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REMARKS FROM FACULTY AND STAFF
Happy 100th anniversary, ORSP! We often tout the fact that the University of Michigan is among the largest public research universities, with $1.6 billion in annual research expenditures. But it would be impossible for our campus community to generate this vast amount of research and scholarship without the support and expertise of our talented colleagues at the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. The ongoing health of our research enterprise relies on our team at ORSP, who all play a critical role in keeping our research enterprise running smoothly, delivering seamless support, and strengthening our global reputation as the preferred partner for innovative research and scholarship. Thank you, and congratulations on this important milestone!

- Dr. Rebecca Cunningham -- Vice President for Research

Kudos to ORSP and our Department of Psychiatry Research Team! I have worked with many of these wonderful professionals over my 30 year career at Michigan Medicine. They are not only capable and careful in their work, but have been able to support me often with tight timelines. Sometimes State of Michigan funding is uncertain and rapidly changing (like this year given the pandemic!) and they have been terrific and flexible in their support despite these uncertainties.

- Sheila Marcus -- Clinical Professor (Dept of Psychiatry)

I would like to thank all of the reps I have worked with who have all provided great support. This includes Kellie Buss, Rey Martell, Debra Dill, and Arielle Javarinis, and others, as well as admins who have helped behind the scenes. My first experience at the University, five years ago, was an introduction to ORSP, which fostered into a partnership in supporting LSI faculty and trainees in the pursuit of grant proposals and fellowships, and interpretation of post-award administrative concerns. ORSP support is integral to our achieving the greater mission of research administration at the LSI. The Government Sponsor team includes reps who are experts with specific sponsors and/or submission types and this is especially helpful with interpreting federal sponsor requirements. The Private Sponsors team is especially flexible and responsive to dealing with a variety of industry and other non federal sponsors and last-minute submissions. In a year filled with challenges, and fluctuating federal and non-federal requirements and priorities, I am grateful to ORSP for their expertise, guidance, and sharing of information and resources.

- Danielle Smith -- Research Administrator (Life Science Institute)
I am sending warm wishes to all in ORSP and congratulations on your 100th Anniversary! It is a pleasure to work with such a great group of professionals on both the federal and non-federal side. We truly appreciate our current project representatives: Colleen Vogler, Tracey Larkin, and Thomas Paluchniak and their administrative support staff. Others who have helped us over the years are Kathy DeWitt, Patrick Woods, Ryan Lankton, and Caitlin Jost (and many others including those who have retired or since left UM). Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and support over the years.

- Loree O'Jack -- Research Administrator (Psychiatry)

Anytime that I work with Thomas has been great. He’s prompt, follows up and truly cares about his work. Keep up the great work Thomas!

- Jason Yunk - Business Analyst (Physiology)

ORSP is always efficient, careful, punctual and detail oriented. I am a new investigator and they have always done a great job catching some of my new investigator mistakes and quickly letting me know how to fix them. They are a great resource for grant writers at UM!

- Brendon Watson - Investigator (Psychiatry)

We are grateful to our partners in ORSP who have provided outstanding support, particularly as our research portfolio has grown over the past several years. The complexities that we deal with intra-departmentally are surely magnified at the ORSP level and we are grateful for your patience, diligence, attention to detail and commitment to the shared mission of advancing research to create new knowledge and improve care.

- Gregory W. Dalack - Professor (Psychiatry)

Handling faculties (how to handle a herd of ambitious and imaginative cats) and their application... what an important but challenging task! I have appreciated these last 15 years the quality, professionalism and pace (time is the essence) of the services offered by ORSP to submit our proposals! Thanks!

- Olivier Jolliet - Professor (Enviro. Health Sciences - SPH)
Submitting proposals to unusual sponsors is never easy, and my most memorable experience with ORSP was when I submitted a DOD proposal with many FAR clauses, and working with Kathy DeWitt to understand the restrictions on the research, and allow for a successful proposal submission. Kathy is just one example of the excellent staff at ORSP, who work hard to provide prompt information when you need it, but also to help you trouble-shoot when you have problems. All of this is in an effort to ensure the proposal is always submitted! Hundreds of other examples from your contracting team, Anthony Nielsen and Joe Johnson, could also be provided; as they have been invaluable over the years with the many contract negotiations, including payment issues, questions on terms, and many other quagmires associated with contracts. The skill of the staff on the contracts team is unmatched, and greatly appreciated. Additional Comments: Thank you to all of our ORSP staff, who daily make our institution function!

