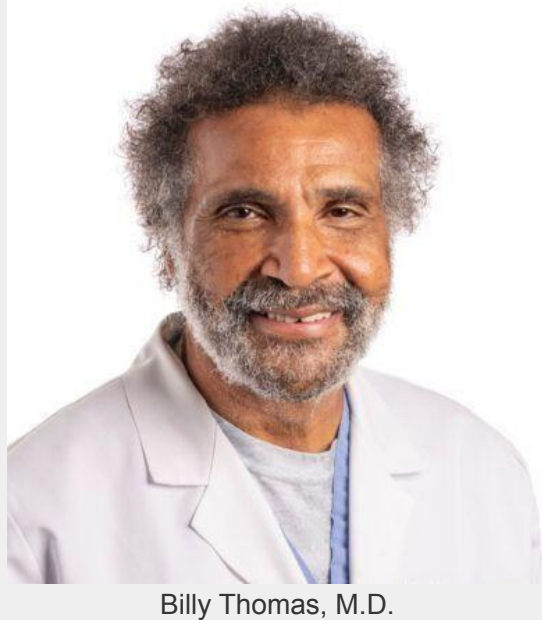


## Congratulations!



Antnio Recio Allen, Ph.D.



Billy Thomas, M.D.

**Antnio R. Allen, Ph.D.**, and **Billy Thomas, M.D.**, received a T32 award from the National Institutes of Health

"Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD)"

**Period:** 02/01/2024 – 01/31/2029

**Total:** \$1,832,300



**Tremaine Williams, Ed.D.**, received an award from the National Institutes of Health

"Equitable Standards of Care Delivery in Team-based Risk Stratification of African Americans with Congestive Heart Failure"

**Period:** 01/24/2024 – 12/31/2025

**Total:** \$406,897

## News & Upcoming Events

### Student Research Day Judges are needed for posters!

**Sign up now:** <https://redcap.link/gums7hgh>

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024

**Location:** I. Dodd Wilson Building

**Poster Session A: 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.**

**Poster Session B: 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**

**Questions:** [JGan@uams.edu](mailto:JGan@uams.edu)

This is a great opportunity to network, build collaboration, and celebrate our students' creativity and innovation!

### NIH Grant-Writing Boot Camp – Save the Date!

**April 15-16, Ferncliff Conference Center, Little Rock**

Presented by the [UAMS Science Communication Group \(SciCom\)](#), the boot camp will include lectures, small-group exercises, and directed individual work focused on writing a Specific Aims page. The boot camp is open to faculty and post-docs.

More info coming soon!

### "Kickstart Meeting"

#### New Post-Award Process Implemented This Month

As part of its ongoing efforts to improve the grants administration process, the UAMS offices of Research Administration are initiating a new step in the post-award process called a "Kickstart Meeting." The purpose of this is to facilitate a more efficient and timely grant awards account setup. The meeting will be attended by the responsible OSPAN research administrator (RA) and Grants Accounting representative, the Principal Investigator named on the award notification, and the relevant Department or College Business Administrators responsible for primary grants administration support.

The meeting will focus on confirming accurate grant award information. Among the key actions will be to: 1) review the awarded budget and discuss any budget revisions that may be required once the awarded budget is loaded into Workday; 2) discuss salary allocations and TBH positions; 3) identify budget items that will result in immediate budget variances such as TBHs or delays in setting up a lab; 4) identify any deliverables and due dates required by the grant; 5) identify any subawards and/or subaccounts that need to be set-up; 6) review match requirements; and 7) any other items necessary to get the project started.

This meeting will be held within 15 business days of receiving the award notice. It is intended to improve communication between the Principal Investigator, the department administrator, the OSPAN RA, and the Grants Accounting administrator so that accounts can be set up in a timely manner and expenses collected appropriately on the grant accounts. **This process started mid-January for new awards.** If you have any questions about this new process, please reach out to your respective OSPAN RA, or to the Director of OSPAN, Ty Stephens at [Stephenstyroned@uams.edu](mailto:Stephenstyroned@uams.edu)

### NIH "Raising a Resilient Scientist" Series

The NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education is pleased to offer the "Raising a Resilient Scientist" series for faculty, staff scientists, and administrators who mentor students and postdoctoral fellows in the biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences. A variety of topics will be covered, with a specific focus on communication and shared problem-solving to help trainees deal with the inevitable setbacks experienced in high-knowledge environments. The goal of the Raising a Resilient Scientist series is to promote the mental health and well-being of the academic research community by supporting faculty and administrators to develop self-management, relationship- management, and mentoring skills. There will be five units in the series, starting on Feb. 1, 2024; each unit will consist of a 75-minute lecture followed by a 1-hour facilitated discussion with peers.

There is no charge for participation, but advanced registration is required. For more information, and to register, please visit [the webpage here](#) !

## Team R & I Announcements

### Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Somni will be on site for vaporizer inspections March 4-6. More details will be provided to the research community by email.

### Institutional Review Board (IRB)



**Edith Paal, MSJourn, MPH, CIP, CHRC**, Director, UAMS Institutional Review Board, gave two presentations at the December annual conference led by Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) in Washington DC. She and her co-presenters led sessions titled, "The Metrics System: Launching a Formal IRB Metrics Program" and "When You're the New Kid in Town: Taking Over as an HRPP/IRB Leader."

### Office of Sponsored Programs Administrative Network (OSPAN)



Brandi Koscielny, BBA

#### Congratulations!

OSPAN Research Administrators **Wendy Stimler** and **Brandi Koscielny, BBA**, recently received their RACC Certified Research Administrator (CRA) certification.

This certification is the national measurement of professionalism as a Research Administrator. While it is a tremendous personal accomplishment, it is also important to emphasize how the preparation and successful achievement of this certification has made them more knowledgeable and effective Research Administrators for OSPAN and for UAMS Research. If you work regularly with either of these team members, please congratulate them on this significant achievement.



Wendy Stimler

### Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)



#### Exciting news!

**Brenda Gannon, Ph.D.**, Manager of Regulatory Affairs and QA, co-authored the following publications

September 2023: "Effects of ambient temperature on locomotor activity and place conditioning elicited by abused psychostimulants in mice: Role of 3,4-methylenedioxy moiety"

December 2023: "Structure-activity relationships for locomotor stimulant effects and monoamine transporter interactions of substituted amphetamines and cathinones"

Congratulations to Dr. Gannon for her outstanding contributions and dedication to scholarly excellence!



**Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, CRS, AdvCRS**, Director, UAMS Office of Research Regulatory Affairs, presented 'History of Research Regulations' during the Office of Research Compliance's 'Research Essentials' class on January 30th, 2024.

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