

DISSERTATION TITLE:

A Policy Framed Analysis of the Valley of Death in U.S. University Technology Transfer

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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Human Resources
- Technology Adaptation and Implementation
- Technology Transfer

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Dr. Ker Ferguson currently serves as CEO of the Exscien Corporation in Kentucky where he oversees end-to-end management of all corporate and governance functions (i.e., strategy, budget setting, finance, operations, R&D) for human health-related, pre-clinical, biotherapeutic startup. Dr. Ferguson moved to the U.S. from Canada in 2005. His initial background included corporate banking and finance, but more recently he has been engaged in the academic sector, where he has over 15 years experience in university technology transfer and research park management. Previously, he served as the Assistant Vice President for Research and Industry Liaison, at the University of South Alabama. There he was responsible for the development of the University of South Alabama Research Park initiative and operation of their Office of Technology Transfer.