Dear Colleagues,

As we conclude the Spring semester, I would like to recognize the rigorous scholarship and many successes of CON faculty over the 2016-2017 academic year. Many faculty members have been awarded grant funding this year from an impressive range of organizations. The breadth of faculty and student research at the CON also includes extensive publications, presentations, and scholarly achievements. Our recent application to the National League for Nursing for redesignation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education served as an avenue to synthesize the accomplishments of CON faculty and students over the past four years. Compilation of this report served as a reminder of the need for the Center for Nursing Research to capture information which encapsulates research and scholarly activity for all KSU faculty. Our research productivity extending from all eight campuses is extraordinary and deserving of recognition. Thank you for your ongoing efforts, and please remember to send us your scholarly achievements for upcoming issues.

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RESEARCH NEWS

Faculty Recognitions

Marcy Caplin, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, was selected to present findings from her dissertation, *The Power of the BSN: Impact on Professional Identity*, at the 2017 Ohio League for Nursing Education Summit in Columbus, OH in April.

Kathy Dwinell, PhD, CNS, CNE, at KSU Trumbull successfully defended her dissertation, *Nurse Educators’ Perceptions of Male Nursing Students in the Clinical Setting* and received her PhD from the department of Curriculum and Instruction through College of Education, Health, and Human Services.

Edward Herzog, MSN, APRN-CNS, has been awarded funding from the NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool, allowing him to attend the All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry in Columbus, OH in March.

Diane Hill, MSN, RN, at KSU Salem has received a funding award through the NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool.

Eldora Lazaroff, MSN, CRNP-BC, at KSU Stark has been awarded funding from the NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool, allowing her to attend the National Nurse Educator Summit in Orlando, FL in April.

Tracy Schwab, RN and STTI Delta Xi Leadership Intern, has been selected by the 44th Biennial Convention to present her abstract, *Identifying and Mobilizing Resources to Promote Chapter Vitality*, as an oral presentation.

Denice Shecan, PhD, RN, received the award, Fellow Palliative Care Nursing, from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association at a ceremony in February.

Yafen Wang, PhD, RN, was selected to receive the Distinguished Abstract award for her work, *Translation and Psychometric Properties of a Chinese Version of the Dutch Eating Behavior Questionnaire for Children (DEBQ-C) in Taiwanese Preadolescents*, for the Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference (pictured at left).

Cindy Wilk, MSN, CCRN, CNE, received a funding award from the NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool, allowing her to attend the National Teaching Institute in Houston, TX in May.

Jean Zaluski, RN, M.Ed., CPN, at KSU Stark was awarded funding from the NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool to attend the National Nurse Educator Summit in Orlando, FL in April.

Dr. Yafen Wang presented her research (title at right) at this year’s MNRS annual research conference and received the Distinguished Abstract award.
Scientific & Scholarly Presentations

The following presentations were made by College of Nursing faculty at the 41st Annual Research Conference, Midwest Nursing Research Society, Minneapolis, MN, April 6-9, 2017:


Wang, Y., & Ha, S. Recruitment and retention of children from diverse racial/ethnic groups: Preliminary results. Poster.

Williams, K., & Kan'an, S. The reliability of two tools for non-suicidal self-injury risk assessment utilizing hypothetical case studies/simulation. Poster.


Faculty Publications


Meyers, T. W., & Karpinski, A. (in press). The relationship between socioeconomic status (SES) and the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses: Comparing SES indicators in mediated logistic regression. *Nursing Education Perspectives*.


Student Awards

Hossam Alhawatmeh, recent PhD graduate, received the 2nd place award for the doctoral student poster competition at the MNRS annual research conference. He presented his poster, *Effects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students*, with Dr. Ratchneeewan Ross.

Margaret Burnside (Kent State Trumbull) received a second place award for her project, *Minimum Staffing Ratios for RNs*, at the Showcase for Student Research, Scholarship & Creativity held at KSU Trumbull. Gina Severino served as faculty mentor.

Maya Shamailev, CNS student, was nominated for the President’s Award for her abstract submitted to the Graduate Student Research Symposium. Her poster is titled, *Pain Management for Medical-surgical Patients Can Be Painless*.

David Hartsook and Emily Stevens won first place in the Nursing BSN student poster contest at the KSU Undergraduate Research Symposium for their poster, *Trends in Geographic Areas with High Suicide Rates of College-aged Adults*.

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Student Presentations

Several CON students presented at the Midwest Nursing Research Society conference, April 6-9, 2017, in Minneapolis, MN, including Emily Stevens, David Hartsok, Lynn Gaddis, Hosann Alhawatmeh, Soon Young Ha, and Shadi Kan'an (please see “Scientific & Scholarly Presentations” for titles).

Several College of Nursing students presented their research at the University Undergraduate Symposium in March:

- **Kelli Janus** and **Jessica Paul** presented their poster titled, *Electronic Medical Record Use in Post-Acute Long Term Care: Proposal Phase* (Dr. Patricia Vermersch).

- **David Hartsok** and **Emily Stevens** presented their poster titled, *Trends in Geographic Areas with High Suicide Rates of College-Aged Adults* (Dr. Barbara Drew).

