

## Congratulations!

### Extramural Grant Awards



**Sue Griffin, Ph.D.**, received an R01 award from the National Institutes of Health.  
"Neuroinflammation, Protein Aggregates, ApoE4 Drug Targeting, and Autophagy Rescue"  
Period: 05/01/2023 – 01/31/2028  
Total: \$2,351,655



**Steven Barger, Ph.D.**, received an R01 award from the National Institutes of Health.  
"Role of glucose transport in Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis"  
Period: 04/15/2023 – 03/31/2028  
Total: \$1,912,500



**Jill Fussell, Ph.D.**, received an award from the Department of Health and Human Services.  
"Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program"  
Period: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2029  
Total: \$1,319,606



**Chenghui Li, Ph.D.**, received an award from the American Cancer Society in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services.  
"Affordable Care Act on Racial Disparity in Endocrine Therapy Use Among Females with Early Stage Hormone Receptor Positive Breast Cancer"  
Period: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2025  
Total: \$222,000

## Awards and Honors

### Antifio Allen, Ph.D., Receives Michael Fry Award



We are delighted to announce that Antifio Allen, Ph.D., has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 Michael Fry Award. This award recognizes individuals early in their career who have made significant contributions in one or more areas of radiation research.

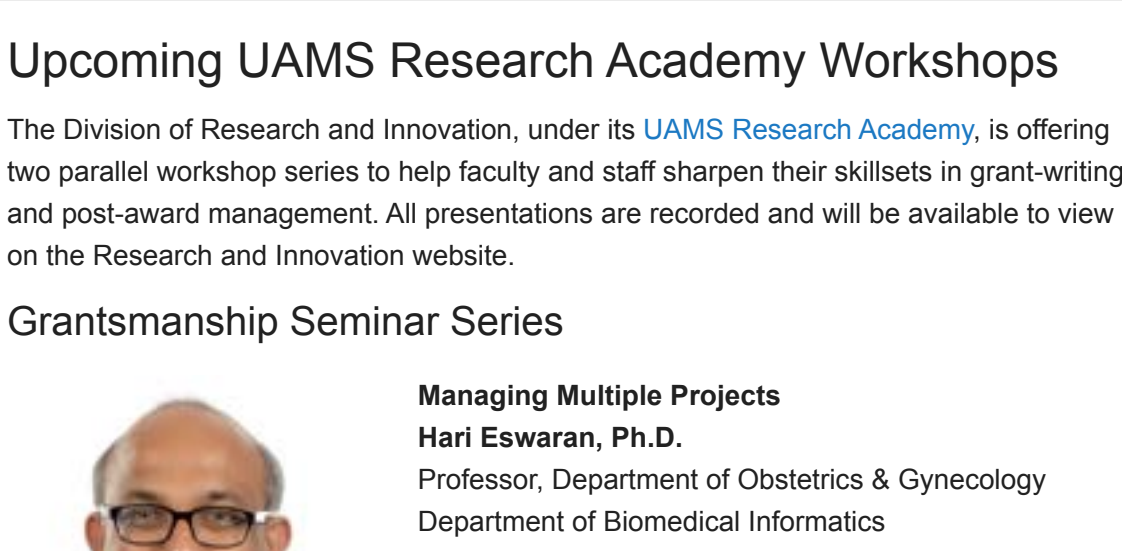
As the recipient of this award, Dr. Allen has been invited to speak at the annual International Congress for Radiation Research (ICRR) meeting.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Allen on receiving this award.

## Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA) Team Won the Chancellor's Challenge

Congratulations to the ORRA team, Research Re-Belles' for taking home the GOLD in the Chancellor's Challenge.

The Chancellor's Challenge is a seven-week team-based campaign that encourages participants to engage in various forms of exercises.



## News and Upcoming Events

### Commercialization Retreat, May 5

BioVentures is excited to invite you to join the Commercialization Retreat. This event aims to provide valuable insights on the significance of commercializing UAMS discoveries to further advance treatments to patients. Our expert speakers will share their knowledge on how commercialization occurs within academia and shed light on the funding mechanisms available for commercializing research and clinical innovations.

When: May 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging

Registration is free, and coffee, refreshments, and lunch will be provided.

