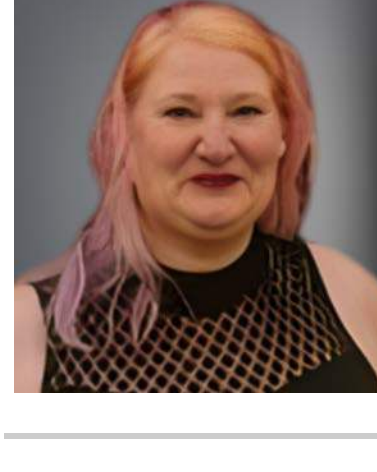


## Congratulations!



**Jocelyn C. Anderson, Ph.D., RN, SANE-A**, received an award from the Department of Justice  
**Title:** Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Research Initiative  
**Period:** 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2027  
**Total:** \$1,496,575.00



**Correction:** The CDC award titled *“Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening”* (08/30/2025 – 08/29/2030, \$544,420) was awarded to **Stephen Foster, M.D.**, rather than Alysia Dubriske.

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<b>Awarded \$</b>	<b>\$64,416,730</b>
<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Number of Funding Proposals</b>	<b>262</b>

## News and Updates

### Using SciENcv for Biosketches and Other Support

SciENcv—the Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae system—is a tool that simplifies the creation and management of biographical sketches and other support documents for federal grant applications and annual reports. It pulls together your professional information (such as expertise, employment, education, and accomplishments) and allows you to describe your scientific contributions in your own words.

To comply with new federal sponsor policies, a short training video has been created to provide an overview of new and upcoming federal funding policies and an introduction to using SciENcv to create biographical sketches and other support documents.


We encourage all researchers to take the training. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Scharz, Ph.D., Research Security Analyst, at [nscharz@uams.edu](mailto:nscharz@uams.edu).

Link to Video: [Using SciENcv for Biosketches and Other Support](#)  
 ( You must be logged into Workday to access this course link )

### From BioVentures

Title: Episode 13 - [Inventor Spotlight] Tristan Saunders on Healthcare Innovation

Meet **Tristan Saunders**, healthcare professional and innovator whose unique path from rural Arkansas to the U.S. Air Force to respiratory therapy has inspired a wave of practical healthcare innovations. Saunders shares his unconventional journey from rural Arkansas to military service and into respiratory therapy, describing how his technical training and unique way of thinking (shaped in part by dyslexia) help him see practical solutions where others might not. Through support from BioVentures and others, Saunders has developed tools and technologies that make frontline healthcare work more efficient and connected. Saunders discusses the lessons he’s learned as an inventor—how curiosity, persistence, and feedback from real users drive meaningful change.

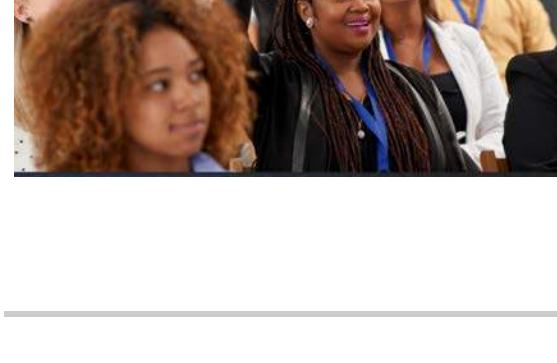


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Episode 13

### Research Administration Roundtable

Nov. 3 | 2:00 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II

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**Topic: Procurement and Travel Guidelines**

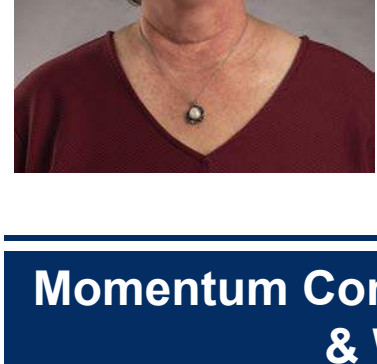
**Who Should Attend:**  
 College/Department administrators, grant managers, and research support staff

If you have specific questions you would like the panel to address, please send them in advance to Eileen Mok at [ykmok@uams.edu](mailto:ykmok@uams.edu).

### Working with the UAMS IRB

Nov. 18 | 12:00 PM | Virtual Seminar

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**Speaker: Edith Paal, Senior Director, IRB**

Edith Paal has worked in the UAMS human research protection program since 2003. She joined the IRB office from the Office of Research Compliance in 2012 and became the IRB director in 2019. She is also a site visitor for the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs and has presented several times at national conferences.

[Click to join the meeting](#)

## Momentum Continues: October Showcase Recap & What’s Coming Next

### BioVentures: UAMS Intellectual Property and Innovations

What an inspiring evening at the UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries on October 22 at the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute. This Showcase featured BioVentures and drew a lively crowd even before 4 p.m.

Eric Peterson, President of BioVentures, emphasized what made this Showcase unique. While many showcases focus on disease states, this one centered on the journey from invention to commercialization. He noted that commercialization is sometimes viewed negatively, “but if you want something to get into the clinic—if you want to get it to people—commercialization is the pathway. I used to think I could just give discoveries away to the world, but that doesn’t work. You have to take it there.”

The featured projects reflected this spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship, spanning diagnostics, therapeutics, medical devices, and AI.



### Up Next: November Showcase Featuring Arkansas INBRE


Join us for the next Showcase of Medical Discoveries on **Nov. 20, 2025, from 4-6 p.m.**, featuring the Arkansas IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) at **Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, 12th Floor**. See you there!

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## Updates From R & I Team

#### Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)



#### Arkansas Chapter Honored at SOCRA 34th Annual Conference

At the SOCRA 34th Annual Conference, the Arkansas Chapter—co-chaired by ORRA Director Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, AdvCRS, and Research Compliance Officer Carrie L. Chiaro—received the Chapter Special Recognition Award for 2024–2025.

This award celebrates the chapter with the highest attendance and the largest number of CEU hours earned.

Congratulations to our chapter for this outstanding achievement!

### Video Recordings Available for Recent Virtual Seminars!

1. [Working with the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs](#): Andrea Ham, BS, CRA
2. [Essentials of Grant Writing – A National Postdoctoral Appreciation Week Workshop](#): Peggy Epes, Ph.D., ELS.
3. [Research Information Systems: Managing, Maintaining, and Using the UAMS Research Suite “Muse”](#): Anna Evatt, Ph.D.
4. [IACUC –Your Partner in Animal Welfare](#): Kerry Roberto
5. [DLAM Forward: Transition to Animal Operations and Biomed 1 Renovation Updates](#): Christy Simecka, DVM, DACLAM

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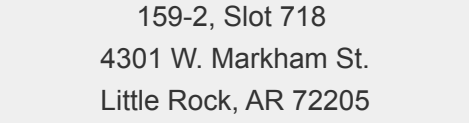
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