Dear Colleagues,

The Center for Nursing Research has had a productive year! We are pleased to feature so many student successes in this issue, as you will see on page two.

The College of Nursing was well represented at the Midwest Nursing Research Society 2015 Annual Research Conference. Five of our students presented or co-presented. Under the mentorship of Dr. Barbara Drew, Elizabeth Parsons won the second place Undergraduate Poster Award. A total of 15 KSU students and two Visiting Scholars participated in MNRS in Indianapolis, IN, in April, with seven faculty members, Dean Broome and myself. The KSU Graduate Research Symposium included presentations by six College of Nursing students in April. I hope you will join me in congratulating these students.

Our thanks to Dr. Lynette Phillips for leading two statistical workshops at the College of Nursing in April and May: Moderation and Mediation and Data Management and Missing Data.

I encourage you to take advantage of the summer months to engage more deeply in your own research efforts. Please contact me if you wish to discuss your work (manthony@kent.edu).

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Photo: back row, left to right: Jehad Rababah, Cheryl Bradas, Shelley Amato; middle row: Pam Stephenson, Mary Anthony, Dana Hansen, Mohammed Aldalaykeh, Hossam Alhawatmeh, Jessica Sanata; front row: Yafen Wang, Sureeporn Suwannaosod, Wimonthip Phuangkhem

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Recent Publications by CON Faculty

Due to the high productivity of our students this Spring, we will recognize faculty members who gave Spring presentations in the Fall 2015 newsletter.

Student Notes
The following students presented at the Undergraduate Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creativity, Kent State University, March 11, 2015:
Alyssa Wenger (BSN Honors Student), presented World Health Assembly 2014 Initiative: Reducing infant mortality across the world (poster).

The following students presented at the 30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Kent State University, April 3, 2015:
Chutarat Akkarawongvisit (PhDc) - Depression and the impact of meditation practice on Thai undergraduate nursing students (poster).
Amal Al-Alawi (PhDc) - Collaborative learning in education: Evidence-based teaching literature review (poster).
Homood Alharbi (PhDc) - Osteoporosis health beliefs in transgender individuals (poster) and Osteoporosis prevention behaviors in transgender individuals (poster) research with Carol Sedlak and Cyndi Roller.
Lori Margevicius (DNP student) - A practice change initiative to study the effects of a Herpes Zoster education program on long-term care staff’s knowledge.
Jessica Sanata (MSN student) - Osteoporosis prevention knowledge in transgender individuals (poster) research with Carol Sedlak and Cyndi Roller.
Jessica also presented Acceptability, benefits, burdens and feasibility of a guided imagery intervention for persons undergoing a total knee replacement (oral) research with Ann Jacobson and Wendy Umbgerer.
Sureepom Suwannasod (PhD Student) – Hope and spiritual well-being in adolescents with cancer: An integrated review (poster).

The following students presented at the Midwest Nursing Research Society annual conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 16-19, 2015:
Mohammed Aldalaykeh (PhDc) - with Mary Anthony, Shift rotation and physical activity among acute care nurses using accelerometry (paper).
Elizabeth Parsons (Honors Student) - 2nd Place Student Poster, Student experiences with mind-body self-care during their first nursing course: Content analysis of focus, research with Barbara Drew, Tracey Motter and Jehad Rababah.
Jehad Rababah (PhDc) - Facilitating the driving cessation transition in older adults: A literature review (poster).
Judy Risko (PhDc) - “It didn’t kill me. It just made me stronger and wiser”: Resiliency and growth in children living with a parent with chronic pain (poster) research with Wendy Umberger.
Kaylee Suto (BSN Honors Student) with Cyndi Roller and Carol Sedlak, Navigating the system: How transgender individuals engage in health care services (paper).

CON Visiting Scholars delivered presentations at the 11th Annual Cleveland Clinic Nursing Research Conference in Aurora, OH, April 27-28, 2015:
Cecilia Arruda, Expanded Clinic in nursing care for people with diabetes mellitus (poster).
Michelle Koerich, Access of people living with HIV/AIDS in a Specialized Disease Specific Health Service: Contributions to the Care Management (poster).

Jehad Rababah was accepted to present a poster at the 26th International Nursing Research Congress of STTI in Puerto Rico, July 2015.
Jehad received a Dr. Richard A. Zeller Nursing Research Fund award for Examining the Effect of a Tai Chi Intervention on Psychosocial Consequences of Driving Cessation among Older Adults.
Lori Margevicius and Danielle Germany have earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and graduated from the College of Nursing in May.
Kawther Hamash has completed her PhD degree and graduated from the College of Nursing in May.

Celebrating Successes!