Dear Colleagues,
Welcome back to the College of Nursing and the start of the Fall 2016 semester. The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time for the College as the students and faculty return and research, writing, and other scholarly endeavors get underway. This year, we have four new tenure-track nurse faculty researchers at the CON: Lisa Echeverry, Amy Petrinec, Andrea Warner Stidham, and Kimberly Williams. Bios for them are located on the second floor research board.

At the Center for Nursing Research, we look forward to working with our new TT faculty and all faculty to help everyone achieve their research and scholarship goals. The Center for Nursing Research provides a host of helpful resources to faculty seeking grant support, including funding opportunity identification, grant project development, methodological and statistical support, budget development, and proposal review. We also work with faculty to publish their research by providing assistance with manuscript editing and review.

Please remember that Center for Nursing Research staff are here to help ensure the success of your research projects and goals, and best wishes for a successful and productive year.

Mary K. Anthony, Ph.D., RN, CS
Associate Dean for Research

Faculty Recognitions
Lisa Echeverry was accepted into the Certificate Program in Practice-Based Research Methods at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Dana Hansen has been selected to serve as the Special Interest Group (SIG) Chair for the Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association.


Ratchneewan Ross will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) at the Academy’s October conference in Washington, D.C.

Denice Sheehan has been confirmed as a Full Member of the Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC) Group.

Pam Stephenson has been confirmed as a Junior Investigator Member of the Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC) Group.

Cindy Wilk has been awarded an NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Award to attend the annual National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) Summit and Educator’s Forum in Washington, D.C.

Several faculty have assumed new positions, and we look forward to working with them in furthering the research and scholarship efforts of faculty and students. Lisa Echeverry is the new director of the DNP program, Tracey Motter has been promoted to associate dean, undergraduate programs, and Pat Vermeersch is the new director of the Ph.D. program.

New Grants
Barbara Drew and Wendy Umberger were funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Residency and Training Program for their study, *KSU Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing*.

Pam Stephenson, Denice Sheehan, Dana Hansen, Murray Mayo, Barbara Broome, and Betty Ferrell received a grant award from the Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC) for their study, *Determining the Feasibility of the State of Spirituality Scale*. PCRC is funded through the NIH National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).

Pam Stephenson was awarded a grant from the American Nursing Foundation (ANF) for her study, *Understanding Spiritual Uncertainty Among Hospice and Palliative Care Providers*.
Scientific Presentations


Reed, J. (2016, September). Facebook as a teaching strategy in the nursing classroom. Poster presented at the National League for Nursing Education Summit: Beyond Boundaries, Orlando, FL.


Publications


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**Student Presentations**


Sureeporn Suwannaosod (2016, July). Quality of life in adolescents and very young adults with cancer: The state of the science. Poster presented at the 27th International Nursing Research Congress of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Cape Town, South Africa. Sureeporn received funding from the College of Nursing’s International Activities Interest Group and an International Travel Award from the KSU Graduate Student Senate.

**Student Grant Awards**

Soon Young Ha received a $5,000 grant award from the Center for Nursing Advancement: United Health Group Award and Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) Foundation for her dissertation study, A Model for Falls with Major Injury in Nursing Home Residents.

Sureeporn Suwannaosod received a $900 grant award from Research for Health for her dissertation study, A Structural Equation Modeling of Spiritual Well-Being, and Health-Related Quality of Life Among Thai Adolescents with Cancer.

**Student Research**

**Ph.D. Dissertation Defenses**

Jehad Rababah successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, Examining the Effect of a Self-care Intervention Program on Psychosocial Consequences of Driving Cessation Among Older Adults, and graduated in August. Pictured below are (left-to-right) committee member Barbara Drew, Isra (Jehad’s wife), Jehad, and committee member Ratchneewan Ross.

Mohammed Aldalaykeh successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, Predictors of Partial Hospitalization Attendance by U.S. Adults with Mental Illness, and graduated in August. Pictured below are Mohammed, his wife, Nour, and committee members Barbara Drew, Chris Graor (Univ. of Akron), Ratchneewan Ross, and Joel Hughes (Psychology).

**Honors Program**

Angela Anikienko completed the 12th Annual Intensive Kangaroo Care Certification Program at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital in June and has earned her certification. Mentored by Dr. Lory Lewis, Angela is one of only a few BSN undergraduate students in the nation to complete this certification this year for neonatal care.

**DNP Scholarly Projects**

Dawn Zwich defended her scholarly project: Implementation and Effectiveness of Sepsis Screening: A Strategy in Improving Outcomes and graduated in August.

**Ph.D. Candidacy Exams**

Wimonthis Phuangkhem and Muntaha Alibrahim have passed their Ph.D. candidacy exams.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Proposal Defense**

Soon Young Ha defended her dissertation proposal, A Model for Falls with Major Injury in Nursing Home Residents, in May (Patricia Vermeersch, chairperson).
News You Can Use

National Resources


- **NIH Office of Extramural Research** staff frequently posts blogs of interest to nurse researchers at [http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all](http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all). Recent posts include *Measuring Impact of NIH-supported Publications with a New Metric: the Relative Citation Ratio and Grant Renewal Success Rates: Then and Now.*

- **National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** has released a set of videos derived from a series of workshops recently held by NINR staff and senior nurse scientists, “Building and Sustaining a Scholarly Career.” Videos address developing a career trajectory and sustaining a successful program of research and may be found at [https://www.ninr.nih.gov/training/midcareervideos](https://www.ninr.nih.gov/training/midcareervideos).

- **NINR’s Graduate Partnerships Program 2017 Application Period.** The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) 2017 Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) combines the academic environment of a university with the comprehensive research resources available at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For more information, visit [http://bit.ly/2axUeSH](http://bit.ly/2axUeSH). Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Regional Resources

- **Transforming Healthcare Through Nursing Innovation: Fourth Annual Nursing Innovation Summit.** Held in conjunction with the 14th Annual Cleveland Clinic Medical Innovation Summit, the Fourth Annual Nursing Innovation Summit will showcase and discuss advances led by nurse innovators, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders. The Summit will be held at the Global Center for Health Innovation, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, OH, October 25, 2016. Registration at [http://cle.clinic/2bLXAc](http://cle.clinic/2bLXAc)

- **Designing a Mixed Methods Research Project: Interactive-Participatory Workshop.** Presented by the faculty of the University of Michigan Mixed Methods Research and Scholarship Program, this workshop will take place at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Nov. 9, 10, & 11, 2016. More information and registration at [www.mixedmethods.org](http://www.mixedmethods.org).

Campus Opportunities for Students

- Kent State’s **Graduate Student Senate offers awards** to assist graduate students with conducting research and traveling both domestically and internationally. Graduate students may receive one award, per category, per academic year. More information and award due dates may be found at [http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-awards](http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-awards).