

**Personal Statement**  
**Noelle Strom**

Dear NCURA Region VII Members,

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the position of Chair-Elect for NCURA Region VII. With a deep commitment to advancing research administration and a wealth of experience within our community, I am excited about the opportunity to serve you in this role.

I have been a member of Region VII since becoming a research administrator and I have loved expanding my engagement with the region and its members. I served as Secretary for Region VII during the 2022-2023 term, and I currently serve the region in a chair-appointed role. I participated as a track lead on the Regional Meeting Program Committee for past three years and served as newsletter editor on the Communications Committee for the past five years. At the national level, I'm serving my second year on the NCURA Young Professionals Council and my first year on the Publications Subcommittee of the Professional Development Committee (PDC).

My academic background, which includes a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and a Doctor of Education (EdD) degree in Higher Education, coupled with my recent achievement of passing the Certified Research Administrator (CRA) exam in December 2023, reflects my commitment to continuous professional growth and excellence in our field.

I am particularly proud of my leadership in strategic initiatives, notably spearheading the establishment of a Staff Senate at my institution and serving as its inaugural president. This initiative not only enhances shared governance at my institution but also exemplifies my dedication to fostering inclusive and participatory decision-making processes within our academic and research communities.

My vision for NCURA Region VII is rooted in collaboration, education, and inclusivity. If elected, I will work tirelessly alongside our members and the Region VII Executive Committee to promote professional development opportunities, enhance communication channels, and ensure that our regional goals align with the broader mission of NCURA.

I am eager to bring my strategic mindset, leadership experience, and passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion to this role. Together, we can continue to elevate our profession and empower research administrators across our region.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as Chair-Elect of NCURA Region VII.

Warmly,

Noelle Strom

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### University of Denver (DU), Denver, Colorado

#### Director of External Funding

November 2022 – Present

#### *College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (CAHSS)*

- Coach over 100 CAHSS Principal Investigators (PIs) in 22 academic departments in funding opportunity prospecting, proposal development, grant writing, and grant budgeting
- Assist CAHSS PIs to increase the volume and quality of externally funded proposals
- Grow and enhance a culture of grantsmanship in the College
- Develop policies and procedures for the College that support operational efficiency and increased compliance

#### Grants & Contracts Administrator

October 2019 – November 2022

#### *Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (ORSP)*

- Assisted Principal Investigators in 5 academic departments with budget development, guideline interpretation, proposal review and submission for ~6.5 proposals/month
- Managed necessary expenditure approvals, financial reports, award compliance reviews, and award closeouts for an estimated \$20 million grant portfolio
- Monitored milestones, deliverables, and compliance standards for 60 sponsored projects

#### Assistant to the Chair

May 2018 – October 2019

#### *Department of Political Science*

- Provided general office management and administrative support
- Managed two \$100,000 academic department budgets

## EDUCATION

### University of Denver (DU), Denver, Colorado

#### Doctor of Education (EdD) in Higher Education, 2023

*Dissertation-in-Practice – June 2023: “A Qualitative Inquiry of Research Administrator Perceptions of Job Satisfaction in a Central Research Administration Unit at the University of Denver”*

#### Certificate of Advanced Study in Project Management, 2020

#### Master of Business Administration (MBA), 2016

*VP of Events, DU Women in Business*

#### Bachelor of Music (BM) in Horn Performance, Magna Cum Lauda, Phi Beta Kappa, 2015

*Minor in German*

*Recital with Distinction, 2015*

### University of Colorado (CU) Boulder, Boulder, Colorado

#### Master of Music (MM) in Horn Performance, 2018

*Theses – January 2018: “Horn Through the Ages” and April 2018: “Music for Colorado”*

### Freie Universität Berlin European Studies Program (FU-BEST), Berlin, Germany

#### Study Abroad, August 2014 – December 2014

*Full German immersion program for one semester*

## CERTIFICATIONS

## **Certified Research Administration (CRA)**

Issued December 2023; expires December 2026

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ACTIVITIES**

### **National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)**

*Professional Development Committee (PDC), Jan. 2024-Present*

*Young Professionals Council, Jan. 2023-Present*

*Region VII Nomination and Election Committee, May 2024-Present*

*Region VII Communications Committee, Feb. 2019-Present*

*Region VII Newsletter Editor, Feb. 2019-Present*

*Region VII Chair-appointed member, Jan. 2024-Present*

*Region VI/VII Regional Meeting Program Committee, 2022-2024*

*Region VII Secretary, Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023*

*Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Collaborate Community Working Group Member, Jan. 2022-Dec. 2022*

*LeadMe Mentee, Class of 2021*

**Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE), 2022 Policy Fellow**

**Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Colorado, Chapter Secretary, Nov. 2019-Present**

**DU Staff Senate, President, Jan. 2024-Present**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **European Association of Research Administrators and Managers (EARMA) Conference Prague 2023**

April 25 – “Case Study: Perceptions of Research Administrator Job Satisfaction”

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)**

NCURA Research Program, 2024; \$14,716

### **University of Denver (DU), Denver, Colorado**

Morgridge College of Education College of Education Student Association (COESA) Student Conference Grant, 2023; \$500

Morgridge College of Education Student Professional Development Fund, 2023; \$315

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (CAHSS) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Grant, 2022; \$1,000

Outstanding Staff Member (Crimson & Gold Awards), 2022

## **SKILLS/INTERESTS**

Con conversationally fluent in German

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS**

**REGION VII**

**NOMINATION FORM ELECTION 2024**

**Nominator:**

Name: Noelle Strom

Institution: University of Denver

Position: Director of External Funding, College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Phone: 303-871-2249 Email: noelle.strom@du.edu

**Candidate Information:**

Select One:  X Chair-Elect (2025)

Treasurer-Elect (2025)

Member-at-Large – 2 year term (2025-2026)

Regionally Elected Member of the National Board of Directors (2025-2026)

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**Nominator's Statement of Candidate's Qualifications:**

See personal statement!