

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES!

A Newsletter for the College of Nursing Community, Colleagues and Friends

Spring 2015

Faculty Notes

Drs. Denice Sheehan and Murray Mayo presented findings of their NIH-funded research study to clinical staff at Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR) in January. The interdisciplinary research team included Drs. Claire Draucker and Grace Christ, Kim Heim, Ghada Shahrour, and Stephanie Parish. The presentation focused on ways adolescents interact with healthcare providers. A related article by Dr. Sheehan was published in the HWR quarterly newsletter, *Clinical Connections*.

Ratchneewan Ross is a grant reviewer for the American Nurses Foundation, 2015-2017 and is in the Early Career Reviewer program for the NIH Center for Scientific Review as of October, 2014. She is on the Advisory Board for the Everywoman Everywhere Coalition, an international organization working to stop violence against women around the world.

Yea-Jyh Chen, Ratchneewan Ross and **Yafen Wang** served as judges for the KSU 30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium on April 3, 2015.

Yvonne Smith facilitated the *Issues Panel* for Nurses Day at the State House, Ohio Nurses Association, Columbus, OH in February 2015.

New Grants Awarded

Jennifer Shanholtzer and **Jeremy Jarzembak** were awarded funding from the KSU Foundation in support of two projects for the simulation laboratory, *Smart Pumps for Safer Practice* and *Standardized Simulated Patient Scenarios*.

Yafen Wang has received funding from the Lake Health Foundation for *Interrelationships among Stress, Resourcefulness and Overeating in Children*, a project in the Painesville, OH area.

Heidi Weisel (Staff) has procured a donation of 5,000 Softcups™ for distribution among adolescent girls in Kenya. Traditionally, girls drop out of school due to lack of menstrual hygiene supplies, so this will enable many to continue their education. Heidi will help with distribution from Bonyo Health Center in Masara, Kenya in June, 2015.

News You Can Use

The new **designated Librarian for CON** in University Libraries is Ryan McLaughlin: rmclaug3@kent.edu.

New NIH Biosketch format will be required for all competing and non-competing NIH and AHRQ proposals submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2015.

NIH Grants Policy Statement has been revised as of 3/31/2015. A document summarizing the significant changes that are implemented within it is available at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/Significant_Changes_NIHGPS.pdf.

Thank you, again, to all presenters for the Engagement Series: Brown Bag series during 2014- 2015:

Louann Bailey, DNP; Barbara A. Broome, PhD, FAAN, Dean; Yvonne Smith, PhD; Ann Jacobson, PhD; Wendy Umberger, PhD; Jessica Davis Sanata (MSN Student); Barbara L. Drew, PhD; Lisa Echeverry, DNP; Kristin