

2013 Final Report

Faculty Development Grant

“Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Strategies in Non-profit Organizations: Does Prior Experience Influence Readiness?”

## **B. Professional Enhancement Opportunity:**

I co-presented initial data analysis of research conducted by Dr. Jeff Aulgur, GA Steven Rowlen, and myself at the ARNOVA Conference in Hartford, CT in November 2013. The presentation was entitled: “Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Strategies in Non-profit Organizations: Does Prior Experience Influence Readiness?”

## **C. Brief Review:**

The ARNOVA Conference was quite remarkable in that I was able to connect with a number of scholars in the area of ethics, disaster research, and nonprofit organization research. Our team’s presentation went very well and resulted in numerous dialogues with various scholars throughout the country. It was gratifying to be able to share the work we had done and to visit with others about the methodological challenges we found in our research.

## **D. Summary of Experience:**

The ARNOVA Conference provided our research team a venue to not only present our research for dissemination but also so that our team would be able to dialogue with others committed to the field of nonprofit organizational research as well as others interested in disaster research. The Conference was 3.5 days and provided me with the opportunity to visit with a number of scholars in this field.

## **E. Conclusions and Recommendations:**

I highly encourage that the University continue funding the opportunity for faculty to participate in national venues for the purpose of sharing information with others and for dialoguing with other scholars in similar fields.