

Agenda: SPAN Webinar, CareerTrac Demonstration, Activities and Updates.

Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:30 PM ET

Attendees:

James Ankrum (Iowa)	Emily Pedraza (Baylor)
Claire Auriemma (Alabama)	Mike Petriello (Kentucky)
Jitka Becanova (URI)	David Purdy (Iowa)
Kyle Burns (Oregon State)	Monica D. Ramirez-Andreotta (Arizona)
Gabrielle Ceriales (MIT)	Morgan Ritter (NCSU)
Daniel J. Conklin (Louisville)	Katherine Roth (Wayne State)
Carolina Montes Garcia (Columbia)	Alexis Sharp (Duke)
Chloe Fender (Oregon State)	Lura Slowinski (Northeastern)
Annika Gehl (Oregon State)	Lindsey St. Mary (Oregon State)
Natalie Gold (Northeastern)	Amanda Tat (MIT)
Julie Goodman (Harvard)	Sara Thomas (CAES)
Emily Green (Duke)	Shawn Tucker (Oregon State)
Angela Gutierrez (Kentucky)	Reese Valdez (Oregon State)
Javier Huayta (NCSU)	Misty Vidrine (TAMU)
Juliana Huizenga (Oregon State)	Danielle Westerman (NCSU)
Victoria Hile (MIT)	Brian Westra (Iowa)
Jen Irving (LSU)	Millie Winner (Louisville)
Sarangi Joseph (NCSU)	Katherine Wolf (UC-Berkeley)
Nancy Lolacono (Columbia)	Maoran Xu (Duke)
Farhaneh Maghsoudi (NCSU)	
Barbara Masi (Yale)	Danielle Carlin (NIEHS)
Cliona McHale (UC-Berkeley)	Brittany Trottier (NIEHS)
Pamela Mellon (UC-San Deigo)	Heather Henry (NIEHS)
Ian Larson Moran (Oregon State)	Jacob Prichard (NIEHS Contract Support)
Obinna Nwokonkwo (Harvard)	
Jennifer Moore (UKY)	Dylan Williams (MDB)
Brendan O'Leary (Wayne State)	Maggie Wiener (MDB)

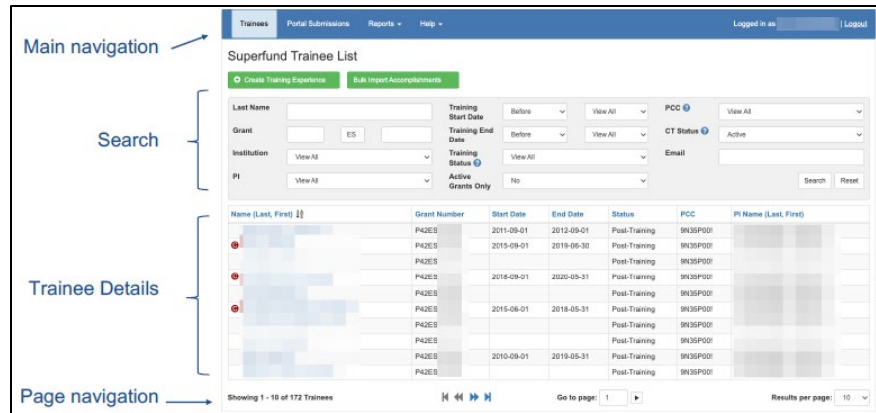
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- I. **Presentation: CareerTrac Demonstration**
 - a. Jacob Prichard, NIEHS Support Contractor

[CareerTrac](#) is an NIH/NIEHS funded system to enable evaluation of the training program for SRP trainees (i.e., pre- and post-doctoral trainees either directly supported or conducting research/activities supported by SRP P42 or R01 grants) specializing in the environmental health sciences.

- CareerTrac captures trainee data, pulling from existing resources (eRA Commons, PubMed, etc.)

- **New for 2023:** Trainee Portal will allow trainees to access their CareerTrac data and provide their updates.
 - No longer necessary to go through PIs.



- CareerTrac is able to export data for all entered trainees, generating plots for trainee activity over time.

How to use CareerTrac:

- Log in via: <https://careertrac.niehs.nih.gov/>
 - Choice of log in will match eRA Commons: <https://public.era.nih.gov/commonsplus/public/login.era>
- **Creating a Trainee Record:**
 - Via Trainee Landing Page, select **Create Training Experience**
 - Search for Trainee's Commons ID
 - Enter required information in entry form, then **save**.
- Entering trainee data in CareerTrac includes:
 - Personal information
 - Contact information
 - Pre-training info
 - In-training experience
 - Scientific/technical emphases
 - Sources of support
 - Mentors
 - In-training education
 - Accomplishments
 - Career highlights
 - Employment
- Able to generate notable reports:
 - CT Database Export – Prints data on all trainees
 - Mentor Report – All stored mentors across trainees
 - In-Training Info – Includes all data from in-training experience activities
 - In-Training Education – Prints all trainees' education data (Degrees) from the In-Training section of the trainee record

Trainee Portal:

- The PI must invite each trainee to provide their updates.
 - This action sends an email to each trainee requesting their participation.

- Trainees can be added individually or through the **Bulk Invite Trainees** tool.
- Trainees login, review existing data, provide updates, and send the “Portal Submission” to the PI for acceptance
- PIs review the Portal Submission and choose to accept or return for
- Corrections.
- When a Submission is accepted, the updates provided by the trainee are written into their training record. This overwrites past data if it is edited or deleted.
- *Checklist for Principal Investigators and Program Staff:*
 - Confirm you can login to CareerTrac with your eRA Commons ID.
 - Confirm all trainees have Commons IDs and a record has been created for each trainee in CareerTrac.
- *Checklist for Trainees:*
 - Confirm you can login to eRA Commons with your Commons ID.
 - Ensure your email address in Commons is current and valid.
 - *(Optional)* In eRA Commons, update your “Personal Profile” so up-to-date information is available to import into CareerTrac.

Questions and Discussion

- *Will you be providing a specific 2023 date for when Superfund trainees can have access to enter their information?*
 - They can be entered at any time as long as they have a record in CareerTrac. If the training date is unknown, then training dates remain editable. You will be able to put in a future date, and then go back and edit if needed.
- *Will delegates (center administrators, core leaders, etc.) be able to send out emails?*
 - Yes, they can send out emails. Delegate could request account as the PI.
 - If anyone needs access to CareerTrac, send an email to Danielle Carlin (danielle.carlin@nih.gov), but the Center Director has to give permission.
- *If a trainee could be in 2 accounts (such as a T32 and SRP), do they have the ability for these to be synced?*
 - Right now, they are not able to be synced. They are currently working on getting those synchronized and adding enhancements to the training portal.
- *How to handle delays between when a trainee did the work and its official date (e.g. Paper is submitted while trainee is in-training but it isn't published until they are post-training)?*
 - Training status when they performed that accomplishment – in-training can be selected here. Free to choose which best fits.
- *Can the trainee submitted emails go to a delegate instead and bypass the PI?*
 - No (at this time)— it goes to all staff on the CareerTrac grant.
- *Trainees who have put in at least a month of effort on grants get emails.*
 - This is likely true.
- *Even if we have a commons account, as a trainee we can't do these submissions until we are invited, is that correct?*
 - That is correct. This has been a group-by-group launch for the portal, and this has been a safety measure to align all those together.

Please contact danielle.carlin@nih.gov and williamsdym@niehs.nih.gov if you'd like a copy of the CareerTrac Demonstration recording or slide deck.

II. Training Core Activities and Round Robin Updates

Texas A&M University

(Misty Miles)

- First deployed trainees to East Palestine train derailment in February (under Community Engagement Core and Project 2).
 - Have since deployed two additional times in March and April under Project 2 collecting air samples via the mRAPID mobile monitoring van.
- TAMU response efforts focused on risk communication and collecting new spatial temporal air quality data using untargeted analysis.
- TAMU SRP has regularly been updating their [Twitter](#) with emergent research.
- Trainee Spotlight:
 - Lucie Ford, Kelly Rivenbark, and En-Hsuan Lu, Meichen Wang, and Haley Moyer won awards at the Society of Toxicology meeting
- Trainees will participate in a bootcamp throughout the Spring semester including time spent on resume development, reference cataloging, and prism analysis amongst others.
- Holding two upcoming workshops:
 - [HAZWOPER Training Course](#), June 13, 2023
 - 8-hour, in-person
 - 40-hour course to be held Spring/Summer 2024.
 - [Disaster Research Training Workshop](#), December 14 & 15, 2023

III. Data Collection Tool Submissions, *since November 2022*

Highlighted during meeting:

- **TAMU:** Trainees from CEC and Project 2 deployed to East Palestine.
- **Oregon State:** Trainees selected to judge the Central Western Oregon Science Expo (CWOSE) for the middle school section.
- **University of Iowa:** Project 5 trainee Christian Bako had a publication chosen to be one of NIEHS' January 2023 Papers of the Month.
- **University of Rhode Island:** Trainee Matt Dunn gave an overview of novel detection tools to Congressman Seth Magaziner during a tour of URI's STEEP Center.

SRP staff would like to encourage more submissions into the Data Collection Tool highlighting trainee activities.

- Data Collection Tool submission form: <https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/srp/rtc>
- Also, keep CareerTrac (<https://careertrac.niehs.nih.gov/trainingExperience/list>) updated with trainee information!

IV. NIEHS Strategic Plan

- NIEHS is working on the strategic plan for 2024-2028

- The [RFI](#) has been posted, requesting general comments on the direction of environmental health sciences as well as comment specific to the individual goals under the three themes outlined in the current Strategic Plan.
 - Goals for Advancing Environmental Health Sciences (EHS)
 - Goals for Promoting Translation—Data to knowledge to action
 - Goals for Enhancing EHS through stewardship and support
- **Please** share with trainees.
- For more information:
 - <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/strategicplan/strategicplan2024>

V. **Progress in Research Webinar series**

- SRP Multiproject Center Grants: Research Across the Disciplines (2023)
 - [Session I](#): Emergencies and Emerging Contaminants (Texas A&M University, Michigan State University, Yale University), **April 28, 12-2 p.m. ET.**
 - [Session II](#): Heavy Metals in Native American Communities (University of New Mexico, Columbia University), **May 5, 12-2 p.m. ET.**
 - [Session III](#): Environmental Justice and Emerging Contaminants (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Rhode Island, University of California, Berkeley), **May 12, 12-2 p.m. ET.**
 - [Session IV](#): Chemical Exposures Across the Life Course (Duke University, University of Louisville, Wayne State University), **May 19, 12-2 p.m. ET.**

VI. **Adjourn**

- If your university offers “wellness days” over the course of the semester, please let SRP be aware to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- SRP Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **December 11-13, 2023**

Additional Information:

- I. **Reminder to use the SRP Data Collection Tool (DCT) to submit Trainee Highlights!**
 - Please work with your RT Coordinator to submit entries on awards, publications, honors, videos, and photos of activities. SRP uses these entries to learn about what trainees are doing and to select trainees to highlight in the E-Posted! We also consider submitted photos for the E-Posted Photo of the Month! Submitting highlights helps you with the Annual Update Process!
- II. **Reminder to update CareerTrac** (<https://careertrac.niehs.nih.gov/public/home>)
- III. **Wetterhahn Award**
 - Congratulations to Amanda Armijo, the 25th recipient of the Karen Wetterhahn Award. For more information on Amanda’s work, please look at her award page on the [NIEHS website](#).
 - Nominations for the 2023 Wetterhahn Award will open on **July 1, 2023**.
- IV. **K.C. Donnelly Externship Award**
 - Applications closed on February 28, 2023. Thank you to those that applied.
 - Winners will be announced later this year.
- V. **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 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.
- VI. **SRP Website – for SPAN/Training**
- <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/training/index.cfm>
 - Notes from all previous SPAN Zoom Discussions are posted here.
- VII. **SRP e-Posted: Trainee Highlights**
- Training Core Leaders, please send Dylan Williams (dylan.williams@nih.gov) or Mali Velasco (mali.velascodelgado@nih.gov) any news items of interest to trainees (e.g., trainee success stories, pictures, job announcements).
 - Highlighting trainee videos in the [e-Posted](#) via SPAN.
- VIII. **SRP/NIEHS on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8565066>**
- Note: this is for SRP Trainees only