



SPONSORED PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

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July 1, 2024

RE: SPaRC Career Achievement Award

Dear SPaRC Award Committee,

It is my pleasure to nominate Jayne Goby as the recipient of the 2024 SPaRC Career Achievement Award. Jayne has been a part of the Sponsored Programs Administration office for nearly 24 years and I have had the pleasure of working with her for 13 of those years. At SPA, Jayne has held roles in Audit and Compliance as well as Data & Systems Management. She possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of sponsored projects as well as the underlying data associated with the projects. This knowledge is invaluable not only to SPA but to the University.

It is not uncommon to hear the phrase “call Jayne” or “let’s ask Jayne” or “Jayne knows everything”. This is a true testament to Jayne’s value at the University and the level of respect held by her peers. Her willingness to assist in solving problems as well as her willingness to share her knowledge for the purpose of others growth helps SPA and the University become better every day. Jayne is committed to her role in Research Administration and has always been one of SPA’s biggest cheerleaders. Jayne’s commitment is evidenced by her service on countless working groups and committees (both in SPA and across campus), her regular presence at various campus meetings, regular presentation of information at SPaRC quarterly meetings, as well as her teaching many SPaRC ‘Ed classes that have impacted hundreds of staff across campus.

I am personally grateful for Jayne’s unwavering willingness to listen to the details of specific situations, brainstorm solutions, and find ways to support SPA, the University, and the Audit & Compliance team. Jayne always goes above and beyond in her contribution and is a constant source of information, guidance and collaboration. I view her as a mentor not just to myself but to many others within SPA and across campus.

Jayne’s commitment to Research Administration along with her impact to the University is very deserving of the SPaRC Career Achievement Award.

Thank you,
Kristie Lamoreux
Associate Director, Audit & Compliance
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July 9, 2024

Re: SPaRC Career Achievement Award Nomination

Dear SPaRC Award Selection Committee,

I am honored to nominate Jayne Goby for the 2024 SPaRC Career Achievement Award. Jayne has been with the Grants and Contracts Office, now Sponsored Programs Administration, since August 2000. Over the years, she has assumed many roles and has been instrumental in navigating the office through numerous transitions. Regardless of her role, Jayne has always remained a strong leader and mentor for the research administration community.

Jayne's contributions to SPA and the University's research enterprise are nothing short of remarkable. She embarked on her journey in research administration in audit and compliance. Jayne's expertise expanded as she proactively embraced roles related to policy and data management, leading her to her present role as Senior Associate Director on the SPA Data & Systems team. She possesses a wealth of knowledge and is always ready to lend a helping hand. When I say "help", I mean she delves into various issues, data, and policies, tirelessly working for hours until she finds a solution. Describing what she does in her role is a challenge for Jayne because her contributions to SPA are unparalleled. Recently, PRI aptly referred to her as an Accountant Archeologist, a description that couldn't be more fitting.

While Jayne's intelligence and strong work ethic are just a few of her strengths, they are complemented by her compassionate heart and genuine concern for her colleagues. She is often the go-to person for SPA Award Management staff when they encounter difficulties with cost-share, payroll transactions, etc. Jayne is always ready to guide someone through a complex situation and provide a solution, whether it's internal to SPA or external with our campus customers. She generously shares her knowledge through the SPaRC'Ed program and is always open to speaking on a topic when invited.

On a personal note, I regard Jayne as my mentor in research administration. I have gained so much from her over the years. I have spent countless hours in her office, asking questions and quickly jotting down notes as she speaks, as each snippet of information is invaluable. Her detailed (and color-coded) emails to staff or responses to questions are a guide in themselves, each one saved for future reference.

For over 24 years, Jayne has made significant contributions to the University's research enterprise. I wholeheartedly support her nomination for the 2024 SPaRC Career Achievement Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen E. Thomas".

Karen E. Thomas
Director, Post-Award, Sponsored Programs Administration

Nomination Letter for Jayne Goby

To the SPaRC Award Committee,

I am writing to nominate Jayne Goby for the SPaRC Career Achievement Award, an honor bestowed upon individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions to research administration at Illinois. With nearly 25 years at SPA, Jayne possesses unparalleled knowledge of the University of Illinois research enterprise. Her willingness to assist is matched only by the thoroughness and depth of her responses, which consistently offer additional context and insights that enhance our understanding of complex situations.

