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The Owens Observer

Newsletter of the
Owens Institute for
Behavioral Research

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In this month's edition of the OIBR newsletter, we provide details on the **Pivot Fund**, which was announced week. This new initiative assists social and behavioral science faculty in their efforts to increase the fundability of their research, in response to shifts in the landscape for federal funding. Among the announcements in the newsletter is a reminder of the upcoming **Owens Lecture on February 27th**. Also featured is an article on the **history of the Owens Lecture**, which is an event that has drawn the OIBR community together for decades. And, as always, we welcome new affiliates and provide you with information on OIBR resources and opportunities, all designed to assist our community in the advancement of science.

Jody Clay-Warner
Director

Upcoming Events



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2025 ANNUAL WILLIAM A. OWENS LECTURE

Join us to discuss
"The Surprising
Science of Meetings"



STEVEN G. ROGELBERG

Chancellor's Professor,
UNC Charlotte

Dr. Rogelberg is Chancellor's Professor of Organizational Science, Management, and Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is the founding Director of the Organizational Science program and the Co-editor in Chief of the Journal of Business and Psychology. His research focuses on team effectiveness, leadership, engagement, health and employee well-being, meetings at work, and organizational research methods and has been featured in a variety of media outlets including television, radio, newspapers, and magazines.

*Requests for accommodations for those with disabilities should be made as soon as possible but at least 7 days prior to the scheduled lecture.
To request an accommodation please notify ahorsman@uga.edu*

This talk is part of the
UGA Office of the Provost
2025 Spring Signature
Lecture Series

FEB. 27, 2025

UGA RICHARD B. RUSSELL JR.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY
300 S. HULL ST.
ROOM 271

**LECTURE 3:00 - 4:00PM
RECEPTION 4:00 - 5:00PM**

All UGA community members
are welcome

Questions? Email: ahorsman@uga.edu



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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for an informal, year-end get together

A Gathering at the Garden

MAY 1, 2025 | 4:30 - 6PM

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

More details to follow



Spotlight



**The William A. Owens Lecture Series:
A Legacy of Inspiration at UGA**

Faculty News

Welcome New Affiliates

Nathan Chapman, Associate Dean of Faculty Development & Professor, School of Law

Chao Huang, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Andrew Kiselica, Associate Professor, Institute of Gerontology

Tim Samples, Associate Professor, Legal Studies

Mike Schuster, Associate Professor, Legal Studies

Opportunities

Consortium for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis



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 with any questions.

Grant Development Program Applications Open in Spring

Apply to join our GDP program.

[Learn More →](#)

OIBR Faculty Seed Grant in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Available

Applications due March 17, 2025

[Learn More →](#)

OIBR Pivot Funds 2025

Foundation Funding

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 personal funding (faculty or student).

A compiled list of potential funding options for social and behavioral research. [Learn More →](#)

The first page of the application should contain two paragraphs: 1) a brief explanation of 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), with the subject line “Pivot Funds.”

Policy Updates

NIH Requires PI's to Use The SciENcv Common Forms

After May 25, 2025, NIH is requiring PIs to use the SciENcv Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support to be used with all applications and Research Performance Progress Report(s) (RPPRs). NIH will implement the Common Forms without change to any collection fields. However, in accordance with NIH's Peer Review Regulations at [42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 52h](#), NIH currently plans to continue collecting three required agency-specific data elements (i.e., Personal Statement, Contributions to Science, and Honors) to assess qualifications. **These data elements will be**

collected separately from the Common Forms on a new NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement.

Here is a link to the official notice. <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-24-163.html>

OIBR News

Rodrigo Medina Joins the Institute

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Stacie Isbell Promoted to Grants Manager

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Have news? Please send kudos, announcements or other items to Andrea Horsman at 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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