

Research Matters

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Notes from Beneath the Blue Awning

UWF faculty and staff,

Congratulations on making it to the end of the Spring 2021 academic term. What a year! UWF faculty, students, and staff have well and truly earned the right to celebrate the accomplishments, large and small, of this past academic year. Thank you for all you've done (and continue to do) for UWF.

Research compliance has been a major area of interest on and off campus over the past 12-18 months. State and federal legislators are paying renewed attention to foreign influence on university research activities resulting in RAE expanding our call for disclosing both outside activities and **international activities and relationships** to comply with guidelines from federal sponsors.

Research compliance also deals with human subject research, animal care and use, export control, and other issues. To more effectively address these critical issues, RAE recently hired **Natalie Mead** as our first full-time research compliance officer. You'll be seeing and hearing more from Natalie in the near future; in the meantime, please read below for more information about Natalie's role and join me in welcoming her to the UWF research community.

Regards,

Matt Schwartz
Professor and AVP of Research Administration

p.s. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming commencement ceremonies (I apologize in advance if I do not recognize you behind your masks)!



Research compliance officer joins RAE

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Natalie Mead has joined the University of West Florida Office of Research Administration and Engagement as the University's research compliance officer.

Mead serves as University researchers' primary contact for issues related to export control and research that involves animals or human participants. In her new role, Mead also serves as RAE's liaison to the University's Institutional Review Board, also known as the IRB, and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, also known as IACUC.

"I'm happy to help the University grow and to make it easier for faculty, staff, and student researchers to conduct research," Mead said.

Mead, who has a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Central Florida, worked in health care compliance for seven years before she joined the University in March. Over the next few months, Mead will be working on rolling out new IRB-management software, she said.

"We're working on transitioning to an IRB software to make it easier and more streamlined for researchers to submit their applications," Mead said.

Mead said she welcomes questions and suggestions from researchers.

"Many of us are still working remotely," Mead said. "But I always have an 'open door,' so to speak. Please feel free to **contact me** if you ever have any questions or would like to discuss anything."

New publications

The Office of Research Administration and Engagement congratulates the following researchers for their new publications.

- **Dr. Daudet Ilunga Tshiwaka** and co-authors, whose article, "**Analysis of Self-Efficacy for Stroke Recognition and Action From a Cluster Randomized Trial Evaluating the Effects of Stroke Education Pamphlets Versus a 12-Minute Culturally Tailored Stroke Film Among Black and Hispanic Churchgoers in New York**", was recently published in the Health Education Journal.
- **Dr. Vanessa Rainey**, T'kara L. Mullins, and co-authors, whose article, "**Neural Differences in the Temporal Cascade of Reactive and Proactive Control for Bilinguals and Monolinguals**", was recently published in Psychophysiology.
- **Trupti V. Potdukhe, Dr. Lisa Waidner, Dr. Wade Jeffrey, Dr. Jane Caffrey, Barbara Albrecht**, and co-authors, whose manuscript, "**Viable Putative *Vibrio vulnificus* and *parahaemolyticus* in the Pensacola and Perdido Bays: Water Column, Sediments, and Invertebrate Biofilms**," was recently accepted in Frontiers in Marine Science.
- **Dr. Frank Gilliam** and co-authors, whose articles, "**Nitrogen Addition Stimulates Soil Aggregation and Enhances Carbon Storage in Terrestrial**

Ecosystems of China: A Meta-Analysis" and "**Nitrogen Deposition Accelerates Soil Carbon Sequestration in Tropical Forests,**" were recently published in *Global Change Biology* and in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, respectively.

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