

Lauren Gee Personal Profile – Region IV Member-at-Large

Personal Statement: I'm a member of NCURA because I believe the work that we do is essential to the world of research, and to the betterment of the world as a whole. That may seem hyperbolic—but I have seen the maxim of “one person can change the world” lived out every day during my term as a Member-at-Large for our region, and as co-chair of our Region IV DEI Committee. I am deeply committed to ensuring that *all* members of our profession have a voice and are heard, no matter their institution, personal background, or status in the field. I know that the decisions we make every day matter for this work, which is why regional representation is so important: the decisions we make here reverberate back to institutions across the Midwest, of all shapes and sizes. As a committed research administrator, I spend my day-to-day life assisting in putting together a wide variety of proposals from across our Department of Medicine to a variety of sponsors. I manage a team of incredible research administrators, and ensure that we value collaboration and education of the research teams we work with just as much as “dollars earned.” This background will allow me to juggle the management elements of the Member-At-Large position, and to also always remember I'm serving as “the voice of Region IV”: not just *my* institution, or *my* work, but all of us. In my past term as a Member at Large, I have led efforts for regional board vision mapping and strategic planning, and I feel passionate about serving another term to see this project through. I would love to continue to serve NCURA Region IV in this role, and thank you for your time in considering me!

NCURA Activities: I've been a member of NCURA since 2018. In that time, I have served as:

- Member-at-Large, Region IV Board (2023 – 2025)
- DEI Committee Co-Chair (2023 – Pres.)
- DEI Advisor, Region IV Annual Spring Meeting (2023)
- Newsletter Lead/Editor, Young Professionals Council (2022)
- Region IV Rep, National Select Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2022)

Other Professional Activities: I am deeply involved in the JDEI work currently being pursued at UW Madison. I am also a member of team science professional organization (INSciTS), and maintain an understanding of team science activities at UW Madison. I am currently assisting in the roll out of our new RAMP system at UW Madison, and will be a trainer and tester as that system goes live. I am an active participant in the university's RED research administrator education program, where I volunteer to present sessions at our annual Research Admin Symposium and other interim trainings and sessions.

Professional Positions Held:

2015-2018	Proposal Facilitator/Editor, Research Acceleration Office, Colorado State University
2018-2019	Research Development Associate, Office of Campus Research Development, Duke University
2019-2022	Pre- and Post-Research Administrator, Department of Engineering Physics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2022-Present	Research Development and Research Administration Manager, Department of Medicine, UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health