

NCURA Region VII August-September News

Inspiring research administrators to pioneer frontiers

Back to School

As the students begin classes, we begin federal fiscal year end... Here's to surviving the increased traffic in our towns and inboxes!

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If you haven't checked it out lately, the Region VII website has the most updated program information for Regional Meeting! Click Here

AM61 Wrap Up







Thank you to all who joined us for a GREAT AM61 and business meeting during AM61. We had over 90 attendees from Region VII at AM61! We appreciate all of the discussion and ideas to make our region better and continue to develop our identity and place in NCURA.

40 Region VII members were able to do the night trolley tour of DC, with our fearless driver, Buckeye. It was so much fun to see the monuments and sites of DC from the open air trolley.

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who helped SO MUCH at AM61!!!

Want to make your voice heard and are going to the Regional Meeting? Make sure to attend the strategic planning meeting Sunday Morning (10/27) that is open to ALL MEMBERS!!!





Congratulations to our Region VII Presenters at AM61!!!

Tricia Callahan - Colorado State University

Lori Ann Schultz - University of Arizona

Joelina Peck - Arizona State University

Lisa Anaya Esquibel - Colorado State University

Beth Kingsley - Denver Health and Hospital Authority

Ashley Stahle - Colorado State University

Vicki Krell - Arizona State University

Diane Barrett - Colorado State University

David Schmidt - Colorado State University

Judy Fredenberg - University of Montana

Nicole Carleton - University of Colorado Boulder

Megan Schosker - University of Colorado Boulder

Liz Grinstead - Colorado State University

Josie Jimenez - New Mexico State University

Nicole Quartiero - Colorado State University - Pueblo

Allison Fischer - University of Colorado Boulder

Leslie Schmidt - Montana State University

Denise Wallen - University of New Mexico

Susan Carter - Santa Fe Institute

Jon Peterson - Colorado State University

Ron Splittgerber - Colorado State University

Janis Naugle - Arizona State University

Wendy Turner - University of Arizona Allison Harte - University of Arizona

Alexa Van Dalsem - University of Colorado Boulder

Christa Johnson - Colorado State University

Thank You to our Region VII AM61 Program Committee Members

Denise Wallen - University of New Mexico Vicki Krell - Arizona State University

Congratulations to Region VII Poster Winners!

Congratulations to Tricia Callahan from Colorado State University!

High Impact: Human Capital

Poster #8

Building a Training Program for Your Institution

Carrie Chesbro, Tricia Callahan, Tolise Dailey and Melanie Hebl

Overall Award of Excellence

Poster #16

Pick and Choose, the World is Your Oyster!

Eva Bjorndal, Martin Kirk, Bruno Woeran, Tricia Callahan











Join Region VII in congratulating your 2020 elected officials!

A huge thank you to all that ran, voted, and helped with the election this year! We could not have done it with out you all!

Chair Elect
Trisha Southergill
Montana Technological University



Secretary
Joelina Peck
Arizona State University



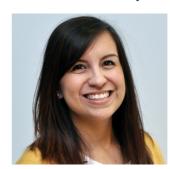
Treasurer Elect
Liz Grinstead
Colorado State University



Chair Appointed Executive
Committee Member
Beth Kingsely
Denver Health and Hospital



Member-at-Large
Nicole Quartiero
Colorado State University - Pueblo







Interview with Kaci Foster -General Manager of Enterprise Solutions at Kuali

Kaci shares her journey from being a research administration to working at Kuali.

Read her great interview below!



How did you get started in Research Admin?

I started in the field of research administration right after college. I got a job in the Office of Sponsored Programs at Boston University, helping OSP staff as well as faculty use the electronic systems that, at that time, were very new (Fastlane was once new!). Over time, that role evolved into greater responsibility for systems and operations. When Boston University implemented Kuali Research (called Kuali Coeus at that time), I was assigned to work on the project. I loved being part of that work, and it led me to transition to the Information Systems & Technology department at BU full time, where I worked on systems projects related to research administration. My final role at BU blended a lot of these experiences, creating and leading the Research Systems, Operations and Analytics group. This blend of research administration and IT project management experience is very useful in my current role.

What lead you into a consulting position?

I had been at BU for many years, and as much as I loved my work and my colleagues there, I was ready for a new adventure. When an opportunity opened up at Kuali, Inc., I knew I'd regret it if I didn't apply. It felt like a very big decision to leave my university job to work at a small company, but I'm glad I took the chance. I still get to work closely with colleges and universities, and I've been exposed to new and interesting challenges and ideas. The pace and rhythm is very different at a company, and that has been exciting to experience.

What do you do for Kuali?

I've had several roles since joining Kuali. When I started, I was the implementation manager for Kuali Research, responsible for helping our SaaS customers implement the software. That expanded to responsibility for Customer Success for Kuali Research, and then across all our products. Customer Success is the function at a SaaS company that ensures that customers have the support and services needed to use the software to achieve their business goals and objectives. Most recently, I became the General Manager for our Research and Financials product lines, two of the five products at Kuali. It's an exciting and challenging role, responsible for the overall health and growth of those businesses.

How did your experience from Research Admin help with your work at Kuali?

When I first joined Kuali, having deep experience in the field of research administration was essential in order for me to do my job well. Folks at our company who provide implementation consulting services to our clients have to be fluent in the language of the business and understand the challenges real end users face. Even though I no longer work directly with clients on implementations, and the scope of my responsibilities has expanded beyond the research product to include our financials product also, my experience working in research administration serves me really well every day. Research is a critically important function at many universities and colleges. Lots of people are familiar with the teaching mission of a university, but not as many folks are deeply familiar with the research mission. Understanding how research intersects with financial and business affairs, teaching and learning, information systems, and other parts of the university is really important for a company like ours. Having that perspective represented on our executive team helps us make better decisions and serve our clients well.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share a bit about my background and my role at Kuali!

Region VII Regional Meeting Travel Award Winners...



Research Administration Meets Bigfoot: Confronting mysteries and challenges in our changing environment



Thank you to all who applied and served on the travel award committee!

We are pleased to announce our two travel award winners to help offset of the cost of attending

Emmalee Moore
University of Wyoming



Diana Ehrlich
Colorado State University



Make sure to join us in Seattle, October 27-30, for Region VI/VII Regional Meeting!

Check out the website for more information about registering, hotel, and preliminary program!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Have questions or concerns about the regional meeting?

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