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## The Owens Observer

Newsletter of the  
Owens Institute for  
Behavioral Research

**April 14, 2025**

In this month's edition of the OIBR newsletter, we congratulate OIBR faculty who were recognized for **research and teaching awards** during Honors Week, and we remind faculty about the upcoming application deadlines for the **UGA-UoL Seed Grant** program and the Grant Development Program. We also invite you to read a feature article on the history of the **Grant Development Program**, which has been assisting faculty in the development of their first major grant proposal since 1990. And, if you have not yet RSVP'd to the end-of-year **Gathering in the Garden**, please be sure to do so. This is a great way to connect with new faculty colleagues and spend time with old friends. Finally, we are sad to say goodbye to **Ron Simons**, whose contributions to OIBR and UGA are too numerous to mention. He was a dear colleague and friend.

Jody Clay-Warner  
Director

## Upcoming Events



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Join us for an informal, year-end get together

# A Gathering at the Garden

**MAY 1, 2025, Thursday**

**4:30 - 6PM**

**RSVP [HERE](#)**

**UGA Founders Memorial Garden  
325 S. Lumpkin St., Athens**

Drop in as your schedule allows for some yummy food,  
drinks & time with old and new friends.



## Spotlight



## OIBR Grant Development Program: A Transformative Journey for UGA Faculty

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# Faculty News

## Congratulations to the OIBR Faculty Who Received Recent Awards



**Justin Lavner** – [Creative Research Medal](#)

**Tom Mote** – [Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)

**Yilang Peng** – [Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award](#)

**William Pridemore** – [Named Inaugural Marienthal Professor in Sociology](#)

**Glenna Read** – [Richard B. Russell Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching](#)

**Greg Strauss** – [William A. Owens Creative Research Award](#)

**Jennifer Thompson** – [Non-Tenure Track Faculty Research Excellence Award](#)

# Welcome New Affiliates

**Bree Bang-Jensen, Assistant Professor, International Affairs**  
**Joseph Hermanowicz, Professor, Sociology**  
**Brian Hoffman, Professor, Psychology**  
**Lindsay Jones, Assistant Professor, Legal Studies**  
**Yilang Peng, Assistant Professor, Financial Planning, Housing, & Consumer Economics**  
**William Pridemore, Department Head & Professor, Sociology**

## Opportunities

### Grant Development Program Applications

Call for Applications NOW OPEN – Due May 1

[Learn More →](#)

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### UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant

#### 2025 Guidelines:

**Deadline:** Proposals are due by 5:00 pm (Eastern) on Friday, May 30, 2025.

#### **Award Description**

In support of the UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Summit, the UGA Office of Global Engagement is launching a one-time UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant Program. The purpose of this support is to encourage the development of sustainable research collaboration or other joint activities aimed at generating extramural funding among UGA and University of Liverpool faculty within the humanities and social sciences. Two grants, one in the Humanities and one in the Social Sciences, each up to \$15,000, will be awarded to support preliminary research and the preparation of external funding proposals. The Office of Global Engagement will provide \$10,000, while the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences will each contribute \$5,000.

#### **Eligibility**

- You must be a faculty member within the Humanities or Social Sciences.
- Each proposal must have one, at minimum, UGA investigator and one UoL investigator. Larger teams and interdisciplinary projects are encouraged.
- To be eligible, proposals must identify and commit to pursue specific sources of external funding as a result of the activities enabled by the seed grant.

#### **Funding**

- Grants will be in an amount of up to \$15,000. Expenditures may include travel and other collaborative efforts, such as preliminary data collection, feasibility studies, and proposal preparation costs.

- Travel proposed must be necessary to the articulated output of the identified research collaboration.
- Proposals may be funded in an amount less than requested and investigators may request less than the maximum amount.

### **Required Proposal Content and Submission Instructions**

The following proposal components are required and must be submitted via the online proposal form. The full proposal should be uploaded as a single PDF file. Save and return is not available so applicants should have documents prepared for upload prior to completing the form. Clicking “Submit” is a final transmission of the proposal.

