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Autism Institute Granted \$11M Award

Dr. Diana Robins from the A. J. Drexel Autism Institute has won a prestigious Autism Centers of Excellence (ACE) grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate if early detection and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) leads to improved readiness for school. The study will involve teams of researchers from Drexel, UC Davis, and the University of Connecticut. Local children, as well as children from the other research areas, will be studied after they receive autism-specific treatment to see how outcomes are affected by the time they reach kindergarten. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Robins and her team! [READ MORE >](#)

Workshop with James Campbell of Intellect Books

The Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design is pleased to sponsor a comprehensive workshop with James Campbell from Intellect Books on October 12 from 4-5pm in URBN 348. James is responsible for commissioning at Intellect Books and will share information on how to get your scholarship published. James has expert knowledge on academic publishing and has worked extensively with books and journals. There will be time after the presentation for a Q&A session. Intellect specializes in arts and humanities publishing practice-based and innovative research. Over the past 30 years they have built a strong reputation as a dynamic and innovative publisher of scholarly books and journals. Intellect focuses on exciting, contemporary research in areas such as Digital Media, Gaming, Fashion, Interior and Product Design, Architecture, Cultural Studies, Television, Film, Visual and Performing Arts, Communication, Anthropology, Literature, Gender Studies, Queer Studies and Popular Culture. Intellect's publications are often multidisciplinary and highly visual. All of their content is peer reviewed and the company has an international partnership with the University of Chicago Press. If you would like to suggest a topic to be covered in the session please email James directly at james@intellectbooks.com or Dr. Joseph H. Hancock, II at jhh33@drexel.edu. James will also be available for a select number of one-on-one meetings. Please contact him to schedule a slot. [READ MORE >](#)



News & Announcements

IRB Review Changes

In preparation for transition to attain compliance with Final Rule, for those studies regulated by the Final Rule, the IRB will not accept submissions after 11/24/17. This will permit the IRB members to complete all reviews under the Common Rule prior to the compliance date of 1/18/18. New submissions accepted after 12/11/17 must use new consent templates and other requirements resultant from the Final Rule. These submissions will be reviewed after the 1/18/18 compliance date.

4 Questions for Human Subjects Researchers

Is your research considered a "clinical trial" by NIH's new standards? These 4 questions are designed to help you decide: Does the study involve human participants? Are the participants prospectively assigned to an intervention? Is the study designed to evaluate

Next Generation Researchers Initiative

The NIH has announced a new policy designed to invest in the next generation of researchers while enhancing workforce diversity. The policy will require institutes and centers (ICs) to prioritize awards that will fund Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) and Early Established Investigators (EIs). The Office of the NIH Director (OD) will centrally track and maintain an updated census of the status of ESIs and EIs, who are encouraged to enter the date of their terminal research degree or the end date of their post-graduate clinical training in their eRA Commons profile to ensure their correct identification. [Read More...](#)

Sign up for the CASTLE Listserv

The Center for the Advancement of STEM Teaching and Learning Excellence (CASTLE) is a new interdisciplinary research

Reminder: Proposal Writing Workshop

As announced in last month's newsletter, Drexel faculty are invited to the two-part workshop: *Writing Effective Mixed and Multi-Methods Grant Proposals* on Friday, Oct 13, 2017 and Friday, Jan 12, 2018. We invite faculty to [REGISTER HERE](#) by Sep 29, 2017. Participants will build their knowledge of Mixed and Multi-Methods Research (MMR) and develop an outline for a MMR research plan based on an identified grant opportunity or project in three cluster areas: Health/Medicine/Public Health, Education/Political Science/Sociology, and Economics. Between workshops, participants will be matched with Drexel faculty mentors who will provide guidance and critical feedback in the development of their proposals. Mentors are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited so register soon!

the study designed to evaluate the effect of the intervention on the participants? Is the effect that will be evaluated a health-related biomedical or behavioral outcome? If the answer to all four questions is yes, then the NIH likely considers your research to be a clinical trial and it may be subject to new policies and procedures. [Read more...](#)

NIH Loan Repayment Program

Have you thought about applying for an NIH LRP award? The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. Awardees can receive up to \$70,000 of qualified educational debt repayment with a two-year contract. The LRP application cycle opened on September 1 and the deadline for extramural awardees is November 15. [Click here to learn more about eligibility requirements, application dates, and many benefits of the program.](#)
[Read more...](#)

center at Drexel University under the direction of Adam Fontecchio, PhD, Jennifer Stanford, PhD, and Jason Silverman, PhD. The center affects large-scale academic institutional change in STEM teaching and learning across the educational spectrum, through conducting, catalyzing and supporting fundamental research in STEM education. In addition to conducting interdisciplinary research, CASTLE also hosts several monthly programs, including a Pedagogical Happy Hour providing Drexel faculty and staff with an opportunity to discuss effective teaching practices in the classroom, the CASTLE Seminar Series, a speaker-led discussion on continuous improvements and transformations in STEM education teaching and learning, and a STEM learning community that meets monthly. Use the link on the right side of our website to subscribe to our mailing list to receive a monthly newsletter with updates on CASTLE's programs, areas of research, news and events. [Sign up today!](#)

NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter

The 3rd issue of the NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter is now available on the NSF website. This quarterly publication is designed to provide information about upcoming changes and clarifications to policies and procedures that affect how we prepare and submit proposals, and manage NSF awards. [Read more...](#)

Grants.gov to Retire PDF Applications at end of 2017

As of December 31, 2017, legacy PDF applications will no longer be accepted by Grants.gov. Instead, applications may only be submitted via ASSIST (for NIH proposals), Fastlane (for NSF proposals), or Grants.gov Workspace (for application to any federal sponsor). The choice is yours. Stay tuned for training on Workspace for the Drexel community. To be announced soon! [Read more...](#)

Funding Opportunity Resources

Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

DARPA Information Innovation Office: Active Social Engineering Defense
NSF/Intel Partnership on Foundational Microarchitecture Research
NIH Research on Transgender Health (R01)
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Grand Challenges Explorations
CDMRP Orthotics Outcomes Research Award (OORA)

Extramural Funding

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Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

[Drexel University Funding Portal >](#)

Meet Our Staff

NaDea S. Mak, MPH

IRB Project Coordinator, HRPP

As an IRB Project Coordinator in the Human Research Protection Program, NaDea provides guidance to Principal Investigators regarding the assembly and submission of research protocols. She also reviews and approves submissions to ensure human subjects research is conducted to protect the safety, rights, and welfare of those subjects.



NaDea has worked for Drexel University since November 2016 and holds a Masters in Public Health from Dornsife School of Public Health. What she finds most interesting about the research conducted at Drexel is the broad range of areas covered. NaDea learns something new every day in her position and no two days are the same!

Events & Education

The Office of Research and Research Accounting Services offer a full series of on-site workshops every Spring and Fall, covering a wide range of Research Administration topics including Coeus, Pre-Award, Post-Award, Compliance, Human Research Protection, and sponsor-specific information (NIH, NSF, etc.) Workshops are held in various locations across the local Drexel campuses. The Fall schedule will be published shortly!

The Office of Research will also create personalized presentations for faculty, support staff, students and anyone involved in the administration or conduct of research at Drexel. For more information about developing a session tailored to the needs and location of your group, please contact us .

Submit your Suggestions

We want to hear from you! Please send feedback and events, articles, and news suggestions for inclusion in this publication to [Stacia Levy](mailto:Stacia.Levy@drexel.edu) .

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