

Agenda
Merrill Research Retreat
Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, NE
July 22-24, 2015
“Research Innovation as a Pathway to the Future”

Wednesday, July 22

- 6:00 pm Opening Reception in the **Steinhart Room**, downstairs from the lobby
- 7:00 Dinner, Steinhart Room
Welcome by **Mabel Rice**, Director of the Merrill Advanced Studies Center at KU
Introduction of Participants

Thursday, July 23

- 6:30-8:00 am Breakfast in the Timber Dining Room
- 8:00-8:30 Brief group photo shoot on lobby stairs
- 8:30-8:35 Meeting in the **Rosenow Room**
Mabel Rice, Director, Merrill Advanced Studies Center - Welcome
- 8:35-8:45 Introduction of the keynote speaker
- 8:45-9:45 Keynote Address by **Ruth Watkins, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs** of the University of Utah: *“Fulfilling our Promise: Integrating Scholarship and Education in the Research University”*
- 9:45-10:15 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Mabel Rice**
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:10 Researcher Panel:
Alexandra Thomas, University of Iowa: *“Reinforcing the Translational Bridge: Realizing the True Promise of Research Innovations”*
Hinrich Staecker, University of Kansas Medical Center: *“Developing Novel Treatments for Hearing Loss”*
- 11:10-11:40 Open Discussion –Moderator, **Mabel Rice**
- 11:40-1:00 Lunch, Timber Dining Room
- 1:00-1:40 Research Administrator Panel:
Richard Barohn, University of Kansas Medical Center: *“Challenges of the coordinating site for carrying out investigator initiated multi-center clinical trials”*
Wolfgang Kliemann, Iowa State University: *“Paradigm shifts in research”*
- 1:40-2:00 Open Discussion –Moderator, **John Colombo**
- 2:00-2:40 Researcher Panel:
Shane Farritor, University of Nebraska: *“Enhancing Creativity in Research”*

Mary Rezac, Kansas State University: *“Creating and Sustaining Interdisciplinary Research Groups”*

2:40-3:00 Open Discussion – Moderator, **John Colombo**

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-4:10 Research Administrator Panel:

Don Steeples, University of Kansas: *“Cuts and Guts: Public University Budget Hemorrhages”*

Daniel Reed, University of Iowa: *“The Future of Innovation”*

4:10-4:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Deb Teeter**

5:30-6:45 Drinks – Library Lounge

7:00 Dinner – Timber Dining Room

Friday, July 24

6:30-9:00 am Breakfast

9:10-9:20 Opening Remarks—**Mabel Rice**

9:20-10:00 Researcher and Administrator Panel:

Neal Kingston, University of Kansas: *“Shifting the Paradigm of Large-Scale Achievement Assessment”*

Christopher Morphey, University of Iowa: *“The intersection of autonomy, accountability and research innovation: identifying new ways to do new things (without creating new problems)”*

10:00-10:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Julie Nagel**

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:25 Research Administrator Panel:

James Tracy, University of Kansas: *“A View from Pasteur’s Quadrant: “Fundamental” v. Use-Inspired Research as Drivers of Innovation”*

Steve Goddard, University of Nebraska: *“Social & Behavioral Sciences Research: Is now the time to invest?”*

11:25-11:45 Final Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**

11:45-1:00 Lunch and Departure