



**Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski NORDP Service Award
2017 Recipient**



Susan Carter, J.D.
NORDP Board of Directors, 2010-13
NORDP Secretary, 2010-12
Director of Research Development Services
University of California, Merced

Susan Carter is a founding member of NORDP (2009), member of the national steering committee (2009-2010), and member and founding executive officer (Secretary) of the Board of Directors. She was instrumental in securing NORDP's initial 501(c)3 status. The consummate research development professional, Susan considers the NORDP community one of her most cherished professional accomplishments. Were it not for Susan's initiative, leadership, collegiality and thoughtfulness around support for faculty and our organization, NORDP wouldn't know the success it does today.

In her current position, held since 2008 in UC Merced's Office of Research and Economic Development, she supervises a 5-person staff providing strategic support to expand faculty capacity to pursue major multi- and interdisciplinary team-based research initiatives and promote growth in extramural funding. Previously, Susan served as a program officer for two statewide research funding agencies: the California HIV/AIDS Research Program and the California Program on Access to Care, both housed in the University of California Office of the President.

In addition to helping give birth to NORDP, Susan has served as Membership Committee member (2010-14); as founder of the Mentoring Program (2012), which has served more than 250 mentor-mentee pairs; mentored numerous NORDP members since 2012; managed conference volunteer corps (2012); commissioned the first NORDP Peer Review (2013); served as NORDP annual conference program committee member (2013, 2014); co-developed the PEERD program's business plan (2014-16); co-chaired the 2015 NORDP annual conference; and presented or otherwise contributed to NORDP annual conference sessions, Idea Showcase, and pre-conference workshops (2013-17). She currently serves as the Nominating Committee co-chair.

Clearly stunned when Holly announced her name as the awardee, Susan later said "My involvement in NORDP has truly been a highlight of my professional life, and indeed, has brought amazing rewards both to me and my institution. As I was standing on the stage listening to Holly discuss the service to NORDP that led the Board to choose me as this year's recipient, all I could think was that the service I gave was absolutely minimal compared to the benefits I received."

The NORDP Service Award was established in 2011 and named for the organization's founding president, Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski, PhD, who was the first recipient. Voted on by NORDP's Board of Directors, the award is given annually to a NORDP member to recognize outstanding commitment to further the research development profession, to NORDP's growth, and service to peers. The honor is recognized with a commemorative plaque and free registration to the next year's NORDP Research Development Annual Conference.