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Navigating IRB at Indiana University

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The role of Institutional Review Boards on campuses across the country is often misunderstood. While many view the IRB with trepidation and as an administrative hurdle to be cleared, few will deny that the protection of human subjects is of utmost importance. Apropos of this presentation, attendees may wish to read the lead article, entitled “Understanding bureaucracy in health science ethics: Toward a better Institutional Review Board,” in the most recent (September) issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

John Kennedy has directed the IU Center for Survey Research since 1987. He is currently the associate chair of the IUB IRB and chairs the IUB research integrity committee. He chaired the American Sociological Association’s Committee on Professional Ethics for three years during which the committee re-wrote the association’s ethics code. He received a PhD in sociology from Penn State and was employed at the US Census Bureau for four years.

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