Dear Colleagues,
As we begin a new year and semester, The Center for Nursing Research is adopting a new look for sharing news of faculty and student scholarly activity. I invite you to read about the research and scholarly efforts highlighted in this issue and to talk with these colleagues about their work.

In our commitment to strengthening the research productivity of the College, we are pleased to welcome Denise Karshner, Grants Administrator—an experienced grant writer—to the Center for Research team. She joins Grants Coordinator, Marj Benjamin, Dr. Lynette Phillips, from the College of Public Health, faculty researchers and myself. Our services are available to support the scholarship and research activities for all faculty and students in the College.

Thank you to Sharon and Mariah for helping us redesign the newsletter. Best to all and I hope you enjoy our new format.

Mary K. Anthony

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Associate Dean for Research

RESEARCH NEWS

Faculty Recognitions

We congratulate these College of Nursing faculty members featured prominently at the KSU Celebrating College Teaching Conference hosted by the University Teaching Council in October, 2015:

- Mary Bacha, MSN, RN, Lecturer, received the KSU Outstanding Teaching Award by President Warren.
- Dana Hansen, Pam Stephenson and Denice Sheehan presented their poster, Infusing Interactive Pedagogical Methods into a Core Graduate Nursing Course.
- Marcy Caplin, Tina Saunders and Ann Ancona presented The Power of the Portfolio: Using Portfolios to Enhance Student Learning, Refereed Roundtable session.
- Yvonne Smith and Dr. Alicia Crowe from EHHS presented, Faculty-Student Relationships in Online Learning Environments

Melissa Dyer received the Ohio Magazine Excellence in Education award.

Ratchneewan Ross has been invited to serve as Associate Editor of Rev Rene: Revista da Rede de Enfermagem do Nordeste [Journal of Northeastern Nursing Network, Brazil].

Ratchneewan Ross, Pat Vermeersch and Ann-Marie Brown, (University of Akron) participated in the July NIH/NINR workshop, Big Data in Symptom Research Methodologies Boot Camp on the National Institutes of Health campus in Maryland. The course, in high demand, was administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) and included lectures by distinguished national guest speakers.

Pam Stephenson and Denice Sheehan will be participating in an NIH-funded workshop, Research Methods in Supportive Oncology, hosted by Massachusetts General Hospital in February. This intensive six-day workshop reviews essential topics and methods in supportive oncology. Denice and Pam were two of thirty-six early career researchers from across the U.S. that were competitively selected from a large pool of applicants to participate.

New Grants

Barbara L. Drew and Wendy Umberger have been awarded a two year subcontract with NEOMED for a MEDTAPP (Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program) Expansion project, Improving Patient Adherence in Medicaid Settings: Interprofessional Education in Motivational Interviewing, funded by the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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Scientific Presentations


Reed, J. (2015, October). Sterile versus tap water for enteral flushes. Poster presented at Nursing Research Day of Walsh University, North Canton, OH.


Located in Henderson 207 2-3 p.m.

Feb 1 Pivot Searches for Nursing Research
Mark van’t Hooft, Ph.D., Research and Sponsored Programs

Mar 7 Access to Healthcare for Transgender Individuals
Cyndi Roller, Ph.D., RN, CNP, CNM

Apr 4 The Caregivers Experience with an Illness Blog: A Pilot Study
Dana Hansen, Ph.D.

May 2 Nursing Care in the Neutral Thermal Environment of Premature Neonates
Lory Lewis, Ph.D., RN

Giovana Dorneles Callegaro Higashi, visiting scholar, presented her dissertation study about university management in nursing and Nurse Formation in Nursing: Opportunities and Contrasts between Brazil and USA, in the December Engagement Series before returning home to Brazil.

This series is designed to build dialogue and facilitate collaboration among faculty and students in relation to their research efforts.
College of Nursing Publications


Brunt, B. & Smith, Y. (2015). Choosing an educational program that is the right fit. Ohio Nurses Review, 90(6), 8-10.


