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Dr. Alicia J. Knoedler is the Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment at the University of Oklahoma. Within the Center, she works with faculty, students, and other investigators to significantly enhance the research enterprise, focusing on changing the research culture as well as assisting investigators in their efforts to develop more competitive research programs and proposals for external funding. She is the Co-PI of Oklahoma's NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Track 1 award, which focuses on the socio-ecological approaches to studying climate variability in Oklahoma. Dr. Knoedler is a member of the NSF Business and Operations Advisory Committee as a liaison from the NSF Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE), drawing a connection between the Foundation's commitment to broadening participation and the commitment to broadening participation from external audiences across the nation.

Prior to joining OU in 2010, Dr. Knoedler was the Associate Director for Strategic Initiatives and Research Program Development and Affiliate Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State University. In this role, she specialized in assisting Penn State investigators across the university in the development of large, collaborative, and multidisciplinary grant proposals. She worked to identify high profile funding opportunities and match them with Penn State research strengths.

Dr. Knoedler holds a B.A. in psychology from Trinity University (San Antonio), and an M.S. and Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Purdue University. Her research expertise focused on various memory processes and optimal conditions for remembering. She taught quantitative research methodology, statistics, and grant writing for many years at Purdue University, San Jose State University, University of California Santa Cruz, Indiana University, University of Notre Dame, and Penn State University. Currently, Dr. Knoedler has an appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at OU. She has over 14 years of experience in developing grant proposals for a variety of funding sources, including federal sources, private foundations, and corporations and is a Certified Research Administrator (CRA).

Dr. Knoedler is a founding member, member of the Board of Directors, and has been president (2013-2014) and immediate past-president (2014-2015) of the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP). Formally recognized as an organization in 2010, NORDP focuses on more clearly defining research development as a set of strategic, proactive, catalytic, and capacity-building activities designed to facilitate individual faculty members, teams of researchers, and central research administrations in attracting extramural research funding, creating relationships, and developing and implementing strategies that increase institutional competitiveness.