**Important SARI workshops reminder**

One reason for the success and positive reception of the SARI program rests on its adaptability; trends, discussions, and focal points in scholarship and research ethics vary greatly by discipline. Therefore, we believe some of the most meaningful opportunities to expose students to these topics are best identified by individual programs.

Many programs’ SARI plans include a requirement for students to attend workshops or seminars offered outside their department or program. We’d like to remind graduate program administrators that it is up to the graduate program to identify appropriate events, which will engage students in issues relevant to their program or area of study. Such offerings, when identified by program administrators or faculty, do not need approval by ORP. Remember, ORP workshops cover topics of general interest, and a maximum of two hours of SARI program credit can be met through ORP offerings.

While the primary responsibility to seek out such opportunities lies with graduate program administrators and faculty, students are also encouraged to identify offerings they find relevant and interesting, and seek prior approval for these events from their graduate program administrator.

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**SARI tracking forms are due June 15th!**

Each graduate program is asked to report annually on student participation in the SARI program. We have tried to make this as easy and straightforward as possible, by providing each program with a simple, customized tracking form (an Excel spreadsheet) to complete and return to ORP. Just follow these easy steps:

- Download your 2009-2010 tracking form from your folder on the SARI ANGEL site.
- Add the names of ALL graduate students that entered your program during the 2010-2011 academic year (leaving the previous data alone).
- Enter appropriate information about SARI program participation for **all students (new this year or previously enrolled)** that have completed part or all of the SARI requirements listed on the tracking form.

The completed form should contain the names of all graduate students who have entered your program since fall 2009, with information for those students who have completed some or all of the SARI requirements. Students enrolled in your program who have not yet participated in any SARI program activities should still be listed, but will not have any participation information entered yet.

Save a copy of the file, and upload it to the ANGEL site dropbox. We will post the updated form in your program’s SARI folder for future reference.

Questions? Need help? Contact sari@psu.edu!
Recap: ORP educational events offered this year

The ORP Education Program is proud of the many events we were able to offer throughout the 2010-2011 academic year, including general interest workshops as well as events to support the SARI program. After a busy fall semester with workshops filled to capacity, we increased the number of events for the spring, launched the new IRB 101 Brownbag Series, and began using a second, larger location for workshops. (See the plans for next year on page 3!)

The response to our expanded offerings was overwhelmingly positive. We offered something for everyone, and we hope your students found an event of interest. Hundreds of students took advantage of the following workshops, which were offered through the ORP Education program for SARI credit:

**Fall 2010**

**Scholarship and Research Ethics Brownbag Series**
- “Ethical Challenges in Research with Developing Communities”
- “Turning Up the Volume on the Civilization-Challenging issues Entailed by Climate Change”
- “Food Safety and Lessons Learned”
- “Scientist Research Values and Practices Before and After the Bayh-Dole Act”

**Survival Skills and Ethics Series**
- “Plagiarism, authorship, and publication: strategies for graduate students”
- “What would you do? Responsible research in the real world”
- “Navigating research-ethics dilemmas: responsibilities and tactics for graduate students”

**IRB Workshops**
- “Managing Conflicts of Interest”
- “Determining a Review Level: Exempt, Expedited or Full Review”
- “Common Issues that Arise During Review”

**Spring 2011**

**Scholarship and Research Ethics Brownbag Series**
- “Public Scholarship and Documentary Film”
- “International Research + Entrepreneurship = Chaos in the Ivory Tower?”
- “The Researcher as Activist: Organ Trafficking in Egypt”
- “Public Sociology, Public Scholarship, and Community Engagement”

**Survival Skills and Ethics Series**
- “Mythbusters: Fact or Fiction in Research Ethics”
- “Dirty Deeds (Done Dirt Cheap): Case Studies in Research Ethics” (offered twice)

**IRB 101 Brownbag Series**
- “Best Practices in Survey Research”
- “Historical Perspective and the Regulations”
- “Research with Children”
- “Human Participant Research Q & A”

**Affiliated workshop through the Rock Ethics Institute:**
Distinguished speaker, Andrew McCall Smith,
“How are we to live our lives?”

A full house listens to a Scholarship and Research Ethics Brownbag Series workshop last fall. The popularity of the series prompted an expansion of educational offerings for the spring semester.
New SARI workshop series: RCR in Focus

Following a year of successful events, the Education Program is adding an exciting new series, which will begin in fall 2011. Aimed at providing an in-depth look at single, complex cases, RCR in Focus will explore the many facets of situations involving questionable research practices, misconduct, and/or controversy.

Each workshop will blend a multimedia background presentation with various activities such as examination and discussion of relevant case documents, interviews, and transcripts. Topics which may be covered include emerging issues, landmark cases, and historical controversies such as Love Canal, human stem cell research, the DeMuth Animal Liberation Front case, and fabrication at Bell labs and the New York Times.

These workshops will be offered by pre-registration only, so watch for announcements!

SARI workshops available at all campuses

The Education Program is expanding its in-person workshops to non-University Park locations. While we do not offer program-specific SARI workshops, we are happy to present orientations to the SARI program and offer workshops on the responsible conduct of research (RCR). We also offer Train-the-Trainer workshops for faculty who are interested in teaching RCR in their SARI programs, as well as general (non-SARI) RCR workshops for faculty, postdocs, and graduate students.

We are looking forward to meeting those of you who have been so supportive of SARI and RCR education at all of Penn State’s locations. Please remember such offerings are limited, so contact us early to schedule a visit!

Brad will be traveling to other Penn State campuses to present SARI workshops. Contact him to schedule a presentation!

FAQ
When graduate students attend a workshop offered by the ORP, how do they get SARI credit?

At ORP workshops that are eligible for SARI credit (not all are!), graduate students should sign in, neatly writing their name and email address, and indicate that they would like SARI credit. Within six weeks of the event, they will receive a certificate via email. They should print this certificate and provide it to their graduate program administrator, who keeps records of SARI participation. Due to the large number of students that attend our workshops, the ORP is unable to provide attendance information directly to programs or departments. Program administrators should feel free to contact us at sari@psu.edu, however, with any questions about our workshops or workshop attendance.

The new SARI@PSU program

This fall we will be launching phase two of the SARI program, called SARI@PSU. There will be NO changes to the existing SARI program for graduate students! SARI@PSU expands the SARI program to cover new PSU faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate researchers along with graduate students. More information can be found on our website at www.research.psu.edu/training/sari

Useful Links:

SARI Resource Portal: www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari/
CITI Online training www.citiprogram.org
ANGEL Course Management System: www.angel.psu.edu
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