



## 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



## Member-at-Large

Nicole Quartiero

Colorado State University - Pueblo



## Chair Appointed Executive Committee Member

Beth Kingsely

Denver Health and Hospital  
Authority



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## Interview with Kaci Foster - General Manager of Enterprise Solutions at Kualu

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

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 Quali Research (called Quali 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 Quali, 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 Quali?

I've had several roles since joining Quali. When I started, I was the implementation manager for Quali Research, responsible for helping our SaaS customers implement the software. That expanded to responsibility for Customer Success for Quali 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 Quali. 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 Quali?

When I first joined Quali, 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 Quali!

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## Region VII Regional Meeting Travel Award Winners...



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 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?

Please contact Diane Barrett at  
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