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David Schlueter named chair of Institutional Review Board, Wade Rowatt named vice chair

Dr. David Schlueter, professor and chair of the Department of Communication, has been appointed chair of Baylor's Institutional Review Board (IRB). Dr. Wade Rowatt, associate professor and undergraduate program director in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, will serve as the board's vice chair.

Schlueter joined the Baylor faculty in 1984. His research interests include organizational communication, social influence and power, and leadership. He has served as a member of the IRB since 2006.

"I'm honored to be chair of IRB," Schlueter said. "The IRB is composed of hard-working and knowledgeable scholar-teachers from multiple disciplines across the Baylor campus. Our charge is to help Baylor faculty members maintain the highest ethical standards in their research by protecting the privacy rights, physical safety, and psychological well-being of individuals participating in

research. We accomplish this charge by reviewing research proposals in a timely fashion and assisting Baylor researchers in successfully navigating the complexities of federal guidelines on research about human participants."

Rowatt, a Baylor faculty member since 1997, has served on the IRB since 2004. He studies personality traits including humility, deception and the relationship between dimensions of religiousness and prejudice.

"It's really quite fascinating to see the variety and creativity of research being conducted by Baylor faculty and students," said Rowatt. "As vice chair, I'm highly committed to working with Dr. Schlueter, the members of the IRB committee, and many others to make the review process as smooth and efficient as it can be for investigators, while also assuring appropriate protections are in place for all human participants in research."

About the IRB

The IRB is a federally mandated compliance committee that oversees the use of human subjects in research or laboratory activities conducted by Baylor faculty, students or staff. The board includes people with professional expertise in various areas of science, social science, ethics, law, medicine, statistics and research methodology. Additionally, the committee always has at least one member chosen from the Waco community who has no formal ties with Baylor University.

Human Subjects in Research Seminar

Schlueter and Rowatt will present a seminar on human subjects research for Baylor faculty, staff and students on Tuesday, September 18 at 3:30 p.m. in room C 206 of the Baylor Sciences Building. See the announcement on page 2 for more information.

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Internal grant deadlines announced

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has announced application deadlines for the FY 2014 research project grants.

[Click here](#) for more information about all OVPR internal funding, or click the program names for more information on a specific program.

[FRIP/YIDP/URSA](#) - February 6, 2013

[URC](#) - February 23, 2013

[AHFRP](#) - Open

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Federal grant supports Anzhong Wang's research on alternate models of gravity

Dr. Anzhong Wang, a professor in the Department of Physics, has been awarded a grant from the Office of High Energy Physics in the U.S. Department of Energy to study the Horava-Lifshitz theory of quantum gravity and its application to cosmology and astrophysics.

The grant will support post-doctoral researchers and graduate students who will work with Wang and his team on analytical and numerical studies at the intersection of mathematics and physics. The project provides interdisciplinary learning opportunities for students in the form of seminars, presentations and publications.

VPR funding supports Adrienne Harris' research on Soviet monuments

Dr. Adrienne Harris, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, received funding from the University Research Committee to study monuments erected in honor of Soviet World War II hero Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya.

She examined the diversity of body representations in the memorials, drawing conclusions about the tensions that arise when different groups memorialize the same person, and the political role of war monuments in a broader context. Her work has already resulted in two journal publications, with a book manuscript under development.

Upcoming Events

Human Subjects in Research Seminar

What:

An overview of IRB project basics, required CITI training, and the IRBNet online protocol submission system.

When / Where:

September 18, 2012, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Baylor Sciences Building, room C.206

Questions?

Contact [Jill Combs](#) at 710-3708.

Intellectual Property Town Hall

What:

An informational meeting open to all faculty members.

When / Where:

October 23, 2012, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Baylor Sciences Building, room A.207

Questions?

Contact [Jim Kephart](#) at 710-1690.

3rd Annual OVPR Proposal Development Workshop

What:

A workshop designed to help faculty in all areas become more effective grant writers.

When / Where:

January 10, 2013 (Science faculty)
January 11, 2013 (Arts & humanities faculty)
Baylor Sciences Building, room TBA

Registration:

[Click here](#) to register for this event. Seating is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions?

Contact [Blake Thomas](#) at 710-3153.

Community Outreach

Local schoolchildren donate community garden proceeds to Mary Lynn Trawick's cancer research

Students at a Waco ISD middle school recently spent some of their free time getting their hands dirty to support the fight against cancer.