[Click here to register](#)

### New System for More Efficient Invention Disclosure and IP Management

BioVentures is pleased to announce the implementation of a new system aimed at streamlining its operations and providing a more user-friendly experience for inventors. The migration to the new software platform will improve the invention disclosure process and offer better data transparency and tracking capabilities for inventors. [Find Out More](#)

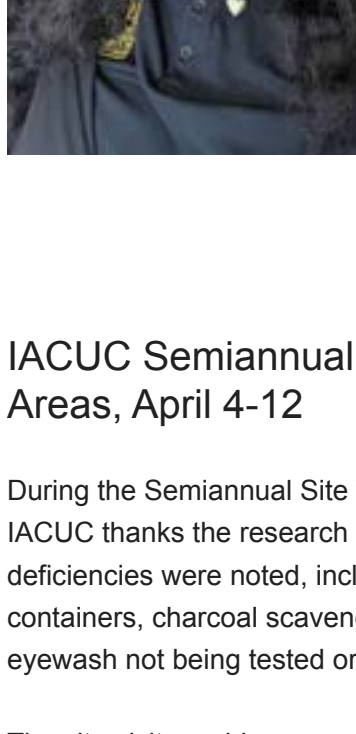
### University of Arkansas Teams Capture Graduate Division at Governor's Cup

AdCharta, a U of A undergraduate team, won first place in the High-Growth/Technology Division, while UNCL Co., a graduate team, triumphed in the elevator pitch competition. All participating teams were part of the interdisciplinary graduate New Venture Development (NVD) program, which provides students with hands-on business incubation experience and has been praised for its exceptional mentorship. [Read more](#)

## Upcoming UAMS Research Academy Workshops

The Division of Research and Innovation, under its [UAMS Research Academy](#), is offering two parallel workshop series to help faculty and staff sharpen their skillsets in grant-writing and post-award management. All presentations are recorded and will be available to view on the Research and Innovation website.

### Grantsmanship Seminar Series



#### Managing Multiple Projects

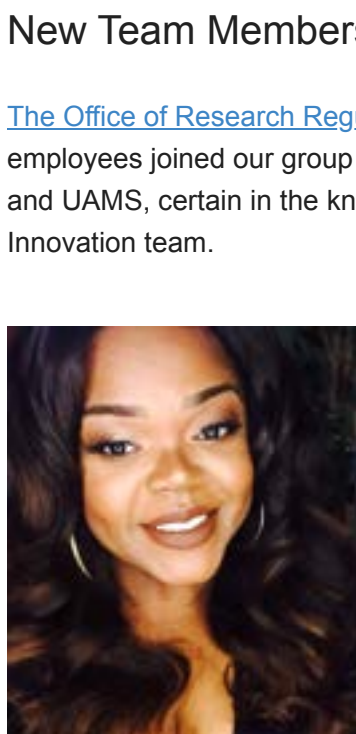
**Hari Eswaran, Ph.D.**

Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Department of Biomedical Informatics  
College of Medicine

Thursday, May 18, 2023; Virtual: 12-1 p.m.

[\(Zoom Link\)](#)

### Research Administration, Grants Management, and Regulatory Affairs Seminar Series



#### It Depends: Life in Research Administration

**Suzanne Alstadt, DPA, CRA**

Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023; Virtual: 12-1 p.m.

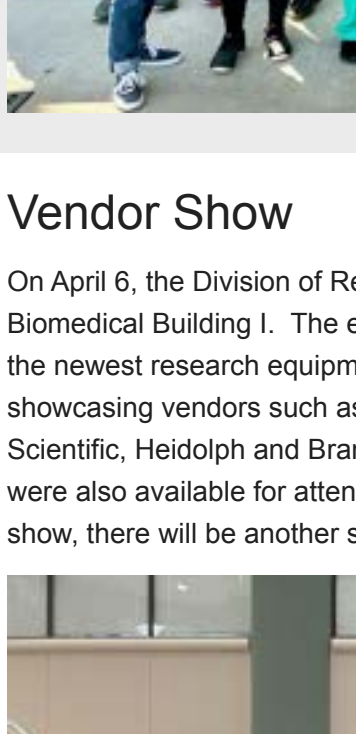
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## View Research Academy Grantsmanship Seminar Series

The following presentations have been archived and are available for viewing:

