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## A Third IRB Vice Chair Appointed



Earlier this year Renee Smith was named Vice Chair of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Institutional Review Board (IRB). Smith retired at the end of last year from her position as Coordinator of Digital Media Services in the Office of Information Technology which she held since 2001. She was also an adjunct lecturer in the School of Journalism & Electronic Media.

In addition to continuing as an active board member, Smith conducts expedited (in-office) reviews, serves as acting chair when appropriate, and joins IRB Chair Colleen Gilrane, Vice Chair Tami Wyatt, Vice Chair

Gina Owens, and HRPP Director Kristine Hershberger on the IRB leadership team. She has served on the UT IRB since 2015.

## Office Updates

Once again our office has experienced changes. IRB Assistant Compliance Officer Sara Mulville bid us farewell late last year to join the UT Institute of Agriculture's Smith International Center as a Program Administrator for Latin American and the Caribbean. Though saddened by her departure, we thank Sara for her hard work and the tireless assistance she gave to our researchers since 2015 and wish her the best.

Tammy Loy was promoted to IRB Assistant Compliance Officer this past January. Loy has worked in our office assisting investigators with their human subjects research since 2015.



After yet another position vacancy, we evaluated office operations in light of our program goals. The result being we now have three (3) IRB Assistant Compliance Officers conducting in-office reviews.

The newest member of our team, IRB Assistant Compliance Officer Jennifer (Jenny) Dunn, joined our office Last February. Dunn previously conducted social behavioral research and holds a doctorate in Environmental and Energy Policy.

## Where Can I Get Help?

For **general questions** (office procedures, iMedRIS, etc. contact our office at 865-974-7697 or [utkirb@utk.edu](mailto:utkirb@utk.edu). For a **study** currently in review, contact your *liaison*.

Each college and most non-college departments that conduct human subjects research are assigned an HRPO staff member to serve as that unit's point of contact.

**Your liaison** can assist you with questions about studies that are being reviewed and other research-specific topics like study procedures, recruitment, informed consent, confidentiality, other regulations impacting research (e.g., HIPAA, FERPA), etc.

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**College of Architecture & Design**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

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**College of Law**

**College of Veterinary Medicine**

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**Herbert College of Agriculture/UTIA**

**College of Communications and Information**

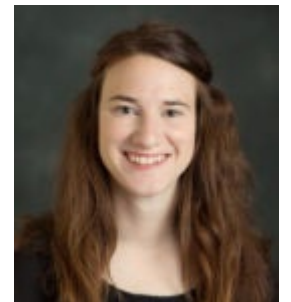
**Tickle College of Engineering**

**College of Nursing**

**College of Social Work**

**Non-College Departments (Libraries, Student Life, Athletics, etc.)**

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## Performance Metrics

### July 2019 Review Turnaround Times in Calendar Days

Submission Type	Average	Median
New Exempt Studies	4	3
New Expedited Studies	6	4
New Full Board Studies	23	23
Amendments	6	3



## July 2019 Submissions

<b>Submission Type</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>PI Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>
Applications	47	84	131
Amendments	44	21	65
Continuing Review	45	32	77
Other	32	7	39
<b>Total</b>	168	144	312