



Winter 2021

Kent State University College of Nursing, Henderson Hall, Room 214



Dear Colleagues,

Although Spring semester at the College of Nursing may lack the bustling hallways and in-person interactions typical at this time of the year, I am proud of our students, faculty, and staff for continuing their progress this semester in terms of academics, research, and community engagement. Despite the limitations posed by the pandemic, the College of Nursing community has continued to seek new ways of teaching, learning, and contributing their expertise.

With this spirit of innovation in mind, I am pleased to report progress on the College's upcoming research and innovation awards, made possible by generous donor funds supporting these endeavors at the College of Nursing. An advisory board for research and innovation awards has been meeting regularly. As a member of this committee, I would like to thank and acknowledge the dedication of members Lisa Onesko, Dana Hansen, Pam Stephenson, Jeremy Jarzembak, and Corey Hukill with Denise Karshner providing additional support. We are working on a seamless application process for various types of supported projects, including those with a research, innovation, or equipment focus. I encourage College of Nursing faculty to contact me for an application.

Nurses working in both the academic and clinical setting are known to be excellent innovators as they use their knowledge and experience to find new ways to educate students and care for patients. I am excited to help facilitate the process of awarding these internal funds to help us start conceptualizing viable and fundable projects at the College of Nursing.

Best wishes for a safe and productive Spring semester as we continue pressing forward during a very challenging time.



Mary K. Anthony, PhD, RN  
Professor, Associate Dean for Research

## Faculty Recognitions



**Sarah Bixler, MSN, RN**, received an Honorable Mention for the 2020 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Debra K. Cifani, DNP, RN**, received an Honorable Mention for the 2020 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Tracy M. Dodson, MSN, RN**, was honored with the 2020 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Marilyn Nibling, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, PNP-BC**, was awarded Primary Care Transformative Fellowship grant funding by Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) for her quality improvement project, *Quality Improvement for Obstetrical and Neonatal Teams: Improving Communication*

**Marilyn Nibling, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, PNP-BC**, presented her quality improvement storyboard/poster, *Quality Improvement for Obstetrical and Neonatal Teams: Improving Communication*, for Akron Children's Hospital Grand Rounds after her project was selected as one of the top three quality improvement projects submitted for 2020.

**James Tudhope, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC**, was named Program Director of the Month (January, 2021) by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP).

**James Tudhope, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC**, serves as the Program Director for the Integrated Community Psychiatry Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program, which received American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP) accreditation with distinction, the first and only advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) fellowship program in psychiatry to receive this accreditation.

## CON Research & Innovation Awards

As part of the College of Nursing's commitment to support research and innovation at the College of Nursing, an internal research and innovation program will soon be underway, supported by donor funds. This new initiative is made possible through endowments and resources available within the College of Nursing to support research and innovation. An Advisory Committee has been meeting regularly to ensure a seamless application process and develop application forms faculty may use to apply for funding for research and innovation projects that enhance the visibility of the College of Nursing. Please contact Mary Anthony in the Center for Nursing Research for an application form and to start to the application process.

## Scholarly Presentations

**Cleveland, K.,** Magyar, S., Justice, J., & Truong, S. (2020, October). *Adolescent vaping: A literature review to inform policy initiatives*. Poster presentation (virtual) for The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) annual conference.

**Cleveland, K.** (2020, October). *Open educational resources: One solution for educating pre-licensure nurses regarding their role in health policy*. Poster presentation (virtual) for The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) annual conference.

**Hawkins, K., & Shanholtzer, J.** (2021, January). *Development of a tailored electronic health record (EHS)*. Presentation for the Kent State University College of Nursing Brown Bag Engagement Series, Kent, Ohio.

**Nibling, M.** (2020, June). *Quality improvement for obstetrical and neonatal teams: Improving communication*. Virtual poster presentation for the Primary Care Transformative Fellowship program at the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).

**Nibling, M.** (2020, September). *Alterations in cardiac function in children*. Virtual presentation for Akron Children's Hospital.

