

**Agenda**  
Merrill Research Retreat  
The Barn, Valley Falls  
June 17-19, 2009  
***“Regional Research Collaborations”***

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 pm      Opening Reception

7:30            Dinner

Welcome by **Mabel Rice**, Director of the Merrill Advanced Studies Center at KU  
Introduction of Participants

Thursday, June 18

7:30 am      Breakfast

8:30-8:45     Welcome and introduction of the speaker  
**Mabel Rice**

8:45-9:45     Keynote Address by **Kevin A. Roth, M.D., Ph.D.**, Robert and Ruth Anderson Professor and Chair,  
Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham:  
***“Regional Neuroscience Research Collaboration: The Alabama Experience”***

9:45-10:15   Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**

10:15-10:45 **Break**

10:45-11:45 Panel 1: Research Administration  
**Paul Terranova**, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas Medical Center:  
***“Evolution of Reproductive Sciences at KUMC”***  
**Robert Duncan**, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Missouri:  
***“Strategy and Concrete Examples of Regional Research Collaborations Between Universities”***

11:45-12:15 Discussion with Moderator **John Colombo**

12:15-1:15   Lunch

1:15-1:30     **Group Photo**

1:30- 2:30   Panel 2: Research Faculty and Administration  
**Jerry Jaax**, Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance and University Veterinarian,  
Kansas State University:  
***“The NBAF is Coming: How did it happen and why Manhattan?”***  
**George Stewart**, McKee Professor of Microbial Pathogenesis and Chairman, Department of  
Veterinary Pathobiology, University of Missouri: ***“The University of Missouri Regional  
Biocontainment Laboratory – What It Is and the Emphasis on Regional”***

- 2:30-3:00 Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**
- 3:00-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:30 Panel 3: Research Faculty and Administration  
**Peter Smith**, Director, Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, University of Kansas Medical Center: “*Roles of a Center and Institute in the Evolution of Regional Research Collaborations: The KIDDRC & IND*”  
**Kerry Taylor**, Assistant Vice Provost for Research and Director of the Comparative Medicine Group, Kansas State University: “*Contract Partnerships for Research Support*”
- 4:30-5:00 Discussion with Moderator **John Colombo**
- 7:00 Dinner

Friday, June 19

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:25 Opening Remarks—**Mabel Rice**
- 8:30-9:30 Panel 4: Research Faculty and Administration  
**Annie Sobel**, Assistant to the Provost and the Vice President, University of Missouri: “*Achieving Unconventional Collaborations*”  
**Michael Johnson**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of Kansas: “*Using Analytical Chemistry to Unravel Neurological Disease State Mechanisms*”
- 9:30-10:00 Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Panel 5: Research Faculty and Administration  
**Shelley Smith**, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Nebraska Medical Center: “*The Molecular Biology of Neurosensory Systems: A collaborative COBRE project*”  
**Steve Warren**, Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Studies, University of Kansas: “*Expanding the Reach of KU Research Through Regional Collaborations*”
- 11:30-12:00 Open Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch and Departure