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Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Organizational Change. Wayne State University, 2007.

Bachelor of Science (BS), Financial Accounting. Wayne State University, 1997.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Computer Information Systems. Henry Ford College, 1991.

Technical Skills

- Accounting & Auditing
- Higher Education Financial & Operations Management
- Research Compliance Policy Development and Administration
- Technology Transfer Policy Development and Operations
- Instructional design and online community facilitation, adult learning, Blackboard, Camtasia, Canvas, Moodle, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, project management, website design and infographic design.
- Microsoft Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Project, Smartsheet and other business applications.
- Social media, Facebook, Google+, Instagram.

Experience Summary

- **Executive Director, Sponsored Research & Economic Development.** Lawrence Technological University, 2021-Present.
- **Associate Director, Research Services.** Wayne State University, 2014-2021.
- **Academic Program Manager, Multi-State Manufacturing Consortium.** Henry Ford College, 2013-2014.
- **Director, Grants, Contracts & Sponsored Research.** Oakland University, 2008-2012.
- **Manager, Sponsored Programs Administration.** Wayne State University, 2001-2008.
- **Auditor, Defense Contract Audit Agency.** U.S. Department of Defense, 2000-2001.
- **Accountant, Sponsored Programs Administration.** Wayne State University, 1996-2001.
- **Tax Associate, International and Expatriate Services.** Deloitte and Touche, 1990-1996.

Select leadership appointments

- Principal Investigator, "Building Research Infrastructure, Networks, and Knowledge" 2023-2026. National Science Foundation Award #2324590.
- Co-Principal Investigator, "EPIIC: Linking Vital Ecosystems in Research and Economic Development" 2025-2028. National Science Foundation Award #2520127 (PI: P. Guillen).
- Board Secretary, Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe. 2025-Present.
- Traveling Faculty, Financial Research Administration, National Council of University Research Administrators. 2025-Present.
- Peer Reviewer, National Council of University Research Administrators, 2025-Present.
- Project Director, WSU Gender Equity Advances Retention in STEM (GEARS) NSF Advance grant, 2020-2021.
- Adjunct Instructor, Financial Accounting. Henry Ford College, 2015-2021.
- Chair, Compliance Collaborate. National Council of University Research Administrators, 2017-2021.
- Institutional Representative, MI-American Council on Education, Wayne State University Chapter, Wayne Women Lead, 2019-2021.
- Chair, Gender Equity. President's Commission on the Status of Women. Wayne State University, 2015-2017.
- Financial Management Committee, National Council of University Research Administrators, 2010-2012.

Select Publications and Presentations

- Wrench, K., Justice, S. Inspire Action: Strategic Leadership Conversations for Research Administrators and Research Development Professionals (2024). 66th Annual Meeting. National Council of University Research Administrators, Washington, D.C.
- Wrench, K., Justice, S., Inspire Action: Mentoring and Strategic Leadership Conversations - Leveraging Cross-Institutional Collaborations (2024). Region IV, Spring Meeting. National Council of University Research Administrators, Washington, D.C.
- Schoenecker, M., Williams, M., K. Wrench (2020) Research Development for Research Administrators: Understanding, Mapping and Leveraging Assets. Webinar. National Council of University Research Administrators, Washington, D.C.
- Barry, R., Wrench, K., Offhaus, H. (2021) Is Remote Working...Working? Webinar. National Council of University Research Administrators, Washington, D.C.
- Schoenecker, M., Wrench, K. and Williams, M. (2020) Research Development for Research Administrators: Understanding, Mapping and Leveraging Assets. *Sponsored Research Administration: A Guide to Effective Strategies and Recommended Practices*. 2520.23(58), 147-155. National Council of University Research Administrators, Washington, D.C.
- Wrench, K. (2017) Managing Subawards is as Easy as 1-2-3 (said no one ever). Michigan Regional Meeting. Society for Research Administrators.
- Wrench, K. (2012) Building Realistic Compliance Programs at PUI's. Annual Meeting. National Council of University Research Administrators.
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (2012). Annual Meeting. National Council of University Research Administrators.