



A NEW YEAR BEGINS

In this issue we introduce our new Associate Director, Dr. Scott Slovic, and welcome new Institutional Affiliates CITRIS and RRBM Network. We invite you to join us at two upcoming events: our "Enhancing diverse collaborations in the research ecosystem" session at the 2021 AAAS Annual Meeting, and our March webinar. We share an inspiring institutional change project, key takeaway messages, and a description of short-term task groups that may interest you.

As always, you can find additional information and resources at www.hibar-research.org.

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Appointment of Dr. Scott Slovic as Associate Director

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Scott Slovic as the Associate Director of the HIBAR Research Alliance. Dr. Slovic is a University Distinguished Professor of Environmental Humanities and a Faculty Fellow in the Office of Research and Economic Development at the University of Idaho. He will serve in this position for a three-year term.

He has been actively involved in the development of the HRA since its launch in 2018, including as a member of the Management Group, Chair of both the Collaborative Action Group on facilitating HIBAR research across disciplines and the Nomination and Governance committee, and serving as the University of Idaho's representative on the Governing Council. The Alliance has benefited tremendously from his leadership skill and experience. His contributions were previously recognized by the Council in June 2020 with the designation as an HRA Fellow.

As Associate Director, Dr. Slovic will share leadership responsibilities with the Director on a range of core activities, including strategic visioning, development and management of Collaborative Action Groups and task groups, and developing and maintaining relationships with new Institutional Members and Affiliates and other stakeholder organizations.

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Welcoming our new Institutional Affiliates

We warmly welcome two organizations as new HRA Institutional Affiliates:



The Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) and the Banatao Institute is a University of California research center focused on creating IT solutions that generate social and economic benefits for everyone. CITRIS leverages the research strengths of University of California campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Merced, and Santa Cruz and operates within the greater ecosystem of the University and the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of Silicon Valley. CITRIS strengthens bridges between world-class laboratory research, state and national policymakers, and companies and startups, representing a bold and exciting vision that engages one of the world's top university systems to generate social and economic benefits.

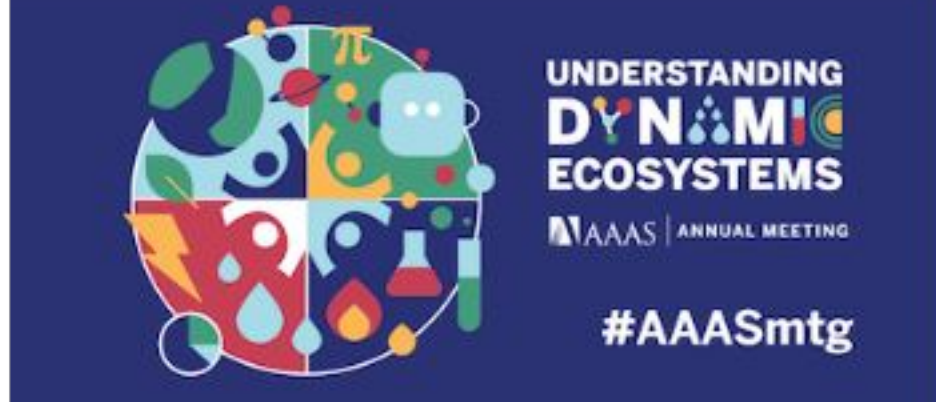
The Responsible Research in Business and Management Network is a global grassroots movement led by 24 senior scholars aiming to change the ecosystem of business research to be more useful to society. RRBM's mission is to solve two main problems: questionable research practices that threaten the credibility of scientific findings and the disconnect between researchers' priorities and the needs of the communities of practice. RRBM's work focuses on concrete actions and projects initiated to catalyze key stakeholders - including journal editors, academic association leaders, deans and vice deans, senior scholars, and accreditation agency leaders - to take small but meaningful actions to cause broader ecosystem change.

How to become an Institutional Member or Affiliate:

All interested organizations are sincerely invited to participate in the HRA, as an Institutional Member or an Institutional Affiliate. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in finding out more information about how your organization can join the HRA.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE ALLIANCE OPERATES](#)

Attend our session at the AAAS Annual Meeting



Enhancing diverse collaborations in the research ecosystem

Join us on February 9 from 11:00-11:45 am ET for our 2021 AAAS Annual Meeting session, featuring a live panel discussion about how universities today can and should engage more deeply with the overall research and innovation ecosystem, enabling greater contributions toward solving society's critical problems while also boosting academic excellence.

