



Research Insight

SPH Research Committee

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Research Schmooze – Founded by the Yale School of Public Health as a method to facilitate new collaborations among faculty. SPH hosted its first **Research Schmooze** on February 18th at Mama's Pizza where we offered pre-arranged meetings, an opportunity to share ideas, pizza and ice cold beer and wine. Fifteen participated in the event, and great time was had by all! **A survey of Schmooze** was conducted and we are excited about the feedback:

- Location was great!
- Good to get off campus to have a chance to socialize.
- A comfortable place for everyone to meet.
- This really helps to boost collaboration and share common interests in research.
- The communication was good and appeared to result in productive conversations.
- Invite some GSBS faculty to join us or hold the event with them as a co-sponsor.
- It is more important to seek collaborators outside the SPH.
- This was a nice venue, maybe twice a year for similar events.

Taking Schmooze a step further- Stay tune for more information as we look to expand the Research Schmooze and reach to others on campus.

Research Videos – With the help of Sally Crocker and UNTHSC Marketing & Communications, we started producing our first SPH Research Video featuring **Dr. Scott Walters**. We are excited about this opportunity to share our research with the community and prospective students. These videos will be posted on the SPH website to demonstrate how our research makes a difference and how it impacts the community. It will also attract future students and faculty as well as potential research partners.

Our next video production will be with Dr. Sumihiro Suzuki.

Stay Tune for the first sneak peak of Dr. Walters' video.

Helpful Tips from the Grant Training Center- In February, Robyn Remotigue attended an NIH Grant Training Center Workshop at the University of Texas at El Paso. Below are just a few of the tips that were shared:

- Currently there is a 25 to 30% success rate with awards – they have a large pot of money.

- Talk to program officers prior to writing your grant proposal.
- Read the Request for Funding Announcement... it is important to understand what they institute wants to fund.
- Currently, NCI has the largest pot of money and NIAID is next.
- Currently, NMIH is very interested in helping new investigators.
- Mentorship is a huge part of getting funded. People are usually willing to share tips that worked for them.
- Send your specific aims to a program officer for review and comments. This is appreciated by them because it's a better use of their time then reviewing submissions that do not meet their criteria.

You asked for it, and we are taking Grant Writing a Step Further - SPH will be hosting a grant writing workshop in the fall. Jennifer Shambrook, PHD, MHA will be leading the workshop. She has over 28 years of experience with NIH Grants and 10 years of experience as a peer reviewer for NIH. Dr. Shambrook is currently the Director of Research Programs and Services at the University of Central Florida. Prior to this, she was Director of Grant and Contract Management at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Stay tune for information about this opportunity!

Upcoming Dates to remember

WIPS Meetings –

Date	Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
January 23, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LIB 400	Niki Clarke and Stephanie Jones	Use of Cayuse and Grant-Seeking Strategies
February 20, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	EAD 719	Brian Gladue	IRB Perspective to Research
March 20, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	EAD 719	Susie Ramisetty-Mikler	Using Twitter data to study trends with e-cigs and energy drinks
April 17, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	EAD 719	TBA	TBA
May 15, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	EAD 719	Deanna Cross	TBA
June 19, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	TBA	Patrick Clay	TBA (relates to his ongoing CDC project)
July 17, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	TBA	Michael Businelle from UT SPH in Dallas	Innovative Interventions for Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Smokers
August 21, 2014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	TBA	TBA	TBA