

# SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders WebEx Agenda

September 20th from 2 – 3 pm ET

## Attendees

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Nancy	Cardona	University of Puerto Rico
Danielle	Carlin	NIEHS
Justin	Crane	MDB
Kate	Crawford	Boston University School of Public Health
Rocio	Estrella	University of Arizona
Breanna	Ford	UC Berkeley
Angela	Gutierrez	University of Kentucky
Andrew	Hawkey	Duke University
Michelle	Heacock	NIEHS
J. Zach	Hilt	University of Kentucky
Amber	Kramer	Analytical and Environmental Chemistry
Casey	Lindberg	Duke University
Gabriele	Ludewig	University of Iowa
Raina	Maier	University of Arizona
Craig	Marcus	Oregon State University
Michael	McClellan	Boston University
Pamela	Mellon	UCSD
Jennifer	Moore	University of Kentucky
Kevin	O'Donovan	MDB
Mike	Petriello	UKY
Courtney	Roper	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
Tom	Sheahan	Northeastern University
Melanie	Smith	Northeastern University
Brittany	Trottier	NIEHS
Jean	van Seventer	Boston University School of Public Health

## Agenda Items

- Introductions/Roll Call
- SRP Annual Meeting – Dec. 6 – 8, 2017 (hosted by U Penn, Dartmouth College, and Northeastern University Superfund Centers)
  - Presentation from Tom Sheahan and Melanie Smith
  - Tom Sheahan reviewed the trainee portion of the meeting (agenda below).
    - In addition to scientific writing, Judith Swan will also speak about literature review.
    - The panel will be from recent SRP alumni from difference employment sectors.

- Trainees will have the option of staying at the Trainee Session to participate in a “Speed Dating/Networking” activity in the afternoon or they could participate in a CEC/RTC session which will focus on risk communication back to the communities, methods, pitfalls, etc. The option of attending the RTC/CEC session will be limited due to room space availability. Trainees should notify Danielle Carlin ([danielle.carlin@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.carlin@nih.gov)) if they would like to attend that session.
- The CV/Interview skills session will be with various groups (industry, government, academia, etc.) with a “speed dating” style session. 6-10 trainees with one professional. The details are still being worked out.
- The U Penn trainees are organizing dinner venues for the evening with a fixed number of reservations. The trainees will need to sign up for one of the venues and go with the group.
- Trainees from UPENN will be guides and have their name badges marked (TBD). They will be available to answer questions from other trainees during the meeting.

*Wednesday, December 6, 2017*

*Meeting Room Location TBA*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Intro</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
8:30 – 9:00am	<b>Breakfast</b>		
9:00 – 9:30am	<b>Welcome</b> SRP Representatives (Bill Suk?) and TC Leads		
9:30-10:30am	<b>Public Speaking/Smart Talk Seminar</b> Lisa Marshall	TBD	TBD
10:30-11:30am	<b>Scientific Writing</b> Dr. Judith A. Swan, Princeton University	TBD	TBD
11:30-1:30pm	<b>Working Lunch</b> <b>SRP Graduate Career Panel</b>	TBD	TBD
*1:30 - 3:00pm	<b>CEC/RTC Collaboration Meeting</b> TBA	TBD	TBD
*1:30 - 3:00pm	<b>CV Development and Interviewing Skills</b> SRP Mentors (TBD)	TBD	TBD

\*Multi-track option

- Trainee Webinar on Big Data and Data Science
  - Speaker: John D. Van Horn (USC)
    - PI of the BD2K Coordinating Center to talk about their Educational Resource Discovery Index. They have developed a program to allow users to explore data science training resources, and it is now public.
    - It has 10,000 resources, and they are now trying to publicize its availability.
    - More info to come!
    - Still working on the dates for this
    - Other suggestions:
      - Disaster response; may include NIEHS staff currently participating in DR2 activities (<https://dr2.nlm.nih.gov/>) and trainees from TAMU, soil

and water sampling in Houston could provide the perspective from the trainee.

