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## **REACH Announces Inaugural Community Advisory Board Members**

The Research Evaluation and Analytics Capacity Hub (REACH), a research coordination network funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, is proud to announce the selection of its inaugural Community Advisory Board (CAB). This diverse and accomplished group of professionals will provide strategic guidance and community insight to help shape REACH's mission to advance research evaluation, analytics, and artificial intelligence across institutions and disciplines.

The CAB members represent a wide range of expertise in research administration, evaluation, bibliometrics, and data analytics, and come from institutions across the United States and internationally. Their collective experience will be instrumental in ensuring REACH remains responsive to the needs of the research community and are aligned with best practices in data-informed decision-making. The large number of applications and nominations made the selection decisions difficult.

The CAB will be co-chaired by:

- Alex Wagner – Emory University
- Laura Beaupre – Northeastern University (Canada)
- Robert Pilgrim – University of Arkansas
- Michelle Duryea – Edith Cowan University (Australia)

Community Advisory Board Members:

- Virginia Moench – Appalachian State University
- Nathan Wiggins – Southern Utah University
- Kimberly Schramm – Universities Research Association
- Jan Andersen – University of Southern Denmark
- Christina Stanger – MedStar Research Institute
- Carolina Avendaño – University of Notre Dame
- Marcela Gomez – University of Pittsburgh
- Andy Herzog – University of Minnesota
- James Geiger – University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Richard Szpara – Arizona State University
- Connie Stovall – Virginia Tech University

“We are thrilled to welcome this exceptional group of advisors,” said Dr. Baron Wolf, Director of REACH. “Their insights will be invaluable as we work to build capacity for rigorous, responsible, and impactful research evaluation and analytics.”

The Community Advisory Board will convene regularly to provide feedback on REACH’s strategic initiatives, foster collaboration across sectors, and ensure the Hub’s resources and tools meet the evolving needs of the research ecosystem.

For more information about REACH and its initiatives, visit [www.researchanalyticshub.org](http://www.researchanalyticshub.org).

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