Honors Program

Timothy Meyers, MSN, RN, senior lecturer and undergraduate honors coordinator for the CoN, together with Dean Broome and Undergraduate Dean Motter, committed to strengthening the link between undergraduate honor nursing students and research faculty.

“Having graduate faculty mentor our undergraduate students will result in a more rigorous honors program, while also helping these young researchers gain important skills and experience,” Meyers said.

By supporting these novice researchers, it is our hope that we will become a leader in undergraduate research, not only at Kent State University, but at a national level as well.

Sophomore Angela Anikienko earned highest marks for her poster presentation in the Honors Nursing 2020, Assessment and Communication event on December 8, 2015.

Ph.D. candidates recently defended their dissertation topics:

- Hossam Alhawatme: The Affects of Abbreviated Progressive Muscle Relaxation on Stress in Jordanian Nursing Students
- Mohammed Aldalaykeh: Predictors of Partial Hospitalization Attendance by U.S. Adults with Mental Illness

These students will be representing the CoN in the student poster competition at the MNRS conference in March:

- BSN - Melissa North, Suzanna Moyer, Matt Mysiwiec, Megan Fenton, and Rebecca Dunfee
- MSN - Rachelle Gula
- Ph.D. - Mohammed Aldalaykeh and Pimpanitta Saenyakul

Student Researchers in Action

Pimpanitta Saenyakul, Ph.D., defended her dissertation, Classification among HIV-Infected Pregnant Women in Thailand, in November ’15 and graduated in December.

Chutarat Akkarawongvisit, Ph.D., defended her dissertation, Cultural Orientation as a Predictor of Depression Among Thai and U.S. Undergraduate Nursing Students in January 2016 and graduated.

Kathleen Tripepi-Bova, DNP, defended her scholarly project, Use of Pedometers for Increasing Postoperative Ambulation in Thoracic Surgery Patients, and graduated in December.

Shelly Amato, Ph.D., has been awarded a grant from the Advanced Practice Provider Council of MetroHealth for her dissertation study, Effects of Environmental Factors on Sleep Patterns in Traumatic Brain Injured Adults in the Rehabilitation Setting.

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News You Can Use

National Resources
From NINR:

- **Precision Medicine**, a new web page that highlights how NINR is supporting that national initiative. Find more about it at: [www.ninr.nih.gov/precisionmedicine](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/precisionmedicine).
- **Advancing Nursing Research through Data Science** is another NINR webpage at [http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/datascience#.Vnm3BPkrLp](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/datascience#.Vnm3BPkrLp).
- **Videos of NINR’s 30th Anniversary** scientific symposium, *Advancing Science, Improving Lives*, available on NINR’s YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXqJL4gIAghY3QGKBvFU4JccYe11Lx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXqJL4gIAghY3QGKBvFU4JccYe11Lx).


HRSA: **Strategic Plan for 2016-2018** was released in September, 2015. Learn more at: [http://www.hrsa.gov/about/strategicplan/index.html](http://www.hrsa.gov/about/strategicplan/index.html).


Campus Opportunities for students

**KSU Undergrad Research Symposium** abstracts are due by Feb 1, 2016, for the event on March 13, 2016. Visit [http://www.kent.edu/ugresearch/symposium-details](http://www.kent.edu/ugresearch/symposium-details) for more information.

**The KSU Graduate Research Symposium** is scheduled for April 22, 2016, with abstracts due by March 1, 2016. Find more at [http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium](http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium).

College of Nursing Research Support

**Lynette Phillips, Ph.D., MSPH**, will be at Henderson Hall on Thursdays during spring semester to assist with statistical support. Please contact her via lphill20@kent.edu to make an appointment or stop by Suite 214.

**Denise Karshner, MA**, grants administrator and grant writer for the Center for Nursing Research, assists CoN faculty and students in writing, editing and preparing grant proposals and manuscripts.

**Marjorie Benjamin, MS**, grants coordinator, assists with communications, proposal preparations, budgeting, monitoring grants in process and support of faculty and student research endeavors.

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