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NIEHS Program Analyst Martha Barnes, M.S., provided a very informative online webinar (June 3) on Navigating ASSIST, the Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking used by NIEHS and other National Institutes of Health and Public Health Service agencies. Missing or improper ASSIST data can delay or jeopardize individual and Center funding; hence, this webinar is very important for Principal Investigators and research team members who are responsible for documenting and uploading Human Subjects information in ASSIST. This includes the entry and updating of Planned Enrollment reports and Inclusion Enrollment Reports for Human Subjects Studies and Human Clinical Trials research.

Webinar recording here (mp4 file); Webinar slides here (PDF).

Martha Barnes, M.S., center, on the occasion of receiving an NIEHS Merit Award in March 2019. Posing with then-NIEHS Director Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D., and Dr. Pat Martin, Deputy Director of the NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training. Photo by Steve McCaw.

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