

# "WASTEFUL" RESEARCH? LOOKING BEYOND THE ABSTRACT

## A Congressional Exhibition and Reception

Why would a scientist put a shrimp on a treadmill? Can text messages really serve as a health intervention? You may have heard or read about some of these projects, but for the full story, come and speak to the scientists themselves.

The Coalition to Promote Research (CPR) and the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) are cosponsoring a reception and poster session for policymakers to provide a closer look at research grants that have been highlighted in recent congressional and media reports. In addition, see posters explaining how the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) choose which projects to fund, learn about the role of peer/merit review, and leave with a better appreciation for research that has beaten long odds to be funded by these competitive, world-class U.S. science agencies.

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April 13, 2016  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Kennedy Caucus Room  
Room 325  
Russell Senate Office Building

The Coalition to Promote Research and the Coalition for National Science Funding are sponsoring a unique and important event on Capitol Hill on April 13: "Wasteful" Research? Looking Beyond the Abstract. At this event, scientists will explain their findings directly to attendees, so that Members of Congress, staff and other policymakers can learn the purpose and process of these research projects, unfiltered.

The exhibition and reception will take place in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building. We have invited a number of outstanding scientists whose research was targeted either in media or in recent "waste" reports. Acceptances have started to come in. Currently, presenters include: biologist **David Scholnick** ("shrimp on a treadmill"), **primatologist** Kimberley Phillips ("take the monkey and run"), and **anthropologist** Megan Tracy ("food regulation system in China"). NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) Director **Richard Nakamura** has also agreed to present a poster on the NIH's peer review process.

*Through this event, we will demonstrate the importance of "looking beyond the abstract" and highlight the value of this federally-funded research, through the lens of the scientists themselves.*

We hope your organization will generously support this event. Sponsorship levels are listed below. Your support will allow us to pay travel costs for the participants, provide the "infrastructure" to support the event, as well as host a nice reception. With your help, we believe this event can demonstrate that it is important to look beyond the title and abstract in ascertaining the potential contributions of federal-funded research. We also hope to show that the scientific community stands united in support of the NIH/NSF peer/merit review processes for identifying the best science.

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*We would also like to list the various coalitions among the sponsors for the event at no charge.*

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