**Nibling, M.** (2020, December). *Alterations in cardiac function in children*. Virtual presentation for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Akron-Canton Chapter.

**Nibling, M.** (2020, November). *Quality improvement for obstetrical and neonatal teams: Improving communication*. Virtual poster presentation for Akron Children's Hospital Grand Rounds: Assessment of Medical Trainees.

## Faculty Publications

**Aller, L.** (2020). A contemporary model for undergraduate nursing education: A grounded theory study. *Nurse Educator*. [Epub ahead of print]. doi.10.1097/NNE.0000000000000933

Fisher-Grace, K., Turk, M. T., **Anthony, M. K.**, & Chia, L. R. (2020). Use of personal health records to support diabetes self-management: An integrative review. *CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing*. [Epub ahead of print] doi.10.1097/CIN.0000000000000682

Distelhorst, K., Graor, C. H., & **Hansen, D.** (in press). Upstream factors in population health: A concept analysis to advance nursing theory. *Advances in Nursing Science*.

**Motter, T.**, Hassler, D., & **Anthony, M. K.** (in press). The art of nursing becomes a celebration for nurses. *OJIN: Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*.

**Reed, J.**, & Ferdig, R. (in press). Gaming and anxiety in the nursing simulation lab: A pilot study of an escape room. *Journal of Professional Nursing*. doi.10.1016/j.prof-nurs.2021.01.006

Mori, C., **Sheehan, D.**, Heifner Graor, C., & **Petrinec, A.** (2020). A scoping review of the phenomenon of osteoporosis in post bariatric surgical patients. *International Journal of Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing*. [Epub ahead of print]. doi.10.1016/j.ijotn.2020.100835

Taber, J. M., Stacey, C. L., & **Sheehan, D. K.** (2021). Understanding hospice patients' beliefs about their life expectancy: A qualitative interview study. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 38(3), 238-245. doi.10.1177/104990912094848

## New Grant Awards

**Pam Stephenson, PhD, RN**, and **Andera Warner Stidham, PhD, RN**, were recently funded by the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing, Delta XI chapter, for their study, *The Experiences of Front-line Nurses in Northeast Ohio Caring for Patients During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.

## Scholarship Award

**Louise Knox, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**, Associate Professor, and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) faculty were awarded the CVS Health Foundation 2020-2021 FNP/PA Scholarship for the 2020-2021 season.



## Student Research

***PhD Defense:*** The following student defended her dissertation and graduated with her PhD:

**Dorothy Hamilton**, *The Lived Experience of Homeless Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus* (Drs. Denice Sheehan and Pamela Stephenson, Chairs; Drs. Marcy Caplin and Claire Stacey, committee members; & Dr. Sheryl Chatfield, graduate faculty representative & moderator).

## Student Research Opportunities

**2021 Undergraduate Research Symposium for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Endeavors: A Remote Experience, April 19-23:** Sponsored by the Office of Student Research in collaboration with University Libraries, this symposium allows undergraduates an academically enriching experience that expands their professional resume and presentation skills. Abstracts are accepted through Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: [https://www.kent.edu/student\\_research/student-research-opportunities](https://www.kent.edu/student_research/student-research-opportunities)

**2021 Virtual Graduate Research Symposium, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** This annual event showcases graduate student research by featuring oral and poster presentations from students in multiple areas of study. The largest campus research event, the symposium offers graduate students the opportunity to present research and receive scholarly feedback. Registration is currently underway; details may be found at <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium>

**Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE):** Sponsored by the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Office of the President, the SURE program provides stipends to promising undergraduate researchers for eight weeks for faculty-supervised summer research projects. Applications are accepted until Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>; details may be found at <https://www.kent.edu/research/student-research/summer-undergraduate-research-experience>



## Student Presentations

Cleveland, K., Magyar, S., Justice, J., & Truong, S. (2020, October). *Adolescent vaping: A literature review to inform policy initiatives*. Virtual poster presentation for The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) annual conference.

