

# Institutional Review Board Updates

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## IRB News

Three new faculty members joined the IRB this year:

**Anne Dressel** is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing, where she also serves as Director of the Center for Global Health Equity. Her research seeks to understand how social policies impact marginalized populations, and how those policies could be improved to result in better health for all. She has a particular interest in the social determinants of health, with an emphasis on food security and housing. Her research is grounded in a community-based participatory action framework, and she works with research teams in Milwaukee, Ecuador, and East Africa (Kenya and Malawi).

**Sang-Yeon Kim** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication. His major research interests include modeling of persuasion theories, impacts of ethnic and cultural diversity, quantitative methods and statistics, cross-cultural issues in the domains of public health and social influence.

**Jill Rinzel** is an Associate Professor in Psychology/Education for the College of General Studies (Waukesha). Her major areas of study are investigating perceptions of childhood sports experiences, and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning related to grit and high impact practices. Dr. Rinzel served on the UW Colleges IRB last year and is looking forward to serving with her new institution. In her spare time she enjoys watching and playing sports with friends and family.

We also welcomed two new student members:

**Comfort (Tosin) Adebayo** (Communication) and **Danielle Glad** (Psychology).



## IRB Chair / Vice Chair Updates

Dr. Jay Kapellusch stepped into the role of IRB Chair in December 2018, and for several months his former position as Vice Chair was vacant. We are pleased to announce that the position of Vice Chair is now being filled by two members: Dr. Erin Parcell, Associate Professor in Communications, and Dr. Shawn Cahill, Associate Professor in Psychology.

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### Upcoming IRB Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **April 5, 2019**  
Deadline for Full Board submissions:  
March 20
- ◆ **May 3, 2019**  
Deadline for Full Board Submissions:  
April 17
- ◆ **June 7, 2019**  
Deadline for Full Board Submissions:  
May 22



## 2019 New Regulations are in effect!

After a year and two delays, the new federal regulations governing human subjects research are now in effect.

You'll notice:

- ◆ Slight changes in the submission form
- ◆ New consent template
- ◆ New numbering format in IRBManager

For more information and details about the changes, see our website:

<https://uwm.edu/irb/2018-changes-overview/>

## Focus on Ethics: Justice and Participant Selection

The Belmont Principle of Justice says that the those who bear the burden (risks) of research should be the ones to benefit from it, and vice versa. Those who will benefit from the research should be the ones undertaking the burden.

### Don't do research on a group simply because they are more convenient.

Choose your population based on the research question, not based on convenience. This is particularly important in a group with diminished autonomy, such as children or the researchers' own students. Research whose results may benefit a wide range of groups should enroll a wide range of participants.

- Example: Research on prisoners should be on problems related specifically to that group, not on conditions that affect non-prisoners equally.



### Don't exclude groups or individuals unnecessarily.

Just as it is unethical to include only vulnerable people, it is unethical to exclude people from the opportunity to participate in research without justification. This is especially critical when the research may have a direct benefit to participants.

Excluding groups unnecessarily can also undermine the scientific validity of your research.

- Example: In the past, psychology research was frequently conducted on male college-age students. Females were excluded due to "hormone fluctuations". But to what extent can you really extrapolate results from 18-22 year old males to all humans? There may be significant psychological differences due to age, gender, or many other qualities.

### Remember!

Human subjects research that will be used for a dissertation requires IRB review.

Dissertations are a student's official entry into the world of academia. As such, even if they're not published in a journal or book format, they are considered research that is "designed to create or contribute to generalizable knowledge", which, according to federal regulations, requires IRB approval.

# PI and SPI Training Requirements

## Training

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**Reminder:** CITI training is now required for all PIs and student PIs.

If you submit a new study to the IRB, or if you are the PI for your student's study, you must have current CITI training on file.

We will not issue IRB approval unless **both** the PI and SPI have completed CITI training within the last 3 years.

## IRB Metrics



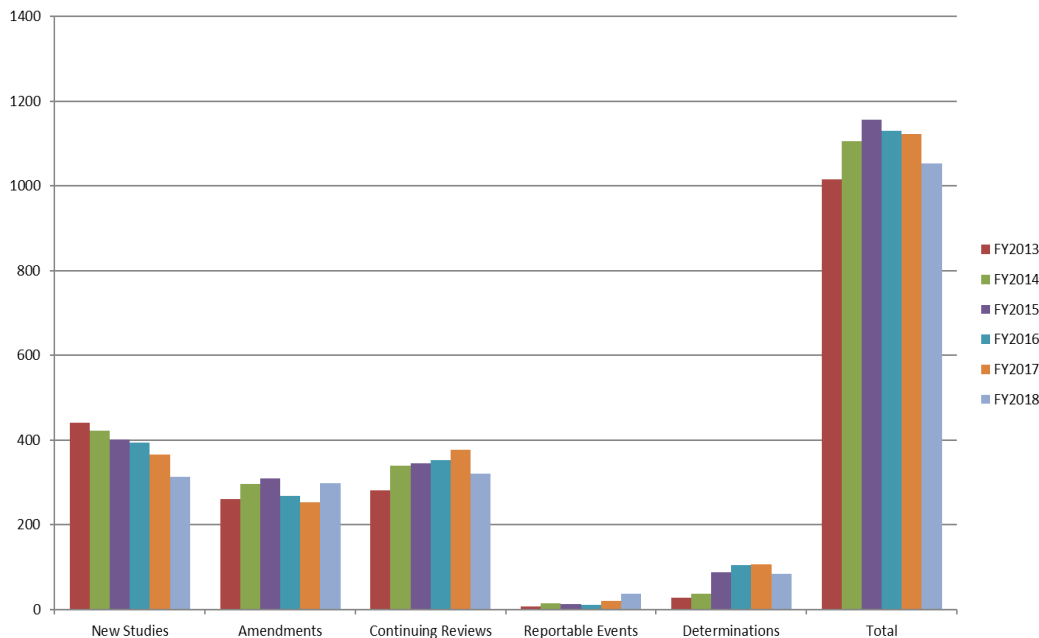
### Fiscal Year 2018

- ◆ 1228 active studies
- ◆ 54% of new study submissions are being done as part of a student project, dissertation, or thesis.
- ◆ March was the month with the most new study submissions (38), and September had the fewest (18)
- ◆ IRB staff trained approximately 300 people in 29 in-person sessions
- ◆ 907 individuals completed online training through CITI

### Departments with the most submissions

1. Psychology (188)
2. Nursing (129)
3. Kinesiology (92)
4. Social Work (81)
5. Educational Psychology (54)

### Total Submissions by Year



### Submissions by Type

New studies	312
Exempt	155
Expedited	120
Full Board	7
Deferrals	30
Amendments	297
Continuing Reviews	321
Reportable Events	36
Determination Forms	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1077</b>