- **Alyssa Gibson** presented her poster titled, *Reiki: Regulatory Status and Impact on Nursing Practice* (Dr. Kimberly Cleveland, faculty advisor). Alyssa was also recognized as the first KSU undergraduate nursing student accepted for a poster presentation with Dr. Kimberly Cleveland at the upcoming American Association of Nurse Attorneys National Conference in Boston.

Several College of Nursing graduate students presented their research at the 32nd Annual Graduate Research Symposium in April:

- **Sureeporn Suwannaasod** and Dr. Ratchneewan Ross delivered an oral presentation, *Lessons Learned from a Research Study Involving Thai Adolescents with Cancer*.

- **Ampaiwan Boonkaewwan** and Dr. Ratchneewan Ross gave a poster presentation, *Facebook HIV Transmission Prevention Intervention among Thai-Infected Adolescents: Sequential Exploratory Mixed Methods Research*.

- **Wimonthip Phuangkhem** and Dr. Ratchneewan Ross gave a poster presentation, *Quality of Life among Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence (WIPV): An Integrative Review*.

- **Maya Shamailov** presented her poster, *Pain Management for Medical-Surgical Patients Can Be Painless*.

- **Allyson Chicoski** (NUED student and part-time faculty) presented her poster, *Developing Clinical Imagination in Nursing Education: Moving Beyond Critical Thinking*.

- **Soonyoung Ha** and Dr. Pat Vermersch gave a poster presentation, *Data for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid: What and How*.

**Sarver, W.** (2017, March). Integrating succession planning and mentoring into an exemplar program of nursing research. Podium presentation for the American Nurses Association (ANA) Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

**Colleen Poldruhi** won this year’s Best in Show award for her poster, Neonatal and Pediatric Nursing, for the 2020 Honors Posters Presentations.

Student Publications


Student Research

**Ph.D. and DNP Dissertation Defenses:**

- **Hosann Alhawatmeh** received his PhD in Nursing following the successful defense of his dissertation, *The Effects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students* (Dr. Ratchneewan Ross, Chair).

- **Sureeporn Suwannaasod** received her PhD in Nursing following the successful defense of her dissertation, *A Structural Equation Modeling of Spiritual Well-Being, Depression, and Health-Related Quality of Life among Thai Adolescents with Cancer* (Dr. Ratchneewan Ross, Chair).

- **Laura Manns-James** received her PhD in Nursing following the successful defense of her dissertation, *Racial Discrimination, Racial Identity Attitudes, and Obesity among African American Collegiate Women* (Dr. Mary K. Anthony, Chair).

- **Ingrid Barcelona** received her DNP following the successful defense of her scholarly project, *Effect of APN with Dual Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Certification on Emergency Department Visits by Veteran Domiciliary Residents* (Dr. Barbara Drew, Chair).

- **Lynn Gaddis** received her DNP following the successful defense of her scholarly project, *A Program Analysis of a Fellowship Program for New Graduate Advanced Practice Nurses: Enhancing Transition, Satisfaction, and Retention* (Dr. Lisa Echeverry, Chair).

**Sureeporn Suwannaasod following her dissertation defense with Dr. Ross (Chair), Drs. Stephenson, Groar, and Delahanty (Committee members) and Dr. Adams (Graduate Faculty representative & Moderator).**

Student Honors Projects

- **Monica Wasilewski** (Kent State Stark) completed an Honors project, *The Success of Simulations and Further Research*.

- **Suzanna Thiese** completed an Honors Project, *Increasing Organ Donation Rates in Ohio Using Gratuity-Based Legislation: A Historical Review and Proposal*.  

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News You Can Use

In recognition of its 30th anniversary, the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) has released an interactive timeline highlighting notable discoveries, initiatives, and accomplishments over the past three decades. Dates, images, and links connected with each milestone are included on the timeline, available at http://www.ninr.nih.gov/milestones

Congratulations to Dr. Jay Hays, Academic Program Director for the College of Nursing, who recently defended his dissertation, Interactional Commitment: “Like Me” and “Not Like Me,” an Extension and Test of Identity to receive his Ph.D. in Sociology.

Engagement Series
Brown Bags

Many Thanks to all who have presented and attended the Engagement Series sessions this year, contributing to scholarly discourse and development within the College of Nursing:

Mary K. Anthony, PhD, RN, CS and the CNR Team
Lory Lewis, PhD, RN, NCC, NNP
Yafen Wang, PhD, RN and Soon Young Ha, PhDc, RN
Jo Dowell, PhD, CRNP, PNP, FNP-BC
Amy Petrinec, PhD, RN
Pam Stephenson, PhD, RN, AOCNS, PMHCNS-BC
Kimberly Williams, DNS, RN, ANP-BC, PMHNP-BC, APHN-BC
Hossam Alhawatmeh, PhD, RN
Sureeporn Suwannaosod, PhD, RN
Ampaiwan Boonkaewwan, PhDc and Visiting Scholar and
Ratchneewan Ross, PhD, RN, FAAN
Soon Young Ha, PhDc, RN and Pat Vermeersch, PhD, RN, CNP

Please contact Dr. Mary Anthony with your recommendations and requests for next year’s presentations.

At right, pictures from the 41st Annual Research Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society held in Minneapolis, MN from April 6-9. Included are Hossam Alhawatmeh (top); Dr. Yvonne Smith, Soon Young Ha, and Hossam Alhawatmeh (middle); and BSN students Emily Stevens and David Hartsook (bottom).