



**Retirement and Disability  
Research Center**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT)  
Summer Research Workshop  
June 10-14, 2024  
Room 209, Pyle Center, UW-Madison  
(all times Central)**

Monday, June 10, 2024

**Introductions to each other, our work, and the landscape**

- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome & Introductions - Hallie Lienhardt  
9:15 - 9:30 Workshop Week Overview - Michael Collins  
9:30 - 10:30 Welcome and Overview of the SSA RDRC with Q&A – Kilolo Kijakazi, Principal Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of Social Security  
10:30 - 10:45 Break - Group Photo with Dr. Kijakazi and JSIT Scholars  
10:45 - 11:15 Overview of UW-RDRC - Michael Collins  
11:15 - 11:45 Overview of Social Insurance - Michael Collins  
11:45 - 12:00 Getting the Most Out of JSIT - Carly Urban  
12:00 - 1:00 Working Lunch + Meetings with Faculty and Mentors  
1:00 - 2:30 Small Group Activity & Report Out - Michael Collins  
2:30 - 2:45 Break  
2:45 - 3:45 RDRC Research Presentation: Jevay Grooms  
3:45 - 4:00 Daily Wrap-Up + Introduce Tonight's Homework  
4:00 - 6:00 Happy Hour on the Memorial Union Terrace + [Dinner on Your Own](#)

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

**Developing your research question**

- 9:00 - 9:15 Developing a Research Question - Sarah Halpern-Meekin  
9:15 - 9:45 Independent Work Time  
9:45 - 10:00 Break  
10:00 - 11:30 Round Robins - Feedback on research idea/policy relevance - rotate every 20 min  
11:30-Noon Evaluating a Research Idea – Jevay Grooms & David Pate  
12:00 - 1:30 Working Lunch + Meetings with Faculty and Mentors  
1:30 - 2:30 RDRC Research Presentation – Keisha Solomon  
2:30 - 2:45 Break  
2:45 - 3:55 Behind the Curtain: Operationalizing an Idea with Data - Sarah Halpern-Meekin  
3:55 - 4:00 Daily Wrap Up  
Free Night + [Dinner on Your Own](#)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

**Managing projects and mentor relationships**

- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome – Michael Collins
- 9:15 - 10:00 Behind the Curtain: Mastering the Mentor Relationship - Fenaba Addo
- 10:00 - 10:45 RDRC Research Presentation – Mike Levere
- 10:45 - 11:00 Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 Getting the Most out of JSIT: Q&A with Alums - Callie Freitag, Shogher Ohannessian, Meredith Slopen, and Lauren Toppenberg [Hallie]
  
- 12:00 - 2:00 Working Lunch + Meetings with Faculty and Mentors
- 2:00 -3:00 RDRC Research Presentation – Madelaine L’Esperance
- 3:00 - 3:15 Break
- 3:15 - 4:15 Behind the Curtain: Project Management - Corina Mommaerts and Marah Curtis
- 4:15 - 4:30 Daily Wrap Up + Introduce Homework→ Presentation Template/Expectations
- 5:00 - 7:30 UW-RDRC and IRP Affiliate Networking Reception with Dinner (AT&T Lounge in Pyle)

Thursday, June 13, 2024

**Dissemination, Publication, and Affecting Policy**

- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome
- 9:15 - 9:45 Community Engagement & Dissemination - Michael Collins
- 9:45-10:00 Break
- 10:00 - 11:00 Research Presentation - Corina Mommaerts
- 11:00 - 12:00 Presentation working time (30 min) and feedback (30 min): - Katie Jajtner
- 12:00 - 2:00 Working Lunch - Independent Work Time + Meetings with Faculty and Mentors
- 2:00 -2:45 Research Presentation - David Pate
- 2:45-3:00 Break
- 3:00 - 3:30 Practice Presentations: Pair Up (1 round - 10 min each, plus discussion)
- 3:30 - 4:00 IRP Training & Mentoring Opportunities - Becca Schwei
- 4:00 Wrap Up
- Free Night + [Dinner on Your Own](#)

Friday, June 14, 2024

**Quick Pitch Presentations, Reflections, and Next Steps**

- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Presentation Logistics (Scholar schedule detailed below)
- 9:10 - 10:10 Scholar Presentations (4 scholars)
- 9:58 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 10:51 Scholar Presentations (4 scholars)
- 11:03 - 11:15 Break
- 11:16 - 12:16 Scholar Presentations (5 scholars)
- 12:16 - 12:45 Box Lunch- ongoing discussions
- 12:45 - 1:15 JSIT Individual Reflections
- 1:15 - 1:30 Proposal Writing - Michael Collins
- 1:30 - 1:45 JSIT Research Award Competition + Next Steps – Hallie Lienhardt
- 1:45 Final Thoughts and Farewell - Michael Collins