Web Based Institutional Review Board (IRB) Submission Process, Coming November 17th

November 17, 2014, will mark the launch of Buck-IRB, the next step toward a fully electronic process for exempt and Institutional Review Board (IRB) submission and review. Buck-IRB is web-based and uses smart-form technology, which will streamline the application completion process by showing the investigator only the portions of the application that are relevant to the specific materials being submitted. Research-related documents (e.g., consent forms and survey instruments) will also be uploaded and stored in the new electronic Buck-IRB system.

It is important to know that on November 17, 2014, Buck-IRB will replace IRB Submit as the process for submitting materials for all new and active studies. Investigators with currently approved studies will be asked to complete a one-time, short “survey” at the time of the next amendment or continuing review to load basic information about the project (e.g., study population, participant numbers, etc.) into the system.

In the coming weeks, training sessions will be offered to prepare you to use Buck-IRB. We will let you know when these sessions become available, and encourage you to take advantage of these sessions so that you are ready for the transition. If your department or research unit would like to request a training session for your area, please contact Susan Ebert, e-IRB program director, at 614-292-0184 or ebert.55@osu.edu.

User guides and training materials for Buck-IRB will be available on the ORRP website in the near future. This new system will improve the IRB submission process for investigators and should also help to reduce screening timelines in the review process. We look forward to working with you as we roll out Buck-IRB.
Happy November Birthdays!

- November 10th – Diane Sommers
  Program Assistant – Fairfield County

We Need Your Help! . . . (Source: Emily Wiinnenberg)

Ohio 4-H has been selected to be a part of Farm Credit Mid-America’s promotional campaign, 299 WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU! 4-H has the opportunity to win a $100,000 gift from Farm Credit Mid-America if our youth organization receives the most votes. Please pass this on, share with folks in your circle and post on your social media sites. You can vote once a day until January 1, 2015.

Find out more about Farm Credit Mid-America’s promotion and the link to vote here - http://promotions.e-farmcredit.com/299Thanks/

Let Emily (winnenberg.8@osu.edu) know if you have any questions.

Boot Camps Schedule 2015

The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

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Message from Keith Smith

I encourage all of you to attend this year's OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9, 10 and 11 at the Ohio Union. With this year's 100th anniversary of Extension, and the VP Conversation on the Future of Extension, we need all of you at the conference. You each have contributed to our success and the impact Extension has every day in the lives of Ohioans. You know your community. You have valuable insight into the issues impacting our communities, and the role that Extension can play in the future.

I encourage your entire office staff to participate in this year's conference. Close to 400 of your colleagues have already taken advantage of the early bird registration fee which is available through November 12th. I encourage you and your office colleagues to do the same.

Go to http://extensionhr.osu.edu/AnnualConf/annualconf.htm to register today.

Provost's Discovery Themes Lecturer Program: “The Flight from Conversation” - November 20:

The Provost’s Discovery Themes Lecturer Program will feature Sherry Turkle, “The Flight from Conversation,” on Thursday, November 20 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Ohio Union East Ballroom. Turkle is the Abby Rockefeller Mauze Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology in the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at MIT and founder and current director of the MIT Initiative on Technology and Self. Co-sponsored with the Humanities Institute and the Department of Sociology. Read more at: go.osu.edu/SherryTurkle

Outreach and Engagement Grant Opportunities… (Source: Mark McCann)

OSU CARES/OSU Extension, the Service-Learning Initiative and the Office of Outreach and Engagement are pleased to offer this year’s OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants, Service-Learning Grants, and Engagement Impact Grants to support scholarly engagement efforts of university faculty and staff. This year, we have more than $300,000, to support programs that establish and expand innovative, creative, scholarly engagement to address compelling challenges and critical needs in communities.

Information on the grants is available at http://outreachgrants.osu.edu, and on the attached Grant Comparison.

INFORMATION SESSION: If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more, we are hosting an information session on Friday, November 14, from 11 a.m. to noon, in the MLK Auditorium, Hale Hall, 154 W. 12th Ave. The session will also be available for remote participants through Carmen Connect (.https://carmenconnect.osu.edu/grantinfo1).

Proposal Deadline is Monday, February 16, 2015

If you would like some additional information, please feel free to contact Mark McCann (mccann.249@osu.edu) and we ask that you share this information with your colleagues.