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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 2014 Accounting, Summa Cum Laude, Upper Iowa University, Madison, WI

EMPLOYMENT

2023- **Assistant Dean for Research**, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Research Division
2019-2023 **Assistant Dean**, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Business Services
2010-2018 **Accountant Journey**, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Business Services
2008-2010 **Accountant**, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Research Division
2006-2008 **Financial Specialist 4**, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Research Division
2001-2006 **Financial Specialist 1 & 2**, Department of Forest Ecology & Management, University of Wisconsin Madison
1999-2001 **Program Assistant 1 & 2**, Department of Forest Ecology & Management, University of Wisconsin Madison

SERVICE (Professional and Volunteer)

Professional

2025- ATP/Workday Research Administration Facilitator Team Subject Matter Expert
2024-2025 National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Region IV Chair-elect
2024- Workday General Ledger Tiger Member
2024-2025 NCURA 67th Annual Meeting Workshop Track Co-Lead
2024- Workday Grants Reporting Workgroup
2023-2024 NCURA Regional Meeting Program Committee (Program lead)
2023-2024 NCURA FRA Departmental Track Co-Lead
2023- RAMP Governance Advisory Committee
2022-2024 Job Rotator Program Advisory Committee
2022-2023 NCURA Traveling Faculty & Professional Development Selection Committee; Served as Chair in 2023
2022-2023 NCURA Region IV Meeting Post-Award/Financial Track Lead
2022- UW-Madison Administrative Transformation Program Readiness Team
2022 NCURA AM64 Conference Travel Award Subcommittee
2021-2022 NCURA 64th Annual Meeting Research Development Track Co-Lead
2021-2023 RAMP Development, Testing, and Training
2020-2021 National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) PRA 2021 Departmental Track Co-Chair
2020- NCURA Region IV Mentoring Our Own Mentor
2020-2021 RAMP Discovery Committee
2020-2021 Procure to Pay (P2P) Focus Group
2020-2021 UW-Madison Academic Staff Mentor
2019-2023 NCURA Region IV Membership Committee Member
2019-2024 NCURA Traveling Faculty, Fundamentals of Sponsored Projects
2019-2021 UW-Madison Administrative Transformation Program (ATP) Ambassador
2019-2020 UW-Madison Chart of Accounts Redevelopment Working Team
2019-2021 UW-Madison Policy Library Project and Policy Development Member

2018-2019 NCURA Region IV Meeting Post-Award Track Leader
 2017- UW-Madison, Research Education Development Mentor
 2017- UW-Madison, Research Education Development Program Advisory Committee
 2017-2020 UW-Madison RED Course Development Working Groups: Post-Award, Research Administration Overview, New Project Overview, Cost Transfers, Audits, Closeouts, Effort, and Cost Share
 2016-2018 UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrator Planning Committee
 2015-2016 UM-Madison, Financial Internal Control Advisory Group
 2015-2020 Effort Advisory Group
 2014-2017 UW-Madison, Uniform Guidance Working Group
 2014-2016 UW-Madison, Administrative Redesign Process Improvement, Capital Equipment Project; design, and implementation
 2014-2016 University Staff Congress Representative

Volunteer

2024- Common Grace Board Member
 2018- Personal Essentials Pantry-Atwood, Volunteer
 2017-2023 Zion Faith Community Church, Council Member and Secretary
 2015- MS Walk Madison, Planning Committee Member
 2009-2021 The Wagon Drive, Co-Founder and Organizer
 2001-2011 St. Mark's Lutheran Church Treasurer

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2024 "Beyond a Doubt, Close It Out: The Essentials of Award Closeout", NCURA 66th Annual Meeting
 2024 "Internal Controls and Effective Risk Management in the Research Enterprise", NCURA 66th Annual Meeting
 2024 "Striking the Right Balance: Risk, Internal Controls and Effective Governance in Research Administration", NCURA 66th Annual Meeting Workshop
 2024 "Policy Library: The Whys and the Hows", NCURA 66th Annual Meeting
 2024 "Post Award Impacts for the 2024 Uniform Guidance Changes", New York University Research Administration Demonstration Series
 2024 "Moving to the Dark Side (not really), Transitioning from Post-Award to Pre-Award and Lessons Learned", NCURA IV Region IV Meeting
 2024 "Cost Transfers: The Good, The Bad, and It Depends – A Card Game", NCURA Region IV Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI
 2024 "F&A Fun! Facilities and Administration Costs: Fun with Water", Finance@UW Conference
 2024 "Communication with Principal Investigators; It is All in Translation", UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
 2024 "Getting Involved with NCURA and/or UW RED Program", UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
 2023 "Cost Share – It Isn't Play Money; It is Real", NCURA 65th Annual Meeting
 2023 "Closing Out Sponsored Projects – Practice to Learn Perspective and Best Practices" Workshop, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD
 2023 "Effective Presentations" Workshop, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD
 2023 "Cost Share – It Isn't Play Money; It is Real", Region IV Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD
 2023 "Explaining Fiscal Affairs to PIs", New York University Research Administration Demonstration Series
 2023 "Research Administration in a World of It Depends", UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
 2023 "Change Management: Big Ideas Don't Have to Equal Big Problems!", UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
 2022 "Connecting the Silos Instead of Breaking Them Down: A Discussion about Connecting, Understanding, and Creating Partnerships", New York University Research Administration Demonstration Series
 2022 "Research Development Happens in Post-Award Too – Does It?" NCURA 64th Annual Meeting
 2022 "Cost Share, It Isn't Play Money: It is Real", NCURA 64th Annual Meeting
 2022 "Cost Share, It Isn't Play Money: It is Real", UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators

- 2022 “Critical Thinking – How to Get Past It Depends”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2022 “Effective Presentations” Workshop, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 “Cost Share – It Isn’t Play Money; It is Real”, Region IV Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 “Writing Cost Transfer Justifications for the Approvers and Auditors, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2021 “Cost Share: You Made Me Promises, Promises”, NCURA 63rd Annual Meeting
- 2021 “Cost Share: Tackling the Challenges”, NCURA Webinar
- 2020 “Cost Transfer Justification Deep Dive”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2020 “How to Increase Engagement with Research Admin During Remote Work”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2019 “Outgoing Subaward Management: Invoice, Mods, and Lessons Learned”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2019 “Balancing Faculty Needs with Sponsor and Institutional Requirements”, NCURA 61st Annual Meeting
- 2019 “Managing Research Funding: The Basics”, UW-Madison, Research Professionals Conference
- 2019 “Effective Presentations”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Columbus, OH
- 2019 “The Grant Game”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Columbus, OH
- 2019 “You’re Kidding, Right? Never Say Never”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Columbus, OH
- 2019 “The Post-Award Game”, NCURA Financial Research Administration Conference
- 2018 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2018 “Cost Transfers, Let’s Talk About Writing Justifications That Work”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2018 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, NCURA 60th Annual Meeting
- 2018 “Laughing Through the Pains of Research Administrations – Tales from Wannabe Stand-up Comics”, NCURA 60th Annual Meeting
- 2018 “The Post-Award Game”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Des Moines, IA
- 2018 “That’s a Great Idea! The Financial Pains of Supporting Great Research Ideas”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Des Moines, IA
- 2018 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, NCURA Financial Research Administration Conference
- 2017 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game: Learning to Navigate Post-Award Research Administration”, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2017 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, Poster Session, NCURA 59th Annual Meeting
- 2017 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, Poster Session, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Madison, WI
- 2017 “Grant Land: The Post-Award Game”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Madison, WI
- 2016 “Cost Transfers”, Spark Topic, UW-Madison, Symposium for Research Administrators
- 2013 “Post-Award Clean up, Close-out, and Management”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- 2012 “Departmental Administration and Post-award”, NCURA Region IV Meeting, St. Louis, MO

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- 2021- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Education Development: Cost Share
- 2019- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Education Development: Cost Transfers
- 2019- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Education Development: Closeouts
- 201-2024 NCURA Traveling Faculty, Fundamentals of Sponsored Projects
- 2017- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Education Development: You Have a Project, Now What?
- 2012-2018 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Seminar Series: Award Management
- 2012-2019 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Research Seminar Series: Audits and Closeout

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 College of Agriculture Mentoring Champion
- 2022 Bob Andresen Research Administration Award
- 2019 UW-Madison, Kaufman Seminar nominee and participant
- 2018 NCURA Region IV Annual Meeting Travel Award
- 2018 University Staff Professional Development Award
- 2017 University Staff Professional Development Award
- 2014 Classified Employee Recognition Nomination
- 2005 Classified Employee Recognition Award