- Andrew Hawkey (Duke Superfund Center) suggested an idea for a professional development session: Expansive collaborative projects offer some complicated workplace situations for trainees - i.e., working part time in multiple labs, working with/for multiple PIs, dividing responsibilities for a project across labs, disagreements among PIs or personnel, etc. Given trainees inexperience, these situations are not always handled well. Information from a senior scientist and/or workplace environment specialist about how to develop and maintain healthy collaborations would help us to be better trainees and future mentors/collaborators.
- Wetterhahn Applications
  - Due to SRP Annual Meeting in December 2017, applications were due August 31st (not August 1st).
  - Applications are under review, and the winner will be notified at beginning of October.
  - Please contact Danielle Carlin ([danielle.carlin@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.carlin@nih.gov)) with any questions.
  - These have undergone review, still deciding on who the winner will be.
  - The winner will not be announced until the annual meeting (they will be notified).
  - Danielle is happy to share comments/feedback to those who applied but did not win the award.
  - Danielle and other program staff are also happy to provide advice/support for future applications.
- SRP/NIEHS now on Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8478977/profile>
  - All trainees are welcome to join.
  - Used for trainees to communicate with each other.
- CareerTrac – reviewing SRP Annual Updates and NIH Progress Reports (Type 5s) for trainees not in CareerTrac
  - Brittany Trottier will be following up with SRP Training Core Leaders regarding missing trainees from CareerTrac
  - Brittany has been following up regarding missing trainees using progress reports and annual updates.
  - CareerTrac is very helpful for SRP program personnel for analysis of the SRP Training Program, finding contact information, awards, successes, etc.
  - Dr. Christie Drew will be presenting at the annual meeting to the Center administrators. Slides will be made available to Training Core Leaders.
- Reminder to send updates to SPAN Leadership Committee
  - These will be taken September/January of each year (please limit to 1 – 2 graduate students/Post-Docs per Center to keep up with the listserv)
  - Please email your nominations to [danielle.carlin@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.carlin@nih.gov) and indicate the current status of the new member (e.g., graduate student or Post-Doc)
  - Membership on the SPAN Leadership Committee is a two-year term (if possible).
- Training Core Activities and Round-robin/sharing of highlights from all of you (i.e., the Superfund Centers and R01 grantees)

- From SRP Data Collection Tool – examples to get the ball rolling:
  - Boston University:
    - New publication co-authored by four current and former trainees (Wesselink, Carwile, Butler, and Mahalingaiah) – near roadway exposures.
    - New publication co-authored by Director Sherr and former trainees (Stanford and Ramirez-Cardenas) – dioxins.
  - Duke University:
    - Trainee Casey Lindberg organizes community outreach event - organized the event this summer, was awarded a grant to organize the event. Community groups, NIEHS, EPA, and local universities presented, talked to the community about healthy water.
    - Trainee Jordan Kozal wins best student presentation at PRIMO - Jordan presented at PRIMO in July, she spoke and gave a platform presentation. New passive sampling device for PAHs and PCBs.
  - Harvard School of Public Health:
    - Trainee Andrew Kalweit developed survey tools, sampling protocols, and IRB protocols
  - Oregon State University:
    - New publication authored by trainee Carey Donald and SRP leader Kim Anderson in Science of the Total Environment, Applications for passive exposure wrist band samplers. – Carey’s thesis work. Has moved on to a 5-year postdoctoral position in Norway.
    - Trainee Carolyn Poutasse wins student poster award at ACS Northwest Regional Meeting. Wristband work. Starting third year in the program
  - University of Arizona:
    - Recent trainee graduate Linnea Honeker published in Microbial Ecology – was a Ph.D. student. Was recruited by the Arizona Respiratory Center. Is now bringing her skills to a project focusing on environmental asthma in children.
    - Denise Moreno Ramirez & Lydia Jennings provided lecture and hands on activity to students @ Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Technician Program – the subject of the lecture was learning how to analyze water samples.
- Other updates?
  - Standing Agenda Item for future WedEx Discussions will include asking Training Core Leaders and Trainees to provide highlights verbally to the group.
  - Mike McClean - Former trainee was just awarded his first grant.
  - Gabrielle Ludewig – outreach to school in east Chicago – students and postdocs spend a day with the schools and talk about environmental contaminants.
  - A group from the EPA will give a day long course on risk assessment.
  - Paper highlight – William (former trainee), now a postdoc at TAMU. Paper is a result of a KC Donnelly award. Gabrielle highlighted another trainee and paper.
  - Zach Hilt (UK)

- Last month Heather Henry and Kelly Pennel ACS meeting in DC, Global econ impact case study of SRP. Derek Wan gave a presentation during that session.
- UK just had a statistics workshop by Arnie Stronberg, was well received.
- Hosted Alexis Carpenter from AxNano was previously a trainee at the Duke SRC.
- Melanie Smith
  - Protect trainee development award (\$1500 travel stipend). They had four winners this year. They will be presenting at their annual orientation this fall.

## Additional Information:

- SRP Website – for SPAN/Training
  - <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/training/index.cfm>
  - Notes from all previous SPAN Teleconferences/WebEx Discussions are posted here.
  - Training Core Leaders, please send Adeline Lopez ([alopez@michaeldbaker.com](mailto:alopez@michaeldbaker.com)) any news items of interest to trainees (e.g., trainee success stories, pictures, job announcements, etc.).
  - SRP e-posted: Trainee Highlights
- Next SPAN Webex – Looking to Schedule in November!
  - Later today we will be sending out a Doodle poll to figure out the best date/time – Please fill out the poll!
  - Touch base before the SRP annual meeting