Faculty Notes

Drs. Denice Sheehan and Murray Mayo presented findings of their NIH-funded research study to clinical staff at Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR) in January. The interdisciplinary research team included Drs. Claire Draucker and Grace Christ, Kim Heim, Ghada Shahrour, and Stephanie Parish. The presentation focused on ways adolescents interact with healthcare providers. A related article by Dr. Sheehan was published in the HWR quarterly newsletter, Clinical Connections.

Ratchneewan Ross is a grant reviewer for the American Nurses Foundation, 2015-2017 and is in the Early Career Reviewer program for the NIH Center for Scientific Review as of October, 2014. She is on the Advisory Board for the Everywoman Everywhere Coalition, an international organization working to stop violence against women around the world.


Yvonne Smith facilitated the Issues Panel for Nurses Day at the State House, Ohio Nurses Association, Columbus, OH in February 2015.

New Grants Awarded

Jennifer Shanholzer and Jeremy Jarzemba were awarded funding from the KSU Foundation in support of two projects for the simulation laboratory, Smart Pumps for Safer Practice and Standardized Simulated Patient Scenarios.

Yafen Wang has received funding from the Lake Health Foundation for Interrelationships among Stress, Resourcefulness and Overeating in Children, a project in the Painesville, OH area.

Heidi Weisel (Staff) has procured a donation of 5,000 Softcups™ for distribution among adolescent girls in Kenya. Traditionally, girls drop out of school due to lack of menstrual hygiene supplies, so this will enable many to continue their education. Heidi will help with distribution from Bonyo Health Center in Masara, Kenya in June, 2015.

News You Can Use

The new designated Librarian for CON in University Libraries is Ryan McLaughlin: rmclaug3@kent.edu.

New NIH Biosketch format will be required for all competing and non-competing NIH and AHRQ proposals submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2015.

NIH Grants Policy Statement has been revised as of 3/31/2015. A document summarizing the significant changes that are implemented within it is available at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/Significant_Changes_NIHGPS.pdf.

Thank you, again, to all presenters for the Engagement Series: Brown Bag series during 2014-2015:
Louann Bailey, DNP; Barbara A. Broome, PhD, FAAN, Dean; Yvonne Smith, PhD; Ann Jacobson, PhD; Wendy Umberger, PhD; Jessica Davis Sanata (MSN Student); Barbara L. Drew, PhD; Lisa Echeverry, DNP; Kristin Yeager, MS (University Library); Yea-Jyh Chen, PhD; and our Visiting Scholars from Brazil Aline Pestana, Cecilia Arruda, MSN; and Micheline Koerich, MSN.

If you have recommendations or wish to volunteer for presentations during 2015-2016, please contact Dr. Anthony (manthony@kent.edu).
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 student 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 Umberger.

Sureeporn Suwannaosod (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).
**Micheline 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.

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