Research Administration Training Seminar
Wesley McQuerry
Study Coordinator, Northstar Medical Center

• Study Coordinator for HIV/AIDS FDA drug trial
  – Created 15-20 subjects to enroll in trial, provided own blood, stool and EKG results
  – Forged subjects’ signatures and doctors’ signatures on medical evaluations
  – Deposited over $2300 of subjects’ gift checks
  – --Lied on his resume, failing to disclose his conviction for embezzling more that $364,000 from DePaul University

• Fired, criminal convictions, debarment, $200,000 in restitution, three year prison sentence.

• Judge stated that McQuerry was left largely unsupervised and was under pressure to complete the study.
Research Administration Training: Why?

- To better understand our role at the University
- To protect the research:
  - Data
  - Participants
  - Funding
  - Integrity of the research
  - The public’s trust
- Recipient of federal funds
  - Northwestern received $676.5 million in sponsored research funding in FY 2017
  - Northwestern ranked 16 in NIH and 45 in NSF research funding to universities in FY 2016
- Mandatory regulations and policies

  Ensuring compliance remains a priority for the federal government and Northwestern University
Research Administration Training helps Northwestern:

• Decrease compliance risks

• Administer grants more consistently & efficiently

• Provide support for research administrators, faculty & staff

• Meet federal government expectations regarding training and communication
Fiduciary Duty

- **Fiscal Fiduciary Duty:**
  - Northwestern University, faculty and staff have a duty to ensure research funding is spent as intended
  - Funding agencies have to rely on institutional and personal integrity
  - Rules and regulations provide us with parameters
  - Regulations will always be a part of research
Training Objectives

During this seminar we will:

• Explain the research administration process

• Discuss the roles & responsibilities of research faculty and staff

• Describe the roles of the central research offices

• Review the regulatory fundamentals that form the foundation of research administration
Questions?