

# ADVANCE: WISE@OU NEWSLETTER

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## ALL ABOUT WISE@OU:

- ◆ The WISE@OU project is supported by a four-year National Science Foundation ADVANCE Partnerships for Adaptation, Implementation, and Dissemination (PAID) grant ([Award Number 1107072](#)).
- ◆ The program focuses on institutional analysis, recruitment, retention, and promotion of women and under-represented populations in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) areas.
- ◆ The main goal of the project is to increase the diversity of search pools and the number of women and under-represented populations in STEM tenure-track positions.
- ◆ Initiatives of the WISE@OU program are listed on the website at [www.oakland.edu/advance](http://www.oakland.edu/advance).

## Upcoming Events

### Workshop for STEM Faculty for URC Faculty Research Fellowship Awards

- Friday, September 13, 3–4:30 p.m. in room 372 SEB.
- Refreshments will be served.
- RSVP appreciated—e-mail Leanne DeVreugd at [ldevreugd@oakland.edu](mailto:ldevreugd@oakland.edu).

WISE@OU is pleased to host Dorothy Nelson, Vice Provost for Research, and several former University Research Committee (URC) chairs for a discussion on how to approach grant writing for a general audience, as is required for the URC Faculty Fellowship Research program as well as diverse outside agencies. Some of the unique challenges facing STEM faculty when writing such proposals will be addressed. All faculty are welcome.

WISE@OU is pleased to partner with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to offer the following STEM-focused workshops:

### Mentoring in the STEM Fields

- Wednesday, October 9, 12–1:30 p.m. in room 200A Elliott Hall.
- Lunch provided.

This event will be a discussion about mentoring opportunities for STEM faculty, primarily focusing on the do's and don'ts of being a mentor and strategies for connecting with other faculty. We encourage faculty who are interested in serving as mentors, as well as faculty seeking a mentor, to attend this event.

### Balancing Teaching and Research in STEM

- Monday, November 25, 12–1:30 p.m. in room 200A Elliott Hall.
- Lunch provided.

This event will discuss balancing teaching and research in STEM. Experienced faculty members will share their tips and WISE@OU will emphasize university resources that can assist faculty members. We will have time for questions, and encourage both tenured and untenured faculty to attend this event.

Register for these workshops at <http://www.oakland.edu/?id=26242&sid=396>.

## WISE@OU

### Values Your Feedback

Questions? Comments? We want to hear from you! Please contact Leanne DeVreugd at [ldevreugd@oakland.edu](mailto:ldevreugd@oakland.edu) or (248) 370-2338.

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## Welcome to Our New Tenure-Track STEM Faculty

**Randal Westrick**, assistant professor of Biology, researches the development of pathologic intravascular blood clot formation (thrombosis), using mouse models and Next Gen sequencing approaches.

**Mi Hye Song**, assistant professor of Biology, combines biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, proteomics and quantitative imaging to the study of centrosome biology in the model organism *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

**David Szlag**, assistant professor of Chemistry, focuses on modeling sediment transport and its effects on aquatic microbiology and contaminant transport, using GIS modeling technology.



## Get Help With Your Grants

If you are struggling with a grant application or revision, the OU Office of Research Administration (ORA) is the place to go for help!

WISE@OU encourages faculty members to contact the two professionals on staff who provide support for proposal development. **Linda Darga** ([darga@oakland.edu](mailto:darga@oakland.edu)) has over 30 years of clinical research experience in university and clinical settings, and is

well-versed in grant-writing. **Pratima Krishna** ([pkrishna@oakland.edu](mailto:pkrishna@oakland.edu)) is an immunologist and is available to assist basic scientists with grant development and management. They can help you find funding, develop grant submissions, navigate regulatory policies, assemble information and schedule grant application activities. Call the research office at (248) 370-2762.

ORA can also arrange for a pre-review of your NSF or NIH grant application. Contact Dorothy Nelson ([danelson@oakland.edu](mailto:danelson@oakland.edu)) for details about the reviewer program.

The research office also hosts workshops and seminars related to grant writing. Find more information on the website [www.oakland.edu/research](http://www.oakland.edu/research).

## Don't Miss These Grant Writing Resources!

Take advantage of a free electronic newsletter—**Research Development and Grant Writing News**—which is distributed by the OU Office of Research Administration. This newsletter offers information about workshops, publications, awards, and tips on grant writing. It is published by [Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC](#). Contact Sue Willner ([willner@oakland.edu](mailto:willner@oakland.edu)) to be added to this mailing list!

A new e-book is available to OU faculty—**New Faculty Guide to Competing for Research Funding**—which can be accessed from the Kresge Library website. This guide should be helpful in assisting you with developing a strategic plan for funding your research. Log-in with your Net ID and password to view the publication. Follow this link to get to the e-book: <http://libcat.oakland.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=1342463>.