

## **New ASEC Member- Heather McFadden**

My name is Heather Mc Fadden and I work in the Graduate School Office of Research Policy. My work as an academic staff member at UW-Madison began in 2008. For three and a half years, I have worked in the Graduate School Office of Research Policy developing outreach activities. Currently, I am also the director of RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research) education and co-director of Integrating Research Ethics and Scholarship (IRES). In this capacity, I develop, design, and implement research ethics learning activities for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. In addition, I serve as the manager of the Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) Committee. Prior to joining the office, I was a graduate assistant with the Teaching Academy and worked in this capacity in other departments on campus.

I am interested in serving on ASEC because it will enable me to build bridges and crosswalks with other colleagues throughout campus. This will expand and further enhance my capabilities in understanding campus needs in multiple areas. As with many educational institutions, the University of Wisconsin is in the midst of challenging times and I wish to be more fully involved in serving our campus and advocating for the needs of academic staff. I am particularly interested in working in issues related to diversity, recruitment and retention, and compensation.

My service to the university includes: Current representative for District 497; Secretary for MASA; serving as a current member and past chair of the Graduate Committee on Diversity Issues (CODI); and facilitator in the Leadership Institute.