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Things to do in D.C.

NATIONAL MEETING PREVIEW

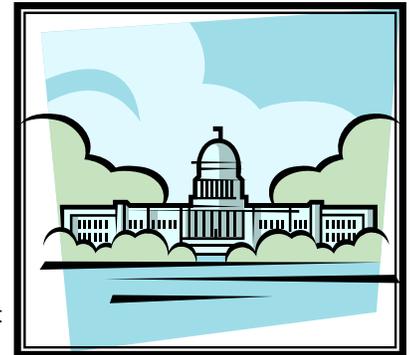
On the way back to the hotel from NIH last year, I heard a woman across the aisle from me exclaim: "Look, shopping!" as we went through an area known as **Friendship Heights**. Given that show of enthusiasm, clearly an article of things to do in DC needs to start with the abundance of shopping and entertainment at Friendship Heights.

I lived a few blocks from Friendship Heights when I was young. Back then it was a sleepy little shopping center and bus depot. My mom sent me on my bike to pick up odds and ends for her at the Giant grocery store. Now it's a mega shopping and entertainment area and a major Metro station on the DC/Maryland border. Mazza Gallerie is the largest mall in the area, offering upscale shopping at its best. Stores located in this elegant, multi-level mall include Ann Taylor, Neiman Marcus, Villeroy & Boch, Williams-Sonoma, Saks Fifth Avenue Men's Store, and Harriet Kassarman. Several dining options are

available, along with a state-of-the-art movie theater. All this within an easy Metro ride from the Hilton Washington. So take the Red Line from Dupont Circle to Friendship Heights and go shopping, eat dinner, see a movie, or get some groceries. Go to <http://www.mazzagallerie.com/> for more information.

Nearby

Known for its great selection of books as well as its popular café, **Kramerbooks** appeals to a wide range of shoppers and browsers. Everything from hard-to-find specialty books to the latest best sellers can be found along the well-lit aisles. After perusing the books and magazines, head to the adjacent bar and café, where you can order a full meal, a cup of coffee, or a glass of wine. Use the computer at the bar, complete with Internet access, to check your e-mail for free. This bookstore has been on Dupont Circle for as long as I can remember and is well worth the



visit. Located at 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW, across from the Dupont Circle 'Q' St. Metro station. See <http://www.kramers.com/> for more information.

In a refurbished Georgian Revival mansion in the heart of Dupont Circle, you'll find **The Phillips**, America's first museum of modern art. What began as a private collection in 1921 now includes more than 250 works from the 19th and 20th centuries. Renoir's "Luncheon of the Boating Party" resides here, along with works by Picasso, Manet, Matisse, Braque, Daumier, Dove, Cézanne, El Greco, and Bonnard. Classical music programs are held on Sundays from September through

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Carol Willeke 1939-2005

Carol Willeke, a long-time research administrator at Miami University of Ohio, died of breast cancer July 5, 2005. Carol received her master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1964 and her Ph.D. from Miami University in 1991. She held a number of positions before becoming a research administrator at Miami, including working for the US Department of Agriculture and teaching community organizing in the Social Work program at Miami. Carol served on a number of committees for NCURA and made numerous presentations at the Region IV and the National meetings.

As a colleague, Carol was always generous and giving. She understood that ours was a service profession and that we serve not just the faculty, but the larger purpose of advancing knowledge. She generously gave her time to NCURA, sharing her insights into the nuances and subtleties of research administration. Her contributions benefited us all.

-Steve Hansen, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

Joanne Altieri: The Adventure Begins



Joanne Altieri

We don't usually lose our members to the Peace Corps. Oh, sure, NCURA has a few members who went to the Peace Corps right out of college and then migrated to research administration. But mostly in Region IV we lose members to retirement, to other regions, to consulting. Leave it to Joanne Altieri to dance to a different drummer.

Joanne's always had an independent streak, but I never really believed those rumors about her being arrested in Italy. Of course, there were a number of witnesses to that astonishing moment when she won a regional competition for us – by burning her bra on stage. Thank heavens she removed it first.

She was chair of our region. She's an assistant vice provost for research at the University of Kansas. Can she really leave that for the Peace Corps? Get real. Volunteers are paid a living allowance plus \$225/month for their efforts. Even in the Midwest, research administrators make more than that. She knew it, too, because she reads fine print with the best of us. What can she be thinking?

I've told her repeatedly there are no Peace Corps offices in Paris, Rome, or London. She's going to the Dominican Republic. True, it's in the Carib-

bean, but it's not all white beaches and sail boats. The unemployment rate is 17%, and 25% of the people live below the very low poverty line. Joanne's going to be stationed in a place where they may not have a Starbucks or watch American Idol. Is there really life without Larry King?