- Ruth Halsey - Post Award Financial Manager (Cardiovascular)

ORSP staff is always willing to help with our multiple inquiries, they are always there for us, accessible by phone or email at all times, no question is too small or too big for them, they treat us like we are the only ones they are serving, they are easy to talk to, and make good listeners. All of ORSP staff are pleasant to work with, for example: They would thank me if I remind them of our upcoming deadlines although I know that they have many other deadlines lining up in their queue. They keep up with their many tasks, keeping in mind that our department has enough tasks to keep them busy. With the many proposal submissions they see, I am always amazed at the level of detail they are able to look at the different pieces of a proposal no matter how many pages that proposal is and find things that passed the many reviews before it gets to them. They make sure that our submissions to sponsors like NIH are in complete order and turned in timely contributing to our successes as a unit, our successes in Michigan Medicine, and our fine institutional representation. Additional Comments: Terri Maxwell, such a great icon and needs special recognition.

- Rula Karapatsakis - Financial Senior Manager (Clinical & Health)

I can't pick just one. There are so many! We look at ORSP as an integral partner in all of our research endeavors and we are very thankful for their indispensable support. Here's to another 100 years!

- Patrick Lagua - Research Process Admin Manager (Dentistry)
David Mulder: David’s skills have benefited the research administration community through his running of the Navigate program. This is such a fantastic program and I believe much of it is attributable to David’s leadership and ability to put people at ease in Navigate training sessions, so they aren’t intimidated to speak up, ask questions, or answer questions. It takes a special kind of person to facilitate these kinds of large groups – kudos to David for doing such a fine job! I will miss him in this role.

Tricia Haynes and Debra Dill: Tricia and Debra are great! Whenever I have ORSP questions about any project I’m working on, I can pick up the phone or email them and they are both so helpful. If they don’t know the answer right away (although they often do!), they speak with their colleagues and follow up. I really appreciate this. I am confident they will help me – and that is what collaboration is all about. Thank you to both Debra and Tricia for their responsiveness and for facilitating a strong working relationship!

- Diana Miller - Admin Manager (Neurology)

Terri Maxwell was my federal rep for years when I was in Int Med, She worked with us through many challenging situations, one where we thought we might lose an award. But through her calm and cool help and wisdom, we were able to salvage the award. Thank you ORSP for all you do!

- Marlie Bartow - Research Process Senior Mgr (Surgery)

ORSP has always been very supportive! When I first started in research at UM, Dave Plawchan, Gayle Jackson, and Sharyn Sivyer were extremely helpful. It was wonderful working with Elaine Brock, Jim Randolph and Jolette. Today, I don’t know what we would do without Kathy DeWitt, Patrick Woods, Karen Almendine, and Ryan Lankton. Thank you to everyone in ORSP!!!

- Linda Forsyth - Director of Research Admin (Engineering)
STAFF GALLERY

2020 ORSP STAFF
Not pictured:
- Emily Baxter
- Dawn Curry
- Monique Green
- Jane Santoro
- Kate Strzempek
- Patrick Woods
TIMELINE POSTER
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Special thanks to the ORSP 100th Anniversary Committee and the Timeline Stewards for continuing to document the last 100 years of research!

**ORSP 100th Anniversary Committee**

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Linda Chadwick  
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Cindy Dames  
Arielle Javarinis  
Jane Santoro

**Past Timeline Stewards**

Pierce H. (Hal) Farrar 1950 - 1968  
Dennis J. Cebulski 1968-2013  
Dan Stanish 2014 – 2016  
Kullie Kennedy 2017- Present

We also express our sincere gratitude to Dennis Cebulski and Jim Randolph, former staff members, who, through conversations and interviews, helped provide history and valuable context for the timelines and this event.