Participants in the Tennyson Middle School Garden Club grow vegetables and other produce in a garden on the school's campus, then sell the produce at a local farmer's market. Proceeds from the sale of the fruits and vegetables are donated to a charitable organization of the students' choice.

Jonathan Bruce, garden coordinator for the Baylor Community Garden, said students in the program learn about entrepreneurship, philanthropy and the science behind growing food.

"The students deliberated among themselves and decided to donate funds to cancer research," Bruce said. "After researching national and local cancer groups, they voted to use the money to help Dr. Trawick's lab."

Trawick, an associate professor in Baylor's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, used the funds to purchase a needed piece of equipment for her lab.

"It was inspiring for me and the other members of my lab to receive this gift," said Trawick. "The funds helped us to purchase an important piece of equipment. We are very appreciative of the Tennyson students and their generosity."

Jean Boyd's new book documents history of lesser-known western swing bands

Dr. Jean Boyd, a professor of music history and American music studies in the School of Music, has recently published a new book on the history of western swing music in the 1930s and 1940s.

In *Dance All Night: Those Other Southwestern Swing Bands, Past and Present*, Boyd chronicles the history of bands that gained a wide following in their own local areas, but never achieved the nationwide fame of better-known groups like Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys.

The book, published by Texas Tech University Press, includes histories and recollections of the bands, as well as musical analysis and transcriptions of recorded performances.



Upcoming Conference

Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Technology and Human Flourishing, October 25-27, 2012

Technology changes us—and the world around us—in countless ways. It eases labor, cures diseases and expands our knowledge of the natural world and the cosmos.

But technological advance is not without complication, and even ardent proponents of technology recognize that our present age of innovation is fraught with concern for unintended consequences.

The 2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, presented by the Institute for Faith and Learning, invites reflection about technology and how it can both contribute to and compromise human flourishing.

[Click here](#) for registration information or to learn more about conference topics and scheduled speakers.



Regulatory Update

New regulations promote transparency and objectivity in health research

The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) has amended its financial Conflict of Interest (COI) regulations aimed at eliminating real or perceived conflicts of interest on the part of investigators who receive funding to conduct health research.

The policy changes the way investigators and institutions must disclose potential conflicts of interest, and mandates COI training for all investigators prior to submission of a proposal to any PHS agency.

The new regulations apply to research funded by or proposed to any PHS agency (PHS agencies include: NIH, SAMHSA, AHRQ, ATSDR, CDC, FDA, HRSA and IHS). Researchers funded by non-PHS agencies are governed by the COI policies specific to their funding agency. [Contact OSP](#) for more information.

Baylor provides the required training through our existing CITI online compliance training package. Visit the [Conflict of Interest in Research website](#) to learn more and to access the required training.

What's new in the OVPR?

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Federal Grants

Opportunity Title	Due Date
<u>Department of Defense - Minerva Research Institute (Social Science)</u>	09/30/2012 (White Paper)
<u>NIH - Tobacco Control Regulatory Research</u>	11/01/2012
<u>NEA - Research: Art Works</u>	11/06/2012
<u>NSF - Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellows</u>	11/26/2012
<u>NEH - Preserving Cultural Heritage Collections</u>	12/04/2012
<u>NIH - Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities</u>	12/14/2012 (LOI)
<u>NSF - Innovation Corps Program (I-Corps)</u>	12/15/2012
<u>NSF - Advancing Informal STEM Learning</u>	01/14/2013
<u>NSF - Economics Program</u>	01/18/2013
<u>NIH - Diversity Research Education Grants in Neuroscience</u>	01/25/2013

Foundation Grants

Opportunity Title	Due Date
<u>Humboldt Foundation - Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers</u>	Continuous
<u>Fund for Astrophysical Research - Theodore Dunham, Jr. Grants for Research in Astronomy</u>	10/01/2012
<u>Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging - Academic Research Grants</u>	10/15/2012
<u>Getty Foundation - Getty Library Research Grants</u>	10/15/2012
<u>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Scholars in Health Policy Research</u>	10/16/2012
<u>Horses and Humans Research Foundation - Equine-Assisted Activities for Military Veterans with PTSD/TBI</u>	11/01/2012

Search for funding with COS Pivot

The OVPR maintains a subscription to COS Pivot, a searchable database of funding opportunities in all academic areas. To search for funding in your discipline and receive email alerts with newly listed opportunities, [sign up with COS Pivot](#) today. If you have questions or would like training on using COS Pivot, contact [Blake Thomas](#) in the OVPR at 254-710-3153.

Ready to apply?

If you'd like to apply for these or other specific opportunities, contact your department's assigned [OSP coordinator](#).