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Dr. Karyl Swartz Named Director of CSR's Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Population Sciences

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has recruited Dr. Karyl Swartz to lead its Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Population Sciences.

“Dr. Swartz brings to CSR an incredible breadth of experience managing scientists and scientific programs in academia and beyond,” said CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa. “And she brings a dynamic ability to develop positive relations with a large and diverse constituency and workforce.”



As Director of CSR's Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Population Sciences, Dr. Swartz will coordinate the efforts of its five integrated review groups, which review NIH grant applications for scientific merit: (1) AIDS and Related Research, (2) Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes, (3) Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies, (4) Population Sciences and Epidemiology, and (5) Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior.

Dr. Swartz comes to CSR from the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, where she has been the Associate Program Director and a researcher. She also was a research associate at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park as well as an affiliate professor of anthropology at Iowa State University. Her research has focused on cognition in non-human primates; specifically, learning, memory, and perception by macaque monkeys and orangutans, and cognitive factors in mirror self-recognition by great apes.

Before her move to Iowa, Dr. Swartz served as a professor and chair of the psychology department at Lehman College within the City University of New York.

Dr. Swartz earned her Ph.D. in psychology from Brown University. She did post-doctoral research at the Regional Primate Research Center at the University of Washington and then conducted research with gorillas and chimpanzees at the Centre International de Recherches Médicales de Franceville, Gabon, Africa.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

NIH — the Nation's Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit <http://www.nih.gov>.