Dear Colleagues,

As the spring 2016 semester comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and many successes of the CoN faculty. In addition to several internal proposals, CoN faculty members have submitted 16 external funding requests during the current fiscal year—an increase over previous years. We have also submitted more federal grants than in prior years.

Our increased research productivity reflects a commitment not only by CoN faculty, but also the KSU administration. The University has bolstered its support of faculty research by hiring Paul DiCorleto, associate VP for research and faculty development, for a cabinet-level position. The University will also launch a plan for five new centers of excellence, including a population health center which could take advantage of expertise by CoN researchers.

This is an exciting time to be at KSU and the CoN. Although we have much work ahead of us, I am thankful for all of your efforts and eager to help you pursue your research and scholarship goals.

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

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**RESEARCH NEWS**

**Faculty Recognitions**

Mary K. Anthony co-authored an article with Amany Farag that was selected for the 2016 Mary Hanna Memorial Journalism Award by the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing,* “Examining the Relationship Among Ambulatory Surgical Settings Work Environment, Nurses’ Characteristics, and Medication Errors Reporting.”

Dana Hansen has been designated Chair of the Midwest Nursing Research Society Palliative Research Interest Group for 2016-2017.

Timothy Meyers defended his Ph.D. dissertation, *The Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status (SES) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses: Comparing SES Indicators in Mediated and Moderated Logistic Regression* for the KSU College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services on March 9.

Tracy Motter defended her DNP Scholarly Project, *Improving the Associate Degree Prepared RN Competencies with a Nurse Internship Experience,* in the College of Nursing on April 1.

Denice Sheehan has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal, *Clinics in Oncology.*

Yvonne Smith has been selected as a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Evaluator.

**New Grants**

Dana Hansen has been awarded a New Investigator Seed Grant from the Midwest Nursing Research Society for her proposal, *Family Caregiver Recruitment through Social Media* (March 2016-March 2017).

Lorene Martin, Mary Lou Ferranto and Karen Zapko were funded by the Foundation Board of Directors for the KSU Salem Campus Nursing Simulation Lab.

**In Memoriam**

Cyndi Roller, Ph.D., RN, CNP, CNM, a passionate nurse practitioner and researcher, passed away suddenly on Feb. 28, 2016. Our academic community mourns the loss of an extraordinary colleague. We will miss her sharp mind, deep understanding of women’s health issues and commitment to transgender individuals’ access to healthcare. With gratitude and in her memory, we honor her as a person, educator, colleague and scholar. A scholarship fund has been established in her name.

Dr. Cyndi Roller’s research team presented two posters at MNRS in March based on her research (Hossam Alhawatmeh, Amy Veney, and Marci Leifson—photo, left).
Faculty Presentations

These presentations were made by College of Nursing faculty at the 40th Annual Research Conference, Midwest Nursing Research Society, Milwaukee, WI, March 17-20, 2016:


Ross, R., & Chaleoykitti, S. Psychometric properties of the Rosenberg Self-esteem Scale among undergraduate nursing students in the USA and Thailand. Poster.

Smith, Y., Chen, Y., & Sachai, W. Nursing faculty characteristics and preferences in online teaching. Poster.

Smith, Y. Nurse educator perceptions of relationships in online environments. Poster.


Smith, Y. (March 2016). Understanding the differences between ONA and the OBN. Paper presented at ONA Roadshow, Ashland, OH.


College of Nursing Publications


Student Presentations

Ten College of Nursing students presented at the **Midwest Nursing Research Society** conference, March 17-20, 2016, in Milwaukee, WI:

- **Mohammed Aldalaykeh**, A Literature Review: Predictors of Mental Health Treatment Non-Attendance. Student poster (photo, left). He was also a co-author on Dr. Anthony’s presentation.
- **Hossam Alhawatmeh** co-authored two presentations with Dr. Roller’s research team.
- **Marci Leifson** co-authored and co-presented with Dr. Roller’s research team.
- **Melissa North**, **Suzanna Moyer** and **Matt Mysliwiec**, Development and Initiation of an Educational Program on Organ Donation for Baccalaureate Science of Nursing Students: A QSEN Approach. Student poster (photo, right).

**Lydia Booher** (Ph.D. student) presented **Bedside Nurses as Leaders** at the **Annual Nursing Research Day of University Hospitals Portage Medical Center**, Ravenna, OH.

**Erica Stahl** won the President’s Award for her poster, **Transitioning to a Validated Behavioral Pain Scale for Critically Ill Patients**, at the **KSU Graduate Student Symposium** on April 22 (photo below).

Student Research

Three Ph.D. candidates have received dissertation support from the **Richard E. Zeller Endowment**:

- **Ghada Shahrou** for **Cognitive and Affective Empathy in Adolescents with ADHD: Are Comorbidities and Parental Acceptance-Rejection Important Factors?**
- **Shelly Amato** for **Effects of Environmental Factors on Sleep Patterns in Traumatic Brain-Injured Adults in the Rehabilitation Setting**
- **Hossam Alhawatmeh** for **Effects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students**

These Ph.D. candidates recently defended their dissertation proposals:

- **Ghada Shahrou** (See title above)
- **Carolyn Kleman**, **Social Support, Healthcare Relational Trust, and Self-Advocating Behaviors as Predictors of Psychological Distress and Physical Symptoms Among Chronic Heart Failure Patients**: A Mixed Methods Study.
- **Sureeporn Suwannaosod**, A Structural Equation Modeling of Spiritual Well-Being, Depression, and Health-Related Quality of Life Among Thai Adolescents with Cancer.
- **Lauren Archer** defended her DNP Scholarly Project proposal in April 2016.
- **Chutarat Akkarawongvisit** graduates with her Ph.D. in May 2016.

Honors Program

**Megan Fenton** and **Rebecca Dunfee** (photo, below with Dr. Tim Meyers) and **Melissa North**, **Suzanna Moyer** and **Matt Mysliwiec** presented posters at the **KSU Undergraduate Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creativity** on March 15, 2016 (See MNRS titles).
News You Can Use

National Resources

- The National Institutes of Health has redesigned their website, including the NIH grants and funding website, in an effort to make it easier to find information more efficiently. The most recent blog post by Mike Lauer, NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, introduces the changes at http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2016

- New SF 424 and PHS 398 Guidelines have been posted by the National Institutes of Health that are to be used for all NIH proposals submitted after May 24, 2016. Links to these documents are available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.htm

- National Academies Press offers free downloads of over 6,000 reports of the National Academy of Sciences. An example: Improving the Health of Women in the United States: Workshop Summary (2016) is available via http://www.nap.edu/catalog/23441/. Visit this page to subscribe to email updates from NAP: http://www.nap.edu/updates/

- ResearchGate (https://www.researchgate.net/) is growing in popularity as a tool for Connecting the scientific community worldwide to access and discuss publications, create exposure to and receive statistics for one’s own research, and Connect with colleagues and potential collaborators. Sign-up is free and takes just a few minutes.

**Congratulations** to Melissa Fenn, recognized with the 2016-2017 Dr. Terry Kuhn Distinguished Undergraduate Advising Award presented by University Advising and University College.

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**A Shout Out and 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, Ph.D., CS and Mohammed Aldalaykeh, Ph.D.c, RN

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Mark van’t Hooft, Ph.D., Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Dana Hansen, Ph.D., APRN, ACHPN

Jo Dowell, Ph.D., RN, CRNP, PNP, FNP-BC, CFNE

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