Let’s introduce ourselves!
Who are we?

• When I grow up, I want to be a **doctor** Research Administrator!

• No passports required

• No required background for success

Why are we here?

• 1787 – US Constitution grants right to discoveries…150 years of scientists in the lab

• 1939 – World War II: Scientists enlisted to mobilize scientific research for war

• 1940 – Roosevelt: National Defense Research Council

• 1941 – Office of Science Research and Development
  • OSRD – First central govt. coordination of research
  • Most notable achievement: Manhattan Project
Research Administration

Why are we here?

- 1945: Report to President Science: The Endless Frontier
- 1946: Navy creates ONR, modeled after OSRD
- 1945–1950: Govt. moves from wartime projects to other research

And the research administrator was born...

Research Administration

What do we do?

- “university management for research, not of research” (R. Woodrow, 1978)
- Preserve public image and trust in research, critical for:
  - Continued federal support
  - Belief in research results
- Preserve academic freedom, including ability to disseminate research results, critical for:
  - Research to progress
  - Society to benefit
What are our resources?

- Federal regulations (OMB Circulars, FARs)
- Agency guidelines
- LSU ASP
- Professional organizations:
  - NCURA
  - SRA
  - COGR
  - FDP

Where are we going?

- LSU Research Administration Certification
- Certified Research Administrator (CRA)
- Master’s Programs:
  - UCF – received NCURA grant in 2009 to create MRA program; fully on-line - classes began in 2011
  - Johns Hopkins – MRA currently offered as evening courses; online program beginning 2015
CRAs at LSU

- Laurie Barbier, SPA
- Mindy Boudreaux, SPA
- Mary Coco, International Programs
- Darya Courville, OSP
- Tammy Guillotte, Ag Center OSP
- Hortensia Hale, SPA
- Janet Lingo, Ag Center OSP
- Michelle Miller, Ag Center OSP
- Janet Parks, SPA
- Bonnie Pendergraft, College of Engineering
- Patricia Territo, SPA
- Rebecca Trahan, OSP
- Tracy Wang, OSP
- Laurie Wales, Ag Center OSP
- Winona Ward, OSP
- Shirley Young, OSP

CRA Exam Requirements

- Bachelor's degree and 3 years of professional experience in research or sponsored programs administration, or
- Associate's degree and 5 years of professional experience in research or sponsored programs administration, or
- No degree and 6 years of professional experience in research or sponsored programs administration (requires completion of Petition Application)

http://www.cra-cert.org/index.html
Test Information

• Cost to apply for CRA Exam $350
• Application Deadline: October 4, 2013
• Testing Window: November 9, 2013 – November 23, 2013
• Next Testing Window: Spring 2014
• Review Session
  • October 25, 2013
    SRA International Annual Conference
    Sheraton New Orleans
    New Orleans, LA
  • $195

Test Information

• 250 Multiple Choice Questions
  • Project Development & Administration 30%
  • Legal Requirements & Sponsor Interface 30%
  • Financial Management 25%
  • General Management 15%
Recertification

- Every 5 years
- Cost $195
- Continuing Professional Education – 80 hours
- 3 future potential test questions

Questions?

Thank you!

References: