## Speakers

**Anita Balgopal**  
*Director, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, University of Illinois*  
Anita Balgopal joined the University of Illinois in 2012 as the Director of Office for the Protection of Research Subjects. She has over 20 years of research experience in university and research administration and regulatory compliance. Before coming to Illinois, Anita held positions at Washington University, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago. She holds degrees in health planning and administration, social work, and higher education administration, and her personal research interests are in the areas of facilitating ethical research at colleges and universities and navigating special education programs in primary and secondary public schools.

**Joe Barnes**  
*Chief Privacy and Security Officer, Office of the Chief Info Officer, University of Illinois*  
Joe Barnes is the Chief Privacy and Security Officer for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Springfield. Additionally, Joe is the Assistant HIPAA Privacy and Security Official for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In these roles, Joe is responsible for providing leadership and oversight relating to the execution of the privacy, information security, and HIPAA programs, including policy, risk, compliance management, training and awareness, and cybersecurity operations. Joe has over twenty years of experience in information technology in the public and private sector, with the last decade focused on privacy, information security, and risk.

**Molly Caldwell**  
*Human Subjects Protection Manager, Carle Foundation Hospital*  
Molly Caldwell holds degrees from the University of Illinois in Human Development and Family Studies and Healthcare Social Work. She joined Carle in 2003 as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in both the hospital and ambulatory care settings. For the last eight years, Molly has worked as a Human Subjects Protection (HSP) Specialist with the Carle Institutional Review Board. She is currently the Carle HSP/IRB Manager and has been working with the University of Illinois Human Subjects Research Manager to streamline the submission process and reduce the burden on investigators and institutional staff involved in collaborative projects.

**Amy Edwards**  
*Assistant Provost and Director, Division of Management Information, University of Illinois*  
Assistant Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information (DMI), Amy leads the DMI team with the goal of assisting the University of Illinois in obtaining timely, accurate, and appropriate information to make thoughtful and data-driven decisions. She serves or consults with university committees where a management information perspective is needed, and she is the chairperson for the Data Management Committee.

**Jennifer Ford**  
*Human Subjects Research Specialist, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, University of Illinois*  
Jennifer Ford joined the OPRS office in November of 2016 after working as a Systems Specialist in the Office of Sponsored Programs. She has degrees in Psychology and General Experimental Psychology and her research interests are in Clinical Health Psychology.
Meghan Hazen  
*Registrar, Office of the Registrar, University of Illinois*

Meghan Hazen is the Registrar for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her team maintains the official student educational records, including the courses catalog and classes schedule, and grants access to those records. Her group also implements academic policy pertaining to student registration and records. Previously, Meghan was the Director of General Studies and the Assistant Dean for Advising and Registration in the College of Business. She earned a BA in the Teaching of Social Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MEd in Adult and Higher Education from Arizona State University.

Heidi Imker  
*Director, Research Data Service, Associate Professor, University Library, University of Illinois*

Heidi Imker is the Director of the Research Data Service, a campus-wide service headquartered in the University Library that provides the Illinois research community with the expertise, tools, and infrastructure to manage and steward research data. Before joining the University Library, Heidi was the Executive Director of the Enzyme Function Initiative, a large-scale collaborative center involving nine universities funded by the National Institutes of Health and located in the Institute for Genomic Biology. Heidi holds a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Illinois and completed her postdoctoral research at Harvard Medical School.

Patricia Jones  
*Associate Director for Research, Beckman Institute, University of Illinois*

Patricia Jones is the Associate Director for Research at the Beckman Institute of Advanced Science and Technology. In this role, she provides management oversight for a variety of research programs and the Beckman centralized research facilities. From September 2010 through February 2012, she was the Deputy Director of Exploration Technology at NASA Ames Research Center, where she provided oversight for a workforce of 700 civil servants and contractors doing research and technology development on entry systems, intelligent systems, supercomputing, and human-systems integration. Previously, she was the acting Chief of the Human Systems Integration Division at NASA Ames from 2003-2010 and the Deputy Chief of that Division from 2001-2003. Before joining NASA, she was an Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Todd Lash  
*Doctoral Student, Department of Special Education, University of Illinois*

Todd Lash's research is centered around increasing equity in and access to high-quality computer science education for all K-8 grade students. Over the last two years, Todd has worked on multiple National Science Foundation, STEM+C grant funded projects in conjunction with the University of Chicago's UChicagoSTEM group, investigating the integration of computer science into K-5 mathematics curriculum. Previously, Todd worked as a K-5 teacher in multiple capacities for seventeen years and served as the Computer Science Teachers Association, K-5, Lead Standards Writer.

Michelle Lore  
*Human Subjects Research Specialist, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, University of Illinois*

Michelle Lore joined the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects in January 2016 after working as a lecturer at North Carolina State University. She holds bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Gender Studies and a master's degree in Sociology. As a lecturer, she taught Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Research Methods, and her personal research interests are in immigration and gender.
Susan Martinis  
*Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Illinois*

Susan Martinis is Interim Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she provides leadership for the campus-wide interdisciplinary research institutes, promotes new research initiatives, and oversees the administrative and business processes that ensure the safe, ethical, and productive conduct of research at Illinois. Dr. Martinis, the Stephen G. Sligar Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology, studies the mechanisms, evolution, and biomedical applications of protein synthesis and RNA-protein interactions. She is a successful researcher, engaged in entrepreneurial and corporate partnerships, a committed educator, and an experienced administrator.

Elizabeth Niswander  
*Director of Strategic Initiatives, College of Education, University of Illinois*

Elizabeth (Beth) Niswander is Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Bureau of Educational Research at the College of Education. She supports the development of large-scale research initiatives and strategic collaborations between education researchers with campus and external partners, and helps to design substantive infrastructure for research support. For the past 18 months, Beth has been working with education and campus researchers, graduate students, and staff, along with University AITS, to develop a new, interactive online school-research collaboration (SRC) system. Now in beta testing, the SRC system will facilitate earlier and better opportunities for planning and discussion between campus researchers and school district personnel to promote increased opportunities for school input in school research project design. During the SRC system development period, Beth has also served as coordinator to manage immediate campus research requests to area schools.

Don Owen  
*Superintendent, Urbana School District #116*

Don Owen received a BA in Psychology and Educational Studies from Carleton College; an MA in History from Illinois State University; and holds an MEd and EdD in Educational Policy, Organization, and Leadership from the University of Illinois. His research interests include social justice, educational equity, and student engagement. He and his spouse, a speech-language pathologist in the Urbana School District, are proud parents of two brilliant students.

Sam Padilla  
*Export Compliance Officer, Office of Sponsored Programs, Interim Research Integrity Officer, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Illinois*

Sam joined the Urbana campus in 2014 and has served as export compliance officer and twice as interim research integrity officer. He previously served in similar capacities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Sam graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law (JD 2012) and Creighton University (BA 2009).

Rebecca Sandefur  
*Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Law, University of Illinois*

Rebecca Sandefur is a sociologist who studies access to civil justice from multiple perspectives, such as legal services delivery, organization of civil legal aid, pro bono roles, lawyer efficacy, non-lawyers and technology providing legal advice, and how ordinary people think about justice problems. As part of her research, she has surveyed Midwestern city residents and large urban courthouse visitors and conducted interviews and focus groups with ordinary people and professionals about their experiences with the civil justice system. She joined the University of Illinois in 2011 and currently serves as the Chair of the University of Illinois’ Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB.
| **Gillian Snyder**  
*Research Development Manager, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute, University of Illinois* |
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<td>Gillian Snyder works with faculty and administration to identify, expand, and support new research initiatives in neuroscience. She coordinates new multi-disciplinary and multi-investigator proposals, working to build the capacity of neuroscience research communities. Dr. Snyder works with faculty members to identify funding opportunities and develop multi-year strategies for successful grant acquisition. She also assists with creating and coordinating large center-type proposals and with managing large center-type projects, especially in gathering data. Dr. Snyder also serves as the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute liaison for neuroscience-related projects to external partners and organizations, including Carle Foundation Hospital.</td>
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| **Daniel Szajna**  
*Associate Director of Compliance, Policy, and Conflict, OBFS, University of Illinois* |
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<td>With the University of Illinois since 2010, Daniel Szajna is the Interim Director of Strategic Procurement within the Office of Business and Financial Services while continuing as Associate Director of Compliance, Policy, and Conflict of Interest Reviews for the Office of Procurement Services. As Associate Director, Dan has worked to update the Office of Business and Financial Services Policies and Procedures for payments to human subjects. This team has worked to include relief from current policy constraints while maintaining the controls and tax reporting requirements necessary. Dan also has experience in Urbana Purchasing, purchasing for a State of Illinois agency, and in supplier diversity programs.</td>
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| **Sharon Shipinski**  
*Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Law, University of Illinois* |
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<td>Sharon Shipinski manages the Illinois Department of Corrections’ (IDOC) planning and research unit. She is responsible for official departmental statistics and all research projects and fiscal analyses of new legislation. Dr. Shipinski served as policy advisor, analyst, and diversion officer within IDOC’s parole division. Before working for IDOC, Dr. Shipinski was an instructor in the Department of Sociology at DePaul University and has been an adjunct faculty member at various colleges and universities around Chicago since 2000. Dr. Shipinski is a member of the Institutional Review Board at the University of Illinois at Chicago and serves as the prisoner representative for Boards 1-2.</td>
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| **Dustin Yocum**  
*Human Subjects Research Manager, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, University of Illinois* |
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<td>Dustin Yocum is responsible for the review, management, coordination, and promotion of appropriate use and protection of human subjects in research and provides leadership in ensuring regulatory compliance and quality control. He joined OPRS in 2013 after spending a year working in the Human Subjects Protection office at Carle Foundation Hospital.</td>
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