

The Owens Observer

Newsletter of the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research

June 9, 2025

Upcoming Events

JOIN US-
Limited to
30 Participants

2025



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Save the Date

OWENS INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH SPEED NETWORKING



Tuesday
Sept. 9, 2025



3:30 - 5:00pm



OWENS INSTITUTE FOR
BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER
15
2025

Hotel Indigo - Rialto Room
12:00pm - 1:30pm

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

SAVE
THE
DATE

Spotlight



OIBR Distinguished Scholar David Okech
Represents UGA at COSSA Advocacy Day

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Faculty News

OIBR FY2026 Seed Grant Recipients

The Owens Institute for Behavioral Research offers an annual faculty seed grants to support interdisciplinary research in the social and behavioral sciences. Open to OIBR Affiliates, Distinguished Scholars, and Grant Development Program participants, the grant funds small-scale projects (up to \$10,000) that gather preliminary data or demonstrate proof of concept for future grant proposals. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



KRISTEN BUB

Professor, Educational Psychology

Co-I's:

Stacey N. Pritchett, Educational Psychology

Sycarah Fisher, Educational Psychology

Grace Ahn, Advertising & Public Relations

Title:

"Harnessing the power of wearable technology to monitor real-time stress in early childhood educators"



GAURAV SINHA

Assistant Professor, Social Work

Co-I's:

Akshat Lakhiwal, Management Info. Systems

Aditya Mishra, Statistics

Title:

"Emerging Adults' Awareness, Use, and Engagement with AI-Driven Chatbots and Large Language Models for Mental Health"



LIYUAN (LEAH) WANG

Assistant Professor, Health Promotion & Behavior

Co-I's:

Nate Hansen, Health Promotion & Behavior

Jeremy Gibbs, Social Work

M. Rifat Haider, Health Policy & Mgmt.

Title:

"Navigating Digital Spaces: Understanding Social Media Use and Mental Health Among Gender Expansive Adolescents in the Deep South"

Opportunities

Consortium for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis



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 with any questions.

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 conference travel or personnel funding (faculty or student). The budget cannot exceed \$5,000.

The application should contain: 1) one paragraph describing your current research; 2) one to two sentences explaining how you are pivoting your research; 3) one page describing the project for which you are seeking funding, your qualifications for conducting the proposed research, and intended external grant mechanism(s); 4) budget, budget justification, and timeline; and 5) a current CV.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the OIBR Leadership Team. Send applications (as a single PDF in the order listed above) to oibr@uga.edu, with the subject line "PivotFunds."

NIH Policy Updates

NIH Postpones Use of Common Forms

NIH's adoption of the Common Form for Biographical Sketch and a new Biographical Sketch Supplement originally scheduled for May 25, 2025 is postponed. SciENCv will not be required until Common Forms are adopted. Continue to use NIH-specific format pages until further notice.

Tips from the Experts

Update on Transcription Services

Due to recent vendor changes, Rev.com and Temi are no longer approved vendors at UGA. TranscribeMe is now an available option for transcription services. If you plan to use it, please reach out to your Grants Manager as soon as possible, as the approval process includes multiple steps and may take several weeks to complete.

OIBR News

Online Open Office Hours – Summer Update

OIBR's online open office hours will be on pause for the summer and will resume at the start of the fall semester. We look forward to connecting with you then!

Staff Update: Goodbye to Rodrigo

Rodrigo Medina, OIBR's senior accountant, will be leaving the Institute on June 13. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him the best in his next chapter. The senior accountant position will be posted soon; in the meantime, Stacie Isbell will be stepping in to cover the role.

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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