

2025 SPaRC RETREAT AGENDA

Friday, September 12th Illinois Conference Center

TIME	EVENT
8:15 – 9:00AM	Check-In & BREAKFAST
9:00 – 9:05AM	Welcome Kamil Tamimie, Sr. Assistant Director, Training, Outreach, and Data Management, SPA
9:05 – 9:50AM	Making and Breaking Fear Memories Dr. Steve Maren, Professor of Psychology and Director, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
9:50 – 10:05AM	BREAK
10:05 – 10:40AM	Illinois Public Media: Past, Present, and Future Reginald Hardwick, Director of News and Public Affairs, Illinois Public Media
10:40 – 10:55AM	BREAK
10:55 – 11:25AM	Overview of New Research Policies & Procedures Dave Richardson, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation; Robin Beach, Dan Harmon, Cheryl Howerton, Karen Thomas, Directors, SPA
11:25 – 11:45AM	Presentation of SPaRC Awards Kamil Tamimie, Sr. Assistant Director, Training, Outreach, and Data Management, SPA
11:45 – 1:00PM	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:45PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evolving with myResearch: Portal Enhancements and What's Next – <i>Heritage Hall 2/3/5/6</i> 2. Firefighter, Superhero, or Survivor Champion: A day in the life of a Research Administrator – <i>Heritage Hall 1/4</i> 3. Deadlines Matter! Enforcing SPA Policies at the Department Level – <i>Honors</i> 4. Putting the "Self" in Self-Care for Research Administrators – <i>Loyalty</i>
1:45 – 2:00PM	BREAK
2:00 – 2:45PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Headlines: Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Sponsored Programs – <i>Heritage Hall 2/3/5/6</i> 2. Department Roundtable Discussions – <i>Heritage Hall 1/4</i> 3. Navigating Onboarding for New Departmental Research Administrators – <i>Honors</i> 4. Red Pens and Zen: Finding Peace in Creating Proposals When All You See is Red – <i>Loyalty</i>
2:45 – 3:00PM	BREAK
3:00 – 3:30PM	Unprecedented, Revolutionary, Mind-blowing, Life-altering Innovation: Please Stay for Our Tech Talk (Hint: Proposal Budgets and Sub Invoices) Bryan Bachman, Sr. Assistant Director, SPA; Dan Harmon, Director, Data & Systems, SPA