

LANGURE Steering Committee
Minutes
Butler Communications Building
NC State
Oct. 27, Friday, 1:00 - 2:30 pm EDT

Attending

• Gary Comstock	NC State	Philosophy
• Brenda Alston-Mills	NC State	Animal Science
• Lonnie Balaban	NC State	Program Coordinator
• Kristen Rosenfeld	NC State, Ph.D., candidate	Botany
• Dian Dooley	Hawaii	Nutrition
• Clark Wolf	Iowa State	Philosophy (phone)
• Chi Archibong	North Carolina A&T	Business
• Silvanus Udoka	North Carolina A & T	Industrial Engineering
• Alan Beck	Purdue	Veterinary Med
• Taggart Smith	Purdue	Organ. Ldrshp.
• Gita Ramaswamy	Purdue	Graduate School
• David Preston	Fayetteville State	Computer Science
• Dawn Gunderman	Wisconsin	Evaluation
• Rebecca Stepien	Wisconsin	Vet Medicine
• Sarah Patterson	Wisconsin	Horticulture
• Jim Coors	Wisconsin	Agronomy

Introductions of new attendees to the LANGURE Steering Committee included:

- Gita Ramaswamy, Associate Dean of the Grad. School at Purdue, who is developing a course/program in Research Ethics education at Purdue.
- Taggart Smith (Organizational Leadership) who is teaching a one credit course which includes research ethics topics in the first semester.
- Jim Coors & Sarah Patterson (Agronomy & Horticulture, UW) who are team teaching with Rob Strieffer a research ethics course using some of the LANGURE core material
- Dawn Gunderman (Evaluator, UW) who has completed evaluations of the mini-courses Gary Comstock taught at partner institutions and will post them on our webpage shortly
- Rebecca Stepien (Vet Medicine)
- Silvanus Udoka (Ind. Eng., NC A&T)

1.. New fellows and modules

Comstock announced 6 new LANGURE Modules/Teams at NCSU:

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1. Privacy with Annie Anton (Sr. Fellow) and Travis Breaux (Jr. Fellow) (Computer Science)

Breaux is the 2nd Walter H. Wilkinson Research Ethics Fellow.

2. Sociology with Michael Schulman (Sr. Fellow) and Stephanie Teixeira and Abby Cameron as Jr. Fellows

3. Psychology with Jeff Braden (Sr. Fellow), Jennifer Cowley (Jr.)

4. Design with Martha Scotford, (Sr.) and Traci Rider (Jr.)

5. Civil Engineering with Nagui Roupail (Sr.) and Bastian Schroeder (Jr.)

6. Construction Engineering with David Johnston (Sr.) and Phil Lewis (Jr.)

2. OpenSeminar.org

Comstock announced a new collaboration with Professor Michael Rappa's OpenSeminar.org and showed a mock-up of how LANGURE material will appear on that web site. Junior Fellow, Eric Adles (Computer Science) is building the LANGURE site.

OpenSeminar's construction allows for 3 formats: HTML text alone, HTML text with multiple choice questions, and PDF text alone.

Instructors around the world can construct the course to their own needs. They may add materials for others to use. Please take a look: <http://openseminar.org/ethics/>

3. Reports from committee members

LANGURE material is now being used by David Preston at Fayetteville State University, Mildred Pointer at NC Central, Chi Archibong (teaching the material in a 1 credit course) at NCA& T. Chi is working with the NC A&T Graduate School to build support for a 1 credit research ethics requirement of all doctoral students. Coors, Patterson, and Strieffer are team teaching the course this semester at UW. Please take a look: <http://philosophy.wisc.edu/streiffer/MHB999F06.html>

Please inform Lonnie Balaban if you use (or learn of anyone using) LANGURE materials. We want to keep a close watch on how widely our materials are disseminated, a practice NSF promotes and rewards.

Taggart Smith asked if modules can be published in refereed journals as articles. All agreed that they could be so published PROVIDED that the journals allow the authors to acknowledge NSF support and reference the appearance of their work on the LANGURE website.

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4. National conference, April 12-14, 2007

Reminder: Please register by Nov. 30.

Comstock showed the registration site. He encouraged LANGURE participants to register early so that we can pay the lowest possible airfares (and thereby support more travelers). We also need a head count to meet our Sheraton Hotel contract and obtain the lowest possible room rates.

Call in your SS# to Ann Rives or Lonnie Balaban if you don't want to email it to Lonnie for security reasons. We need the number in order to process your stipend in the state accounting system.

When you register on line, enter your home address. This will also expedite processing the stipend.

Comstock asked for Keynote Speaker suggestions for the conference. Names that came up included:

Donald Kennedy, editor of *Science*

Tom Regan, philosopher, Animal Rights

Phil Kitcher, philosopher, Columbia Univ. (philosophy & science)

Daniel Kevles, U. Washington

David Goodstein, Physics, CAL Tech

Bill Clinton

Gary reviewed the conference schedule.

Gary noted that some LANGURE faculty have already secured positions on the agendas of their professional meetings. Our dissemination goals originally budgeted for team members to travel to their respective professional meetings. Increases in travel costs this year may mean we will not be able to support everyone. Decisions will be made, in part, on a first-come, first-served basis, so get on your programs soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lonnie Balaban

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