

# THE ORSP UPDATE

From the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

September - 2024

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## Announcements

**We've MOVED!** You can now find the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs staff in our new location in The Sciences & Engineering Center and The Commons (SECC) on the third floor. Stop by and say hello!

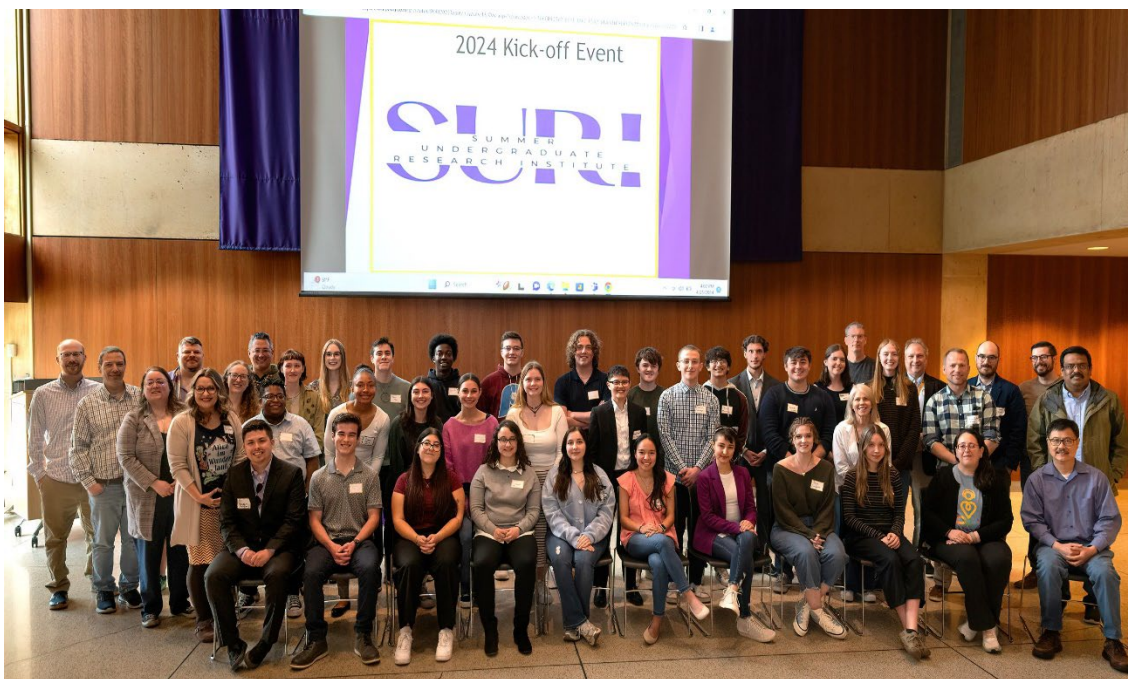
**New Staff:** ORSP welcomes two new team members! Charles Graham, our Post-Awards Grant Management Specialist and Lydia Milrod, our new Graduate Assistant who will be focusing on our social media launch.



[Click here](#) and give us a follow!

**[Ram Research Directory:](#)** Please be sure to check out the Ram Research Directory—a tool designed to help connect faculty members AND assist students in finding faculty mentors for research and creative activity opportunities. Click on the link above to explore the directory and update your profile.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI):** We are happy to report we hosted another successful SURI summer with our largest cohort, yet! Thank you to all of the faculty mentors and student researchers that made 2024 SURI successful.



**Research Highlight:** ORSP congratulates Dr. Janneken Smucker on her recent exhibit at the Smithsonian titled *Pattern and Paradox*. This research project explored Amish quilters and their artistic practices, shared culture, and sense of personal identity in historical and modern contexts.

Dr. Janneken Smucker is an acclaimed Professor of History. Her most recent book, *A New Deal for Quilts*, won the Living New Deal book Award.

To learn more about the Smithsonian exhibit and see all of the artifacts [click here](#).



Dr. Janneken Smucker



"Tumbling Blocks", 1930



"Double Wedding Ring", 1915

**GrantForward:** A quick reminder to check out our funding opportunity database, GrantForward.

## Recently Awarded Grants

**Frank Fish**, Biology: Office of Naval Research with Yale, \$379,960

**Grace Liu**, University Libraries: Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, \$249,99

**Marie Bunner**, University College: PA Dept of Education, \$186,020

**Jayme Trogus**, Wellness Promotion: PA Liquor Control Board, \$48,415

**Sharon DeJoy**, Public Health: Indigenous Services Canada, \$34,076

**Patricia Davidson**, Nutrition: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, \$20,000

\*Only Primary PIs have been listed. Congratulations to all co-PIs on these projects.

## Upcoming External Funding Opportunities

### Arts & Humanities

12/01/2024 [Cornerstone: Learning for Living](#)

12/04/2024 [Public Humanities Projects](#)

12/11/2024 [Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence](#)

### Science

11/19/2024 [Organismal Response to Climate Change \(ORCC\)](#)

11/21/2024 [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#)

12/01/2024 [Brady Education Foundation - Research Project \(RP\) Proposal](#)

12/13/2024 [D.3 Astrophysics Research and Analysis](#)

12/13/2024 [Nuclear Physics - Theory](#)

### Political Science

12/01/2024 [Education for American Civic Life](#)

### Computer Science

11/05/2024 [Research on Innovative Technologies for Enhanced Learning \(RITEL\)](#)

## Health & Nutrition

11/15/2024 [Research Grants - The Gerber Foundation](#)



## Upcoming **Student Opportunities**

**Student Resource Fair:** Join us at the Quad on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm! Stop by and chat with us to learn more about the opportunities and resources accessible to you.

# SUCCESS FAIR

### FIND OUT ABOUT:

- ✓ where to access support
- ✓ Opportunities at WCU
- ✓ resources that will ensure you feel and do your best

Thursday,  
September 5

11AM to 1PM

**THE ACADEMIC  
QUAD**



First 30 students who successfully complete our game will win a \$10 gift card to Wawa

Sponsored by University College

**Scholarship Opportunity:** Submit an essay for a chance to win a \$1,000 academic scholarship from Cognella. For more information, [click here](#).

**Student Undergraduate Research Foundations (SURF):** Are you an undergraduate student who is looking to participate in research for the first time? Consider SURF! Student awardees will receive a \$500 stipend to conduct research and/or creative activity projects under the guidance of a faculty mentor for 5 hours/week for ten weeks during the Spring semester of 2024. Be on the lookout for call for proposals for SURF on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Save the Dates



**09/19/2024:** WCU Sustainability Grant - Call for Proposals

**09/26/2024:** Provost Research Grant: Call for Proposals

**10/01/2024:** First Fall Faculty Podcast launch – stay tuned!

**10/02/2024:** WCU SURF (UG student opp.): Call for Proposals

**10/16/2024:** Grant Submission Recognition Event (By invite)

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