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Joslyn Yudenfreund Kravitz is the lead staffer for the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers. Besides providing general logistical support for the Working Group, she works directly with a number of its Committees and is responsible for maintaining the Working Group's website and monthly e-newsletter. She also serves as a liaison between the Working Group and several other trans-NIH organizations such as the Child Care Board and the Women Scientist Advisors Committee. Dr. Kravitz also works with ORWH leadership to prepare presentations and communications on a variety of topics including women's careers in science and women's health.

Prior to officially joining the staff of ORWH, Dr. Kravitz was an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science & Technology Policy Fellow. She spent first year of her fellowship in the NIH Office of Intramural Research (OIR) and the second year at ORWH. She continues working with OIR on projects aimed at changing the NIH culture to be more family-friendly and increase recruitment and retention of women at the NIH, in conjunction with the Intramural Committee of the Working Group.

Dr. Kravitz's research training is in biophysics and computational chemistry. She was a Research Associate at the Center for Advanced Research in Biotechnology, a part of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, where she developed computational methods for calculating entropy changes on ligand-protein binding. She earned PhD in chemistry from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where she carried out an interdisciplinary investigation of a metalloenzyme and an AB in chemistry from Bryn Mawr College, where she worked on the early steps in the total synthesis of discodermolide, a natural product which has shown potential as a treatment for cancer.