What could she be thinking? She's going to be immersed in a culture she's never known, and she will contribute to it in ways I cannot imagine. She will work with individuals looking for a way to change their lives and to build better communities for their children. She'll be part of the everyday activities, good or bad, in the Dominican Republic. Starbucks and Larry King don't stand a chance.

Joanne has made a choice to embrace her life-long dream. We can only applaud her determination, admire her courage, and wish her safe passage. When she returns in 27 months, we'll have to fill her in on all that's happened to us. She'll definitely want to know: Did grants.gov ever work? And, what does it really mean to be sensitive but unclassified?

Joanne is hoping to communicate on occasion by email. Her address is joanne.altieri@gmail.com.

-Kim Moreland, University of Wisconsin-Madison

We make a living
by what we get, but
we make a life by
what we give.

- Winston Churchill

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May. I went there last year and saw a wonderful Alexander Calder/Joan Miro exhibit (apparently the two were great friends). Located at 1600 21st St. NW. See the website at <http://www.phillipscollection.org/>

Parks

Meridian Hill Park, also known as Malcolm X Park, is an urban gem located at the height of 16th Street. Admire its stunning cascading water staircase and 18th century European-style terraced landscape as you stroll around this 12-acre site. It's easy to understand why this spot was once considered as an alternative location for the White House. Don't miss the four inspiring open-air sculptures situated around the park: a memorial to President James Buchanan, an equestrian statue of Jeanne d'Arc, a somber monument to Dante, and Jose Clara's provocative *Serenity*. Bordered by 16th, Euclid, 15th, and W Sts. Take the Red Line to Gallery Place and transfer to the Green Line to

Columbia Heights. For additional information, see the website at <http://www.washingtonparks.net/>.

Washington is a city of Southern efficiency and Northern charm.

- John F. Kennedy

Nightlife

Club Chaos is Party Central for many Dupont Circle locals and visitors. If you're in need of food, the American menu offers soups, salads, seafood, beef, and poultry. If you've got dancing on your mind, the club boasts a completely updated sound system, which ensures that tunes are pumping loud and clear all night long. Something for everyone. Located at 1602 17th St., NW; phone 202-232-4141. Website: <http://www.chaosdc.com/>

In Adams Morgan, **U-topia** offers a little bit of everything,



pleasing just about everyone. The focus here is on the arts, so you may find poetry one night and live jazz the next. The menu, full of international favorites, is superb, and there's always jazz and blues playing in the background, if not live on stage. Located at 1418 U St., NW; phone 202-483-7669. Walk (6-8 blocks), take a cab, or take the Red Line to Gallery Place and transfer to the Green Line to the U Street station. If you walk in the evening, always stay in groups for safety.

DC is a great place to live, work, and visit. For more information on lots of other stuff to do, see the following website: <http://www.10best.com/Washington/>

- Karen Spear, Methodist Research Institute at Clarian Health

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings (mark your calendar!)

NCURA EVENTS

2005 NCURA 47th Annual Meeting
In the Public Interest: Promoting and Supporting Research
 Washington, D.C.
 October 30-November 2

On-Campus Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration

Emory University

November 16-18, 2005

(for more information about bringing Fundamentals to your campus, visit <http://www.ncura.edu/data/conferences/fundamentals/OnCampus.pdf>)

Online Education Program

What Am I Signing Anyway?: Proposal Review from an Institutional Point of View
December 2, 2005

2006 NCURA Region IV Spring Meeting
Riding the Rapids: The Ever-Changing

World of Research Administration

Grand Rapids, MI
April 22-May 2, 2006

2007 NCURA Region IV Spring Meeting
Nashville, TN
May 13-17, 2007

OTHER EVENTS

NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration
Boston, Massachusetts
Sheraton Boston, Copley Place
March 30-31, 2006

NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration
Riverside, California
Riverside Convention Center
May 31-June 1, 2006

(details for both sessions available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/>)



NCURA Launches Export Controls and Embargoes Seminars

Have you been hearing words like “deemed export” and “EAR”? Isn’t ITAR something you do to your driveway in the fall? You aren’t alone! In response to the growing demand for information on the increasingly worrisome topic of export controls, NCURA has formed teams of experts that are providing two-day seminars around the country. Region IV was fortunate to be the site of the very first seminar given in July in Chicago. The faculty for this seminar was Julie Norris, Emeritus Director, MIT; Susan Sedwick, University of Oklahoma; Donald Fischer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and John Childress, Vanderbilt University.

The seminar began with a basic overview of export controls, including the purpose of the controls, regulatory agencies controlling exports, the effect of export controls on U.S. universities, general prohibitions, and the very frightening personal consequences that can result if violations are found. Providing such a lengthy overview was necessary because of the many tentacles that any thorough

discussion of export controls contains. Fortunately, the supplemental material included an acronym list; many of these terms are not currently part of the research administration lexicon.

