



**Dear Colleagues,**

As the Spring semester gets underway, I would like to recognize the continuing excellence of CON faculty and students for their ongoing research efforts and growing list of scholarly recognitions.

This issue includes an impressive list of honors and awards bestowed upon CON faculty and students, a true testament to the impact of research conducted at the College. This research has led to recognition by organizations such as Peg's Foundation, the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC), the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (PCRC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL).

These achievements seem especially timely as we celebrate the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in 2020, designated by the WHO. I encourage you to be part of KSU CON's presence at the monthly programs offered as part of the Northeast Ohio Year of the Nurse 2020 initiative (see <https://www.yon2020neo.com>) to celebrate this recognition. We will also be working to feature some of our "stars" on the website.

*Mary K. Anthony*

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

## RESEARCH NEWS



### Faculty Recognitions

**Mary K. Anthony, PhD, RN**, is the recipient of the 2020 Researcher of the Year award by the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) Foundation (formerly AONE) in recognition of her significant contributions to nursing and health systems research. Criteria for this award includes superior performance in research scholarship, as well as evidence of contributions to the field based on scholarly work and research impact on the field of nursing. Dr. Anthony will be recognized at an award presentation slated for March 19-21 in Nashville, TN.

**Cheryl Brady, PhD, RN, CNE**, defended her dissertation, "Undergraduate Nursing Faculty and Test Development: An Exploration into Their Understanding of Higher Order Thinking Test Questions," and completed her PhD in Education, Curriculum and Instruction.

**Kimberly Cleveland, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC**, chair of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) Governing Board, was unanimously elected to the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) Board Chair-Elect position.

**Kimberly Cleveland, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC**, received an Honorable Mention for the 2019 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Lisa Davis, MSN, RN**, was honored with the 2019 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Jo Dowell, PhD, ARNP, CNP, PNP, FNP-BC**, was accepted for participation in the National Institutes of Health Early Career Reviewer Program.

**Kathy Dwinells, PhD, RN, CNS, CNE**, recently passed the Nurse Executive board certification exam and was awarded the Nurse Executive-Board Certified (NE-BC) credential.

**Edward Herzog, MSN, RN, APRN-CNS**, received an Honorable Mention for the 2019 Daisy Faculty Award.

**Karen Mascolo, DNP, RN**, was a featured speaker at the 2019 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Symposium: Inspiration, Innovation and Impact. Her presentation was titled, "Primary Prevention of Incivility and Bullying in Nursing."

**Amy Petrinec, PhD, RN**, was selected for participation in the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (PCRC) Clinical Trials Intensive, funded by NIH.

**Amy Petrinec, PhD, RN**, served as an invited speaker for the 8th annual Johns Hopkins Critical Care Rehabilitation Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Her presentation was titled, "Family Self-Care App."



## Faculty & College Awards



The College of Nursing has been selected by Peg's Foundation as a 2020 Morgan Impact Award recipient. The work of **Dr. Wendy Umberger**, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC and **Dr. James Tudhope**, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC to secure funding to expand the number of doctorally prepared psychiatric mental health advanced practice registered nurses (PMH-APRNs) leading mental health systems change provides the foundation for this award, making a positive impact on mental health in northeast Ohio and beyond.

**Denice Sheehan**, PhD, RN, FPCN, **Dana Hansen**, PhD, APRN, ACHPN, and co-authors **Pamela Stephenson**, PhD, RN, **Amy Petrinec**, PhD, RN, Murray Mayo, Diane Snyder Cowan, and Nidal Harb were recognized for two chapters in the *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing* (5th ed.), which received a book of the year award from the *American Journal of Nursing* in two categories: Advanced Practice Nursing and Palliative Care and Hospice.

## New Grant Award

**Dr. Lynn Gaddis** received a grant award through the CVS Health Foundation to fund scholarships for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students.

## Faculty Publications

Blatz, M. A., Huston, A., & **Anthony, M. K.** (in press). Influence of NICU nurse education on intention to support lactation using tailored techniques: A pilot study. *Advances in Neonatal Nursing*.

**Dowell, J.**, Arcoleo, K., Ruiz, Z., & Halula, R. (2019). Children with asthma and communication with healthcare provider: Instrument development. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 50, 81-88. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2019.11.003>

**Dowell, J.**, & **Ruiz, Z.** (2020). Visto, pero, no escuchado: A qualitative study and Puerto Rican children with asthma. *Hispanic Health Care International*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1540415319899105>

**Umberger, W.**, & **Gaddis, L.** (2019). The science of addition through the lens of opioid treatment for chronic noncancer pain. *Pain Management Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmn.2019.09.001>

**Umberger, W.**, Draucker, C., & Jacobson, A. (2019). Guided imagery for total knee replacement: Responses to an audiobook placebo treatment. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0193945919852964>

## Scientific & Scholarly Presentations

**Mascolo, K.** (2019, November). *Primary prevention of incivility and bullying in nursing*. Podium presentation for the 2019 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Symposium: Inspiration, Innovation and Impact at Kent State University at Stark, North Canton, Ohio.

**Petrinec, A.** (2019, October). *Family self-care app*. Oral presentation for the 8th annual Johns Hopkins Critical Care Rehabilitation Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Reed, J.** (2019, October). *Simulation anxiety: The good, the bad, the ugly*. Podium presentation for simulation symposium conducted at Aultman Hospital, Canton, Ohio.

**Stidham, A. W.**, & Schoenewald, C. (2019, October). *Experiences of post traumatic growth among foster care alumni*. Poster presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International Rho Nu-at-Large Fall Scholarly Meeting, Ashland, Ohio.