Preliminary information entered on the proposal submission form:

- Title of project
- Name, affiliation, and email of UGA principal investigator (PI)
- Name, affiliation, and email of other UGA investigators
- Name, affiliation, and email of all UoL investigators

Upload as one PDF:

- Summary of planned project for non-expert (no more than 500 words)
- Description of preparatory activities to be funded by the grant (1/2 page max)
- Expected outcome of those activities, identifying by name the sponsor(s) and program(s) to which subsequent external funding requests will be submitted (1/2 page max)
- Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <https://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FSG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
- UGA PI's curriculum vitae
- UoL PI's curriculum vitae
- Submit proposals [here](#) by 5pm on May 30, 2025

### **Evaluation Criteria and Procedures**

The Office of Global Engagement will coordinate vetting and approval of proposals. The following will be taken into account by the review teams:

- Quality of the proposal: The research project or other proposed joint activity presented in the proposal should be original, innovative, and clearly articulated.
- Importance and strategic fit: The proposal should explain the project's significance beyond the borders of the discipline and indicate how it aligns with larger institutional priorities.
- Partnership development: The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop sustainable collaborations between UGA and UoL. Proposals that include additional matching funding will be prioritized.
- Sustainability: The proposal must articulate a credible plan to attract additional external funding, linking the preparatory activities for which grant funding is requested to specific future funding submissions.

### **Award Conditions**

Grants are expected to start on July 1, 2025, and funds are to be spent within the current fiscal year of the award (end June 2026). An outcome report will be due on July 1, 2026. These reports should focus on what was accomplished and the status of attempts to obtain external funding.

Contact for questions: Harper Davison, [Harper.Davison@uga.edu](mailto:Harper.Davison@uga.edu)

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## **CARMA**

This is just a friendly reminder that the [Consortium for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis \(CARMA\)](#) is an incredibly valuable resource available to you via OIBR's sponsorship of UGA's institutional membership. As a UGA faculty member, you can set up a profile, sign up for programs and courses, and request to receive their newsletter. Please contact Kim Cherewick at [ksilvis@uga.edu](mailto:ksilvis@uga.edu) with any questions.

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## **OIBR Pivot Funds 2025**

The OIBR Pivot Fund 2025 allows researchers to continue to conduct important work while responding to the current funding climate. Funds can be used to collect data, purchase data sets or equipment, or for other needs as identified by the investigator. Funds cannot be used for travel or personnel funding (faculty or student).

The first page of the application should contain two paragraphs: 1) a brief explanation of the current work, and 2) a description of how the funds support a pivot to a new direction. The second page of the application should contain the budget and project timeline.

The budget is up to \$5,000. We will consider all applicants, although priority is given to early-career investigators.

Applications will be reviewed starting March 17, 2025, with a rolling deadline after the initial review. Review will be conducted by the OIBR Leadership Team. Applications should be submitted as a single pdf to Andrea Horsman ([ahorsman@uga.edu](mailto:ahorsman@uga.edu)), with the subject line "Pivot Funds."

## **In Memoriam**

## Tribute to Ron Simons

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## OIBR News

### Announcing Online Open Office Hours

Kim Cherewick, Assistant Director, and Jenny Claire Carey, Post Award Operations Manager, are hosting weekly office hours. Drop in via Zoom from 10-11am every Friday to ask any grant related questions. Contact Kim at [ksilvis@uga.edu](mailto:ksilvis@uga.edu) with any questions.



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# ONLINE OPEN OFFICE HOURS

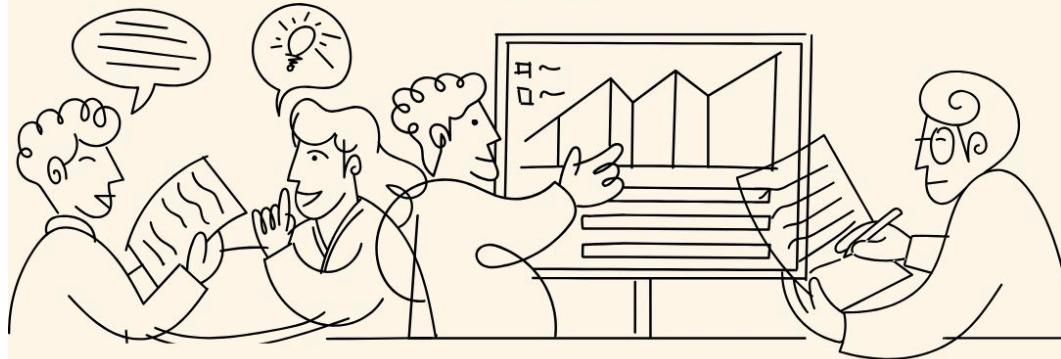
Hosted by the OIBR Research Administration Management Team

WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS  
STARTING APRIL 11  
10:00-11:00AM

ZOOM MEETING:  
[LINK](#)

*Got a question about a grant? Need info. for a budget? Not sure who to contact about something? We're here to answer your grant related questions.*

**JOIN US!**



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*Have news? Please send kudos, announcements or other items to Andrea Horsman at [ahorsman@uga.edu](mailto:ahorsman@uga.edu). Distribution occurs monthly on the second Monday of the month. The deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday.*



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