1. [Anatomy of an impactful Specific Aims page](#) Mark Smeltzer, Ph.D.
2. [How to address the main review criteria in your research strategy?](#) Marjan Boerma, Ph.D.
3. [How do study sections review your proposal?](#) Alan Tackett, Ph.D.
4. [How to address reviewers' comments?](#) Charles O'Brien, Ph.D.
5. [Inclusion of human subjects in your research](#) Wendy Nembhard, Ph.D., MPH, FACE
6. [Writing a Successful DoD Grant Application – How is it different from an NIH Application?](#) Shuk-Mei Ho, Ph.D.
7. [Tips and tricks for productive scholarly writing](#): Amy Franks, Pharm.D.
8. [Space management](#): Micky Thomas
9. [Office of Research Regulatory Affairs \(ORRA\): Overview of functions and services](#): Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, CRS, AdvCRS
10. [Working with a scientific editor](#): Kerry Evans, Ph.D.
11. [NIH Data management and sharing policy](#): Fred Prior, Ph.D.
12. [MUSE Animal Ops and the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine \(DLAM\)](#): Christy Simecka, DVM, DACLAM
13. [Three ways entrepreneurship can help your lab, lessons from UAMS technologies](#): Kevin Sexton, M.D.

## Team R&I Announcements



#### The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

(IACUC) is excited to welcome Ms. Lakeyia Cleveland, the new Program Coordinator here at UAMS. Lakeyia is enthusiastic about joining our team and has already begun working alongside Kerrey Roberto.

With a degree in Regulatory Science from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Lakeyia brings a wealth of experience to the role. She has previously worked at the USDA as a Consumer Safety Inspector as a Lab Technician at Dairy Farmers of America. She hopes to learn and grow in her role and help bring about positive change and exceptional outcomes.

Lakeyia is passionate about painting, gardening, planting, and being a cat mom.

## IACUC Semiannual Site Visits to Animal Housing and Use Areas, April 4-12

During the Semiannual Site Visits, it was observed that the areas generally looked good. IACUC thanks the research community for their cooperation. However, some common deficiencies were noted, including the use of expired materials, unlabeled secondary containers, charcoal scavenging canisters not being weighed or documented, and eyewash not being tested or documented weekly.

The site visit provides an opportunity to identify areas of improvement, and the IACUC team is committed to addressing the identified deficiencies to improve our animal research program.

### New Team Members

[The Office of Research Regulatory Affairs](#) (ORRA) is thrilled to announce two new employees joined our group in early April. We welcome them with open arms to ORRA and UAMS, certain in the knowledge that they will be an asset to our Research & Innovation team.



#### Kacy Wright, Ph.D.

Research Regulatory Specialist I

Kacy Wright is from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She received her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in Regulatory Science and Agricultural Regulations, in 2012 and 2014, respectively. She recently graduated with a Ph.D. in Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville. Her research focused on the relationship between psychosocial factors and food waste-related behaviors among college students. In her free time, she enjoys reading, strength training and traveling. She is excited to join UAMS and the Office of Research Regulatory Affairs as a Regulatory Specialist I, and she looks forward to growing her knowledge base in clinical research as well as regulatory affairs.

#### Janet Stormont, RN, CCRP

Research Regulatory Specialist III

Janet Stormont has 24 years of experience working in clinical trials as a coordinator and administrator. She is an RN and is certified as a clinical research professional. Janet enjoys being outdoors camping and gardening, as well as indoor activities that include knitting and crafting. She is excited to be a part of ORRA, allowing her to continue to assist and support the investigators at UAMS.

## Science Communication Group Boot Camp

The [Science Communication Group \(SciCom\)](#) held an NIH Grant-Writing Boot Camp at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center on April 10-11. During the two-day camp, 16 UAMS investigators attended lectures and participated in small-group activities with SciCom editors to revise a Specific Aims page for their research.



## Vendor Show

On April 6, the Division of Research and Innovation hosted a vendor show in the atrium of Biomedical Building I. The event drew a large turnout, with researchers eager to explore the newest research equipment, products, and tools. Over 30 booths were set up, showcasing vendors such as Thermo Fisher Scientific, Decon Laboratories, Kent Scientific, Heidolph and Brand Tech Scientific. Free samples and promotional materials were also available for attendees to take home. For those who missed the April vendor show, there will be another show in the Fall.



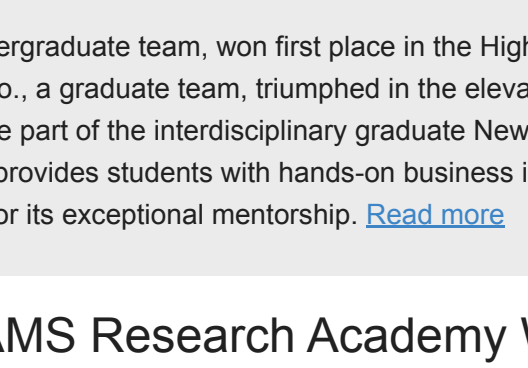
## Open Positions

Would you like to join the Research and Innovation team? [Apply here!](#)

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