Research administration is itself a study in ambiguity, but this topic is more cumbersome than most. This is due largely to the fact that many facets of the federal government are involved in one aspect or another, including the Department of Commerce through its Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that govern trade protections, the Department of State through its International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) that oversee national security, and the Department of Treasury through its Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) that governs trade embargoes. In essence, the faculty related that we must consider: 1) the transfer of controlled information outside of the U.S., 2) the shipment of actual equipment or other items outside of the U.S., and, 3) any type of disclosure related to export controlled items to “deemed exports,” or foreign nationals.

Just to get a handle on definitions was enlightening. We often hear of “deemed exports,” but what is being referred to is our faculty members, research scientists, and students from specific countries that are “deemed” hostile to the United States. Those individuals fall into a class to whom certain types of specific information or services cannot be disclosed unless that information is already in the public domain or falls under the “fundamental research” rubric, since it is assumed that such research, by its nature, will be shared openly in the scientific community. Sometimes a license can be requested to circumvent this secrecy when it exists, but even that is not always possible. It becomes even more imperative that we be vigilant in our contract negotiations so as to not accidentally accept a publication restriction that would then bring ITAR and EARS into play.

The issue of exporting equipment or other goods is also troubling. The faculty related incidents where U.S.

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NIH Regional Seminar at Purdue University: A First-Hand Account

If you're looking for advice and instruction on successful proposal submission to the National Institutes of Health, the NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration is your answer! In all my 21+ years in research & sponsored programs administration, the seminar held at Purdue University June 22-24 was by far the best and most informative I've ever attended.

Whether you're a new or seasoned faculty member, departmental support staff, or research office administrator, you'll gain valuable information on everything from completing forms to inside information on what the reviewers are looking for in a successful application. These seminars are being held periodically by the NIH in several different locations; check <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm> for the latest information on dates, locations, registration information and fees, and hotel accommodations.

The seminars start off with a morning or afternoon session in a computer lab where you'll work on line in the ERA Commons demonstration site. By the end of this session you will feel as comfortable with the ERA Commons as you do with Fastlane! Be assured, you'll be ready and eager to apply for funding through this new system.

The seminars not only inform and entertain, but will also take you step by step through proposal processing and forms completion – giving you the opportunity to try it out and ask questions as you go. The staff is very knowledgeable and helpful, and you'll get the feeling of one-on-one instruction even in a very large group setting (these sessions are very well attended). You'll review the eSNAP process, NIH fundamentals, budget issues, policy changes, how to get started as a new investigator, ERA informa-

tion and support, an explanation of the different roles on ERA Commons, post award issues, managing complex projects, research contracts, the grant application process, compliance issues, and so much more.

The speakers gave us an entertaining demonstration of a review panel in action, and Dr. Anthony Coelho, Jr., specifically (and humorously) imparts valuable insight on strategies you may use to catch the attention of your reviewers. The topics presented by all the speakers are relevant; the pace is just right; the instructors are obviously quite knowledgeable in their field; and you'll find a good balance of humor and hard work throughout the sessions.

The only real drawback to the entire event was the weight of the notebooks we carried (or dragged) around – but we could suggest they cut down on the size and weight of it simply by eliminating the ½ page set aside for notes on each sheet, and just insert a few blank pages for notes at the end of each section or at the back of the binder. We found little or no redundancy and the pace was just right to hold your attention, making you feel it was time well spent.

Certainly some of the topics were specifically relevant to NIH proposals, but in general and in theory this training and information could be applied to any proposal to any agency. Enthusiastic comments made by researchers in attendance at the seminar held earlier this year in Santa Fe, New Mexico caught my attention; they were unanimously impressed and now after my experience at the seminar at Purdue, I hold the same opinion – be sure you don't miss this one!

- Patricia Leib, Ohio University

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scientists were denied a license to take their laptops into a certain country to conduct their research. From a research administration point-of-view, the idea of actually being able to keep track of every type of hardware or software that might be of use to our enemies, either directly or indirectly in some way, is truly daunting. To add to that, to make sure that no information can be passed to a controlled country is obviously very difficult.

To this end, the faculty spent some time on the various license processes, which agencies require what forms and documentation, what internal compliance policies need to be in place, and what the current standards for good practices are.

It was a helpful seminar for providing necessary base-line information in a concise way, and even managed some laughter in the process. Export Controls will affect us all, so I recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity to learn from people who know.

The Council on Government Relations (COGR) has published a brochure that was an excellent supplement to the material provided by the Export Controls faculty. The brochure is available here: <http://www.cogr.edu/docs/export%20controls.pdf>

- Diane Barrett, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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