Navigating UGA, Part II
Notable Research
Dr. Meg Amstutz
Associate Provost for
Academic Programs
Dr. Jeff Bennetzen
Professor of Genetics
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Giles Professor, Department of Genetics
(Adjunct in the Institute of Bioinformatics and Department of Plant Biology)

At UGA since 2003

Maintain a lab of 10-15 postdocs, grad students and staff, with funding from 3-8 grants, ~$0.8-1.5 million direct costs per year
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(Balanced, but will be field-specific)
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The research and funding worlds are constantly changing.

Expectations at UGA are constantly adapting to these changes.
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Funding: Search broadly, but concentrate on your strengths and historical patterns

Collaborative funding is good, and solo funding is even better
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Be selective, and work within your personal and research styles
Results: Publications from outside UGA carry little or no weight for UGA promotion. Publications with past advisors are of questionable value.

Best publications are with your students and yourself as the major authors, of course.
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Recruiting, fundraising, public relations, budget management, personnel management, facilities management, writing and research …… the whole entrepreneurial package

Find a faculty mentor: There are lots of tricks to be learned, and lots of inaccurate info passed around
Dr. Lillian Eby
Professor of Psychology
Facilitating Trans-disciplinary Research in the Social & Behavioral Sciences

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Professor of Psychology
Director, OIBR

New Faculty Orientation 2015
What is the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research?

- Service unit under the Office of the Vice President for Research
- Mission:
  - Encourage trans-disciplinary research
  - Increase visibility and recognition of social & behavioral sciences research
  - Build & expand research infrastructure at UGA
Who We Are

Five Centers of Excellence

- **Center for Family Research** (Co-Directors: Gene Brody & Steve Beach)

- **Center for Gene-Social Environment Transactions & Center for Contextual Genetics & Prevention Science** (Director: Steve Beach)
Who We Are

- **Center for Research on Behavioral Health & Human Services Delivery** *(Director: Paul Roman)*

- **Center for Gambling Research** *(Director: Adam Goodie)*

- **Center for Integrative Conservation Research** *(Director: Nate Nibbelink)*
Who We Are

- Three Workgroups
  - Neuroscience, Behavior, & Cognition (Director: Brett Clemetz)
  - Violence (Directors: Jody Clay-Warner & Karen Calhoun)
  - Computational Social Science (Director: Dawn Robinson)
Who We Are

- 48+ Fellows & 40+ Affiliates
  - Franklin College of A&S
  - Terry College of Business
  - College of Education
  - College of Pharmacy
  - Grady College
  - School of Social Work
  - SPIA
  - College of F&CS
  - College of Public Health
Who We Are

OIBR Core Competencies

- Individual, family, & genetic determinants of mental & physical health
- Etiology and prevention of addictive behaviors
- Management, organization, & delivery of health services (including workforce development)
- Marriage, family, & the work-family interface
- Environmental sustainability & conservation
- Neuroscience & applied cognition
- Causes, consequences, & prevention of violence
- Computational modeling & theory-based “big data”
What We Offer

- Faculty Grantsmanship Development Program
- Grants administration services
  - Full time pre-award & post-award staff
  - Statistical support services
- Opportunities for research collaboration
  - Informal networking opportunities
  - Visiting scholars
  - Think-tank sessions
  - Federal officials from funding agencies
How We Add Value to Faculty

- Strong & supportive intellectual environment
- Interdisciplinary networking opportunities
- Skill development in grant writing
- Greater likelihood of funded proposals
- Competitive Seed Grant Program
- Comprehensive pre- and post-award support allows faculty to *focus on the science* of grants
How We Add Value to Dept/College

- Grantsmanship Development Program assists with faculty development
- More grants submitted & funded
- Reduced administrative burden
- Funding for grant-related pilot projects
- Sponsorship of faculty for awards
- Colloquia/seminars open to all faculty
- Recruitment & socialization of faculty
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OIBR by the numbers 2014-2015

- 43 new proposals submitted
  - $30.1 million
- 15 new proposals awarded
  - $18.5 million total - all years
- 26 ongoing funded projects
  - $8.2 million awarded this fiscal year
- 3 Fellows honored with UGARF Awards
  - Distinguished Research Professor
  - Creative Research Medal
  - William A. Owens Creative Research Award
Where to Find Us

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Thank you!
2015
New Faculty Orientation