**Stidham, A. W.**, & Schoenewald, C. (2019, October). *The experience of post-traumatic growth by foster care alumni*. Poster presented for the APNA 33rd Annual Research Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Stidham, A. W.**, & Ross, R. (2019, October). *The experiences of post-traumatic growth among very low resource people living with HIV*. Poster presented for the APNA 33rd Annual Research Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Schoenewald, C., & **Stidham, A. W.** (October, 2019). *Perspectives of foster care among college student foster care alumni*. Poster presented at the APNA 33rd Annual Research Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sheehan, D.**, Chatfield, S. L., & **Stephenson, P.** (2020, January). *Making it real: Engaging undergraduate and graduate students in qualitative research*. Panel presentation for *The Qualitative Report* (TQR) 11th Annual Conference: Contemporary Qualitative Research, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Pictured below: Dr. Denice Sheehan, far left, and Dr. Pamela Stephenson, far right, as part of an interdisciplinary Kent State University contingent).



## Student Research

**DNP Defenses:** The following students defended their scholarly projects and graduated with their DNP:



**Lena Esmail**, *Efficacy of Manual Compression and Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) vs. National Benchmarks for Inpatient Cardiac Arrest.* (Dr. Lisa Onesko, Chair; Drs. Pat Vermeersch and Wendy Umberger, members).

**Christina Nieves**, *Expressive Arts-based Interventions for the Adult Cancer Survivor in the Community Support Group Setting* (Dr. Pamela Stephenson, Chair; Drs. Tracey Motter and Pat Vermeersch, members).



**PhD Defenses:** The following students defended their dissertations and graduated with their PhD:



**Loretta Aller**, *Exploring the Developmental Process of Undergraduate Nursing Students* (Dr. Pamela Stephenson, Chair; Drs. Deb Shelestak, Linda Shanks, and Christopher Was, members; Dr. Susan Roxburgh, graduate faculty representative & moderator).

**Ahmed Alsadoun**, *Examining the Influence of Demographic Characteristics and Perceived Social Support on Self-Management Behaviors and Health Responsibility in Saudi Arabian People with Diabetes Mellitus Type 2.* (Drs. Barbara Broome and Yafen Wang, Chairs; Drs. Carol Scotto and Joel Hughes, members, and Dr. Kele Ding, graduate faculty representative & moderator).

**Candace Mori**, *Understanding the Experience of Osteoporosis Risk in Bariatric Surgical Patients* (Dr. Denice Sheehan, Chair; Drs. Amy Petrinec, Christine Heifner Graor, and Claire Stacey, members; and Dr. Christopher Was, graduate faculty representative & moderator).



## MNRS Annual Research Conference

The 2020 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Annual Research Conference will be held in Schaumburg, IL from April 1-4. This year's theme is *Advancing Nursing Research with Diverse Populations*. More details about the conference may be found at <https://mnrs.org/annual-conference>.

## Brown Bag Engagement Series

Our monthly Brown Bag Engagement Series sessions which contribute to scholarly discourse and development within the College of Nursing are underway. Scheduled speakers and upcoming dates for this year's series are as follows:

**Jan. 27th: Dr. Ann Ancona:** *Discovering the Art & Science of Pediatric Nursing: Nursing Students' Experiences with Journaling in an Undergraduate Pediatric Clinical Rotation.*

**Feb 24th: Jennifer Shanholtzer & Jeremy Jarzembak** (state of the science of simulation)

**March 30th: TBA; April 27th: TBA**

## Student Research Opportunities



**Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 21st:** Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Honors College, Research and Sponsored Programs, and University Libraries, the Undergraduate Research Symposium allows undergraduates an academically enriching experience that expands their professional resume and presentation skills. Abstracts are accepted through Feb. 16th. Details may be found at [https://www.kent.edu/student\\_research/student-research-opportunities](https://www.kent.edu/student_research/student-research-opportunities)

**Graduate Research Symposium, April 9-10:** 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. 21st; details may be found at <https://www.kent.edu/research/student-research/summer-undergraduate-research-experience>

## Student Award



**Sarah Miller**, BSN student, received first place in the Kent State Salem Undergraduate Research Conference in December for her poster, “Airway Management: An Exploration into Trachostomies” (**Dr. Cheryl Brady**, sponsor; Sarah Miller and Dr. Brady pictured below).



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

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## Student Presentations

**Dorothy Hamilton**, PhD student at the KSU College of Nursing and faculty member at Cleveland State University, recently presented her research, *Lived experience of homeless individuals with Type 2 diabetes mellitus*, at the following locations:

Podium presentation for the northeast chapter of the Academy of Medical/Surgical Nurses at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio (2019, November)

Poster presentation for the Ohio League of Nursing Northeast Regional Membership Meeting, “An Evening of Doctoral Excellence: Transforming Practice and Education,” North Ridgeville, Ohio (2019, October)

## News You Can Use

**National Institutes of Health (NIH):** Are you looking for NIH funding opportunities but not sure which Institute is the best fit or which program officer to speak with about your project? Matchmaker, a tool provided by NIH, allows researchers to enter abstracts or other scientific text or keywords and returns a list of similar funded projects with associated program officials. Matchmaker may be found at [https://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter\\_matchmaker.cfm](https://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter_matchmaker.cfm)

## Statistical Assistance at the Center for Nursing Research

**Lynette Phillips**, PhD, MSPH, and statistician from the College of Public Health, will be at the Center for Nursing Research, 214A, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during the Spring semester to provide assistance.