Interdisciplinary Research (IDR) Symposium: How disciplinary researchers become interdisciplinary teams
April 18th - 19th, 2013
UTEP Union East, Andesite Room #102B & Cactus Room #102C

April 19th
8:30 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast (served in Cactus Rm.) &
Welcome by Dr. Roberto Osegueda, VP Research (Andesite Rm.)
9:00 - 10:00 Lessons Learned on IDR Research & Team Building (Andesite Rm.)
10:00 - 10:15 Break (Informal Networking)
10:15 - 11:15 Collaborative Activity & Debrief with Observers (Susan Franzen) (Andesite Rm.)
11:15 - 11:30 Table Discussion (Susan Franzen) (Andesite Rm.)
11:30 - 11:50 IDR Solution (Susan Franzen) (Andesite Rm.)
11:50 - 12:00 Break (Informal Networking)
12:00 - 1:00 Working Lunch (Susan Franzen & Dr. Deana Pennington) (served in Cactus Rm.)
1:00 - 2:30 Communicating Across Disciplines for IDR (Andesite Rm.)
2:30 - 3:45 Interactive Session – IDR Research: What Does the Future Hold? (Dr. Chris Meissner and Andrea Tirres) (Andesite Rm.)

Elements of Collaboration in Interdisciplinary Teams
Susan Franzen
Director of Shared Services Innovations, UT Austin
Workshop Abstract: Cohesive relationships require time, chemistry, and open communications. Creating a cohesive team compounds the relationship challenge with a broad range of dynamics. Learn the science behind successful teams as you explore the dynamics of high performing teams and identify behaviors that derail teams. Develop a collaboration charter that supports ideal team dynamics and provides a plan for minimizing the risk of derailment.

Communicating across Disciplines for Interdisciplinary Research
Dr. Deana Pennington
Research Assistant Professor, Cyber-ShARE Center of Excellence, UTEP
Workshop Abstract: A key challenge in interdisciplinary research is the difficulty of synthesizing integrated conceptual frameworks that successfully link concepts, methods, and/or data across disciplines, allowing participants to align their research to achieve integrated outcomes. This workshop will provide guidance and develop skills for overcoming one of the difficulties in synthesis – representing your research interests in ways that are understandable to someone without your background. Participants will engage in a hands-on activity designed to expose common issues that occur when conversing across disciplines and to highlight mechanisms that can facilitate overcoming those issues.

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