



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 23, 2004

Colleagues:

Who owns the research data generated in your lab? Why did a history student almost fail to graduate because of the IRB – and what is the IRB anyway?

Questions on the ethical use of human and animal subjects, and on retention and ownership of data are topics we'd might consider distractions in the rush of academic life, but a little awareness and early education can both make for better research and avoid serious problems.

A faculty committee assisted by Julie Simpson in OSR recently completed a two-year project focused on the Responsible Conduct of Research. One product of their collective efforts is a set of Web-based modules to provide users with important information on a number of topics <http://www.unh.edu/rcr/>. These modules have high pedagogic value for graduate students and undergrads involved in research projects. Julie and the committee members did great work, and apparently enjoyed the process as well. They are ready and willing to speak in classes about these issues, and Julie is glad to field questions and receive feedback on the modules. Her email address is Julie.simpson@unh.edu. Next fall, a subset of committee members will host the 2004-2005 Sidore lecture series on a related topic: Research and the Public Interest.

Faculty Members on the RCR Committee

<http://www.unh.edu/osr/compliance/RCROutline.html#committee>

Websites for further information:

http://www.unh.edu/osr/compliance/Regulatory_Compliance.html

<http://www.unh.edu/osr/compliance/RCROutline.html>

John D. Aber
Vice-President for Research and Public Service
107 Thompson Hall
University of New Hampshire
Durham, NH 03824
603-862-3045