

# Professional Development Workshop Series

## Successful Grant Writing: from the Perspective of Funding Institutions

**Date:** Monday 9/20/2010  
**Location:** Volker Hall Lecture Room B, 1670 University Boulevard  
**Organizers:** Drs Xiang-Yang Lou, Nengjun Yi and David B. Allison  
**Overview:** This workshop is designed to give trainees and investigators ranging from graduate students through faculty exposure to the perspective of those who sit within the granting organizations on what makes for more successful grant applications. Speakers will be highly experienced individuals who have seen and participated in the evaluation and decision-making process for many grant applications. The domains of industry, philanthropic, NIH, & NSF will all be represented.  
**Audience:** SSG & NORC faculty and fellows and AOI members. Open to all other graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty in the University pending available space.

### Agenda – 4 Funding Perspectives:

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Check-in & Welcome - David B. Allison PhD	10:30 – 10:40 AM	Break
8:35 – 9:20 AM	Dr Nengjun Yi intro - Norman Braveman PhD (NIH) 10 minutes Q & A	10:45 – 11:30 AM	intro by Dr. Lou - Sethu K. Reddy MD MBA (Merck) 10 minutes Q & A
9:35 – 10:20 AM	Dr Xiang-Yang Lou intro - Keith Crank PhD (NSF) 10 minutes Q & A	11:45 – 12:30 PM	intro by Dr. Yi - Victoria McGovern PhD (Burroughs) 10 minutes Q & A

To register, please send email of interest to [rsarver@uab.edu](mailto:rsarver@uab.edu). Questions? 205.975.9169  
Attendance is limited.

### Speakers

**Norman Braveman PhD**  
**Braveman BioMed Consultants LLC**  
(<http://www.bbmcllc.net/>)



Dr. Norman S. Braveman retired at the end of 2008 from the NIH after more than 28 years of service. Dr. Braveman received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Miami University (Ohio) in Psychology and his Ph.D. from Washington State University in Psychobiology with a minor area of concentration in Quantitative Genetics. He joined the extramural scientific staff at the National Institutes of Health in 1980 after 10 years in academia as a teacher and researcher.



**Sethu K. Reddy MD MBA**  
**Merck Research Laboratories**  
(<http://www.merck.com/research/home.html>)

Dr. Sethu Reddy is Vice-President and Head of US- Medical Affairs for Merck & Co.. He joined Merck in 2006, having been past-Chairman of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Reddy earned his MD in 1980 at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. He completed his fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the U. of Toronto. His research fellowship in cellular and molecular physiology was conducted at Harvard Medical School/Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston.

**Keith Crank PhD**  
**American Statistical Association**  
(<http://www.amstat.org/>)



Dr. Keith Crank has a BS in mathematics education and an MS in mathematics from Michigan State University and a PhD in statistics from Purdue University. Prior to joining the ASA as research and graduate education manager, he was a program officer at the National Science Foundation, primarily in the probability program.



**Victoria McGovern PhD**  
**Burroughs Wellcome Fund**  
(<http://www.bwfund.org/>)

Dr. Victoria McGovern, Senior Program Officer, runs the Institutional Program Unifying Population and Laboratory Based Sciences as well as the Fund's assistant professor-focused career development program in Infectious Diseases. She has long been involved in science policy efforts related to strengthening the scientific workforce, an interest she continues at BWF.

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