Panel speakers:

- Michael Crow, President, Arizona State University
- Ann Austin, Associate Dean for Research, Michigan State University
- Alejandro Adem, President, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Canada

Moderator: Camille Crittenden, Executive Director, CITRIS

Respondents:

- William Dabars, Senior Research Fellow for University Design, Arizona State University
- Lorne Whitehead, HIBAR Research Alliance Director

Advance registration is required. Attendees can take part in the full Annual Meeting program for a registration fee of \$50 for AAAS members. (Packages available starting at \$75 for non-members).

[REGISTER FOR THE 2021 AAAS ANNUAL MEETING](#)

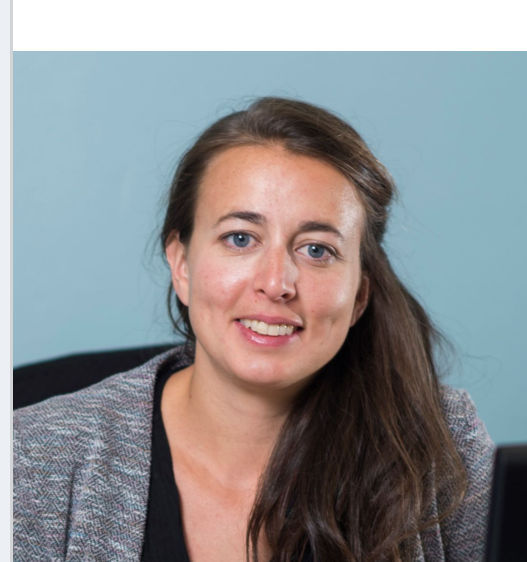
Sharing an inspiring institutional change project



In our February 1 webinar, Prof. Jerry Davis and Prof. Anne Tsui shared their experience in building the [Responsible Research in Business and Management network](#), a global grassroots movement led by 24 senior scholars aiming to change the ecosystem of business research to be more useful to society. They described concrete actions and projects initiated along the way to catalyze key stakeholders to take small but meaningful actions as part of a broader ecosystem change.

[WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

Join our next webinar on March 3



Exploring associations between the microbiome and autism

Dr. Maude David

Department of Microbiology
Oregon State University

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
11am-noon PT (2-3 pm ET)

During this HIBAR Research Alliance webinar, Dr. Maude David from Oregon State University will share her recent experience in collaboratively leading a HIBAR project intended to understand the possible connection between the microbiome – the community of organisms that live in a person's gut - and the central nervous system. She will describe her research as well some challenges she has faced while working on this and other HIBAR projects, including those associated with a crowdsourcing study, and communicating with others about topics that are of significant public interest and may lead to the unintended spread of misinformation. She will also discuss accessing sensitive data from societal partners and the need to provide adequate infrastructure for both the researcher and the study participants.

[READ MORE \(REGISTRATION IS OPEN\)](#)

Watch our short "key takeaways" videos

As part of our ongoing webinar series, researchers have shared knowledge they have developed working on a wide range of HIBAR projects, addressing societal problems such as how to identify warning signs related to heart failure, forensically detecting illegally logged timber, and restoring and preserving historical audio recordings. An HRA student task group has developed short (2-3 min) videos to highlight the key lessons shared by the webinar presenters.

[WATCH OUR "KEY TAKEAWAYS" VIDEOS](#)

Consider participating in an HRA task group

Most activities of the HRA are conducted by our [Collaborative Action Groups](#): teams of 10-20 people working to identify and encourage the cultural and structural changes necessary to enable a substantial increase in the quantity and quality of HIBAR research projects.

The current five Collaborative Action Groups have initiated a number of small, short-term task groups, with each group focusing on a specific task with a clear deliverable. This task group structure makes it possible for individual contributors to work on specific projects that are of particular interest to them. This enables them to participate in ongoing HRA activities on a flexible basis as their schedule allows, and asynchronous work makes it practical for people in different time zones to collaborate on HRA activities.

Sixteen task groups are currently underway, and an additional nine have been identified and will be launched shortly. New participants are welcomed and encouraged to join ongoing and soon-to-be-launched task groups. Please contact us for more information about how to participate.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT HRA TASK GROUPS](#)