**Redmond, K.** (2020, December). *Suicide prevention: Are we doing enough?* Virtual poster presentation for the 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference, Columbiana County Campuses.



## Student Awards & Recognitions

**Teri Lieser, APRN, CNS-C, and current DNP student** at the College of Nursing, is the recipient of the very competitive 2020 DNP Scholarship from the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses

**Kimberly Redmond, BSN student at the Salem Campus**, was awarded Outstanding Presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual 2020 Undergraduate Research Conference, Columbiana County Campuses, for her presentation, *Suicide Prevention: Are We Doing Enough?* The conference features student presentations about research completed during the 2020 calendar year or in collaboration with a Kent State faculty member.

**BSN students of Tracy Dodson and Julie Hanshaw** engaged in community teaching and a question-and-answer session in West Salem about COVID-19 and flu prevention and were recently featured on Cleveland News 19.

**Students in the College of Nursing and College of Public Health** were instrumental to the success of a two-day community COVID-19 large-scale testing event. Kent State University and the city of Kent partnered with the Ohio Department of Health on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for this event providing free testing for students, staff, faculty, and the general public. Students were led by **Taryn Burhanna, MSN, RN**, in the College of Nursing and **Melissa Zullo, PhD, MPH**, in the College of Public Health.

## MNRS Annual Research Conference

**The 2021 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Annual Virtual Research Conference** will be hosted by the University of Iowa from March 24-27. This year's theme is *Team Science: Advancing Culturally Responsive Research to Improve Health Outcomes*. More details about the conference may be found at <https://mnrs.org/annual-conference>.

## Brown Bag Engagement Series

This year's first Brown Bag Engagement Series presentation by **Krista Hawkins, MSN-Ed, RN**, and **Jen Shanholtzer, MSN, RN, CHSE**, took place remotely on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The presentation was titled, *Development of a Tailored Electronic Health Record (EHR)*. They demonstrated a tailored, Excel-based EHR developed by Krista Hawkins for use throughout the BSN curriculum and discussed the merits and limitations of the system and the importance of integration of information technology in nursing education. The Center for Nursing Research's monthly Brown Bag Engagement Series sessions contribute to scholarly discourse and development within the College of Nursing.

## Staff Publication

Snyder, A., **Weisel, H.**, & Chatfield, S. (2020). Mobilizing communities to sustainably produce face masks: Public health practice in the time of COVID-19. *Ohio Journal of Public Health*, 3(2), 25-29. <https://ohioph.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OJPH-2020-301-Snyder.pdf>

## News You Can Use

National Institutes of Health (NIH): In recent weeks, the NIH has launched a new NIH COVID-19 website which provides a centralized place to find updated information regarding current NIH research, including key programs like the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines Public-Private Partnership and the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics Initiative. The website may be found at <https://covid19.nih.gov/>.

Interested in new research advances made possible through NIH funding? **Each issue of NIH Research Matters presents an array of topics highlighting recent studies and the impact of this research on health outcomes.** Several recent articles include "Study Examines Measures to Slow COVID-19 Spread," "Brown Fat Associated with Less Heart and Metabolic Disease," and "Nanoparticles Developed for Traumatic Brain Injury." Weekly issues may be found at <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters>

*If you're interested in joining our faculty, collaborating on a research project, or supporting our research efforts:*

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## Statistical Assistance at the Center for Nursing Research



**Lynette Phillips, PhD, MSPH**, Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and statistician from the College of Public Health, is available for assistance remotely this semester. Her "Nursing" day is on Thursday, but anyone may schedule with Dr. Phillips at a convenient time using her online calendar at <https://calendly.com/lynettephillips/one-on-one-student-meeting> (not just for students). This calendar will allow you to check Dr. Phillips' availability, choose an open time, and schedule on her Outlook calendar that generates a Teams meeting link for both you and Dr. Phillips.