Whenever I encounter a challenging question, Jayne is the first person I turn to, confident that her answers will be accurate and reliable. She is able to track down and resolve issues that no one else would even attempt. Her career achievements are a testament to her dedication and excellence in research administration. Some highlights of her contributions and achievements include:

- In recognition of her collaborative spirit, she received the SPaRC Collaboration Award in 2015.
- As an instructor, Jayne has imparted her extensive knowledge to over 500 SPaRC'ed graduates, having taught 1-3 courses per year since the inception of SPaRC'ed.
- In recognition of her vast array of knowledge, we have named our AI copilot after her. Ask jAlne.
- Substantial contribution to our research admin systems including CostShare, GC-70, myResearch Portal, Confirmations, and Banner, among others.

Jayne is a remarkable research administrator whose impact on the field at Illinois is both profound and enduring. She is highly respected and admired by her colleagues within and beyond SPA. I strongly support her nomination for the SPaRC Career Achievement Award, as she is truly deserving of this prestigious recognition.

Sincerely,

Dan Harmon
Director, Data and Systems
Sponsored Programs Administration

Nomination of Jayne Goby for the SPaRC Career Achievement Award

Jayne's depth of knowledge of all things related to Sponsored Projects often boggles my mind. She can answer almost any question someone asks. If she doesn't know the answer, she always seems to be able to find it quickly.

Her dedication to SPA and to the University in general is unwavering. She works tirelessly to fix issues that often no one else even knows about. She spent countless hours last year fixing hundreds of grant-related payroll problems related to redistributions.

She takes on a vast array of responsibilities within SPA. She works every semester to get the semi-annual confirmations completed by UIUC's many PIs. As we all know, this can sometimes be akin to herding cats, but she does it with great diplomacy.

Any time I'm uncertain about my logic or understanding of data elements, Jayne is always willing to walk through it with me. Sometimes I get to be right, but most of the time she is 😊.

Jayne is smart, funny, and an all-around good person whom I count myself lucky to be her colleague and friend. It is my privilege to nominate Jayne for the Career Achievement Award!

Sincerely,

Brian Merrill

Assistant Director, Data & Cash Management

Sponsored Programs Administration



June 21, 2024

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Jayne Goby for the SPaRC Career Achievement Award at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Throughout her tenure, Jayne has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to excellence and innovation in the field of data analysis and reporting, making her an exemplary candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Jayne's contributions to our institution have been immense. As a dedicated member of SPA, she has consistently leveraged her expertise in data and reporting to drive informed decision-making and operational efficiency. Her ability to analyze and simplify complex datasets is critical to the operations of sponsored programs administration at the University of Illinois. Jayne is responsible for numerous extremely complex reporting processes that are critical for reporting and compliance purposes. Jayne has strong technical proficiencies and a comprehensive understanding of the underlying data.

Beyond her technical proficiency, Jayne embodies the qualities of a true collaborator. Her proactive approach to problem-solving and her genuine desire to be helpful have fostered a culture of continuous learning and growth. One of Jayne's most admirable qualities is her unwavering dedication to excellence. Her meticulous attention to detail and her commitment to delivering high-quality work have consistently set her apart. Whether she is designing a new complicated report involving numerous data elements from various sources or helping to brainstorm options for solving a reporting challenge, Jayne's contributions have consistently exceeded expectations and will have a lasting impact on the success of the University of Illinois.

In conclusion, Jayne Goby exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding professional whose dedication, expertise, and leadership have significantly contributed to the advancement of the entire University of Illinois System. Her achievements in data analysis and reporting are truly deserving of recognition through the SPaRC Career Achievement Award. I wholeheartedly endorse Jayne's nomination and am confident that she will continue to inspire others through her exemplary work and commitment to excellence.

Thank you for considering Jayne Goby for this well-deserved honor. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information regarding her nomination.

Sincerely,

Brent Rasmus

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