Hope everyone is settling in to the Spring Semester. We’d like to call your attention to the Office of Research’s Center for Excellence in Research, which has just released their Spring 2012 Calendar of Events. We encourage you to review the offerings as new courses have been added this semester, including one facilitated by the Price School’s own Marco Huesch. These short courses have received consistently good reviews from those who have attended. New and junior faculty are especially encouraged to take advantage of this resource. More information and the full Calendar can be found at https://research.usc.edu/files/2011/05/Spring-2012-Flyer-small3.pdf

You will find a record of proposals submitted and awarded in December and January at the end of the newsletter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions or are considering a grant proposal.

Best wishes,
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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH

1. NSF Day at USC

The USC DC Research Advancement Office in the Office of the Vice President of Research has worked in bringing together USC and the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop a one-day workshop, NSF DAY AT USC, on Thursday, April 12, 2012. NSF conducts this activity with premier universities around the country; thus, it is an honor that USC has been selected, and highlights our important contributions to high-quality basic science research & engineering. This exciting workshop is primarily designed for researchers and educators less experienced in proposing to the NSF; however, more experienced proposers and NSF grantees may well find the workshop useful and informative. It is our hope that events such as this will stimulate new interest in NSF programs at institutions that have not been among the traditional customers, as well as at premier research institutions. We want to extend an invitation to you and to anyone else (graduate students, postdocs, etc) who would like to attend this workshop and learn more about the NSF and its programs.

The workshop will provide an overview of the Foundation, its mission, priorities, and budget. It will cover
the NSF proposal and merit review process and NSF programs that cut across disciplines. Additionally, representatives from the seven NSF directorates and the Office of International Science and Engineering and the Office of Integrative Activities will make presentations on their programs and will also be available informally and in breakout sessions for discussions of potential research proposals.

The workshop will be held at the Davidson Conference Center on the USC University Park campus. There is a registration fee of $35 for this workshop. After March 31st, the fee will increase to $50. You can register on the NSF web site following the link at http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=122897&WT.mc_id=USNSF_13&WT.mc_ev=click

Contact Natasha Walker (nlwalker@usc.edu) if you have any questions about logistics, and Jim Murday (murday@usc.edu) if you have questions about the scientific content.

2. USAID Solicitation

The USAID has released a solicitation to fund Single Institution Centers up to $1-2M/yr ($10M total project) and Consortium Centers up to $4-5M/yr ($25M total project). Consortium centers would need multiple institutions involved. There is no minimum or maximum cost-share amount, but some must be provided - the recommended ratio is 1:1.

Through this solicitation, USAID expects to impact seven core development objectives outlined in their Policy Framework. Our office would like to facilitate the process by organizing a conference call within the next few days to discuss a proposal for each of the seven topic areas. Please feel free to contact Natasha Walker (nlwalker@usc.edu) for more information or with the names of individuals who should be included. The USAID Policy Framework is attached.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Haynes Foundation Major Research Grants due March 7th, 2012

   The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation seeks applications and makes grants for research on major economic, social and political problems of the greater Los Angeles area. Preference is given to applied studies which, in addition to adding significantly to knowledge and understanding of issues, are judged to show promise of influencing policies and practices addressing these issues. The research project's potential for publication and its use by the community are also taken into account. The Foundation is willing to consider requests for support in disseminating the results of the studies it funds. Major research projects concerning the history of Southern California will also be considered. Submissions are due on March 7th. Full guidelines can be found on the Foundation's website: http://www.haynesfoundation.org/program/index.asp.
UPCOMING RESEARCH EVENTS

Wednesday, February 15

*Comparing Three CO2 Emission Assessments for Freight Transportation in Paris*

**METRANS Seminar**
The speaker will be Dr. Laetitia Dablanc, Senior Researcher, IFSTTAR (French Institute of Science and Technology for Transport, Development and Networks). Please RSVP to Victoria Valentine at victoriv@usc.edu.

**Time:** Noon-1:30 p.m.

**Location:** RGL 100

Thursday, February 16

*Lusk Speaker Series: Anthony Charles, GE Capital Real Estate*

**USC Lusk Center for Real Estate Speaker Series**
The speaker will be Anthony Charles, Vice President for Global Research and Strategy, GE Capital Real Estate. The Lusk Speaker Series is a forum for students to interact with and learn from real estate professionals and alumni. Lunch will be held in the Franklin Garden Plaza (formerly RGL Courtyard) from noon to 12:20 p.m. The speaker presentation will start at approximately 12:30 p.m. There is no charge for MRED students and GREA members to attend. A $5 fee is charged to all others. To reserve a place, please contact Janet Bustillo, (213) 821-2202 or jbustill@usc.edu.

**Time:** Noon

**Location:** RGL 101

*Moral Hazard in Health Insurance: How Important is Forward Looking Behavior?*

**Quintiles Health Policy Seminar Series at the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics**
The speaker will be Amy Finkelstein, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For any additional information, questions or comments, please contact: Devin Stambler at dstamble@healthpolicy.usc.edu.

**Time:** 2:00pm to 3:30pm

**Location:** UGW, Unit A

Tuesday, February 21

*Urban Growth Seminar featuring Hardik Bhatt*

**Urban Growth Seminar Series - "The Future of Sustainable Cities: Planning, Policy, and Technology"**
The speaker will Hardik Bhatt, Director of Business Development and strategy, Cisco's Global Smart + Connected Communities group. No RSVP is needed for any of the Urban Growth Seminars. For questions, please contact shulaker@usc.edu.

**Time:** 12:15pm to 1:30pm

**Location:** RGL, Room 101

Thursday, February 23

*The Statistical Measurement of Accountability Concepts in American Governance*

**Bedrosian Center Research Talk**
The speaker will be Anthony Bertelli, USC Price School of Public Policy. For questions, please e-mail bedrosian.center@usc.edu.

**Time:** 12:00pm to 1:30pm

**Location:** RGL, Room 308
Monday, February 27


USC Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy Nonprofit Research Seminar Series

The speaker will be Ange-Marie Hancock, Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender Studies Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Please RSVP to Kate Ogden at ccpp@usc.edu.

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Location: RGL, Room 308

Wednesday, March 7

A Sustainable Funding and Financing Strategy for Urban Infrastructure Renewal in China

Joint Seminar - USC Price School of Public Policy and METRANS Transportation Center

The speaker will be Richard Little, Price School of Public Policy, USC. Please RSVP to Victoria Valentine victoriv@usc.edu.

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Location: RGL, Room 100

PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

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