploration & Engagement	NODA	\$1,000.00
Terri Collins	Elementary & Early Childhood Education	Horizons Summer 2015	Horizons Atlanta	\$39,400.00
Wendy Sanchez	Mathematics	Scholarly Inquiry and Practices (SIP) Conference for Mathematics Education Method	National Science Foundation	\$99,192.00

Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Elliott-Farino

We hope you all had an event-free end of the semester and are enjoying your summer activities, whether they be research, travel, and/or teaching. We are here all summer and welcome you to stop by any time (unless we are in the throes of getting one or more proposals out the door before 5pm!), and will probably be able to offer you a cup of coffee or tea. As a reminder, we are on the third floor of Kennesaw Hall, administration side.

We had a great research forum in May (see story page 1) and hope to have similar events in the coming year. Attendees shared some suggestions for future events and we would love to hear from you – whether you attended or not – about your ideas to promote the scholarly work being done by faculty and staff to the KSU community.

I spoke to one of the presenters about how he knew which agencies/organizations would be interested in funding his work – how he knew to send in a white paper to a particular federal agency, for example. He said that he goes to grants.

gov and searches for opportunities by keyword, not necessarily looking for a specific funding opportunity announcement, but rather to find out who funds research in his area. This can also be done using Pivot, a comprehensive search engine that provides search tools for funding opportunities in all disciplines. Although you may not be ready to prepare a grant proposal, you may benefit from having information about potential funders of your work. Email sponprog2@kennesaw.edu for more information or go to Pivot right now: http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main.

We anticipate having funding in FY16 to continue awarding internal grants to catalyze external funding. We are starting to draft the funding guidelines and would like to hear from you if you have ideas about how to improve the competition and make it more responsive to your research and scholarly needs. Please email sponprog2@kennesaw.edu. No date has been set for the issuance of the RFP, but we would like to get it out in June with a deadline in July and award notification in August.



Introducing....

Betsy Adams

our new Financial Compliance and Research Audit Officer, comes to Kennesaw State University after 12 ½ years at Southern Polytechnic State University, where she opened the Grant Development Center in 2002. She went on to create the Department of Sponsored Programs in 2007 and played an integral part in the organization of policies and procedures and operational format of the Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation (SPARC) formed in 2010. She held the title of Director of Research and Contract Administration with SPARC, as well as most recently serving on the Board of Directors as the CFO. She obtained her CRA (Certified Research Administrator) Credential in 2008 and her Masters of Science degree in Accounting in 2014. Her academic Honors include induction into the Delta Mu Delta, International Business Honor Society in 2007, and she was inducted into the Alpha Chi, National College Honor Scholarship Society in 2014. Her service to the community includes participation on the Alumni Committee for the Cobb Education Consortium, Leadership Academy since 2007.

Betsy came to the Metro Atlanta area from Buffalo, NY where she worked for the Research Foundation of SUNY at the University at Buffalo for over 13 years managing projects and working on a multi-million dollar grant start-up. She currently resides in Marietta with her husband and their much loved dog Madison.

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.....and... Sarah Abercrombie



graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Science in 2012. Shortly after graduation, she joined SPSU as a part of Office of Sponsored Programs and the Southern Polytechnic Applied Research Corporation (SPARC). As a member of the Office of Sponsored Programs, Sarah provided postaward services, assisting faculty with hiring, procurement, and travel. She also assisted the office with data entry into their accounting system. Sarah will remain at the Marietta Campus, where she will continue to provide postaward support to Project Directors. When Sarah is not at work, she enjoys reading, her two dogs, and spending time with her husband.

Upcoming Deadlines

Arts & Humanities

- NEH – Summer Stipends (KSU Internal Nomination Competition).....June 22
http://www.kennesaw.edu/research/documents/NEHsummerstipend_KSUprocedure.pdf
- CIES – Core Fulbright Scholar Program.....August 3
<http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program>
- NEH Enduring Questions.....September 10
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/enduring-questions>
- NEH Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants.....September 16
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-start-grants>

Education & Community Development

- Department of Education – Institute of Education Sciences grants.....August 6
<http://ies.ed.gov/funding/index.asp#current>
- American Honda Foundation – STEM Education.....August 1 (limited)
<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>
- Sociological Initiatives Foundation – Action Research Projects.....August 15 (prelim)
<http://www.sifoundation.org/guidelines/>

Health

- NIH AREA (R15).....June 25
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm>
- American Heart Association grants.....July 22 & 24
http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities_UCM_316909_SubHomePage.jsp
- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute – multiple programs.....July 1 & 31
<http://www.pcori.org/funding/opportunities>
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research.....August 12 (prelim)
<http://healthyeatingresearch.org/funding/current-call-for-proposals/>

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

- Leakey Foundation – Human Origins Research.....July 15
<http://www.leakeyfoundation.org/research-grants>
- NSF CAREER (Faculty Early Career Development).....July 21-23
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214
- NSF Science, Technology, and Society (STS).....August 3
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5324
- NSF Education and Human Resources (EHR) Core Research.....September 10
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504924
- NSF Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI).....Sept 15
<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?org=CMMI>
- NSF Research in Engineering Education (REE).....September 17
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503584
- NSF Division of Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE)....Sept 15-30
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=CISE&ord=date
- NSF Division of Chemistry.....Sept 30 & Oct 31
<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=CHE>

Social Sciences

- NSF – Social Psychology.....July 15
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=57112&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund
- NSF Law & Social Sciences (LSS).....August 3
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504727
- NSF Advances in Biological Informatics (ABI).....August 11
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5444
- NSF Sociology.....August 15
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369
- Russell Sage Foundation Research and Scholar Programs.....September 14 (LOI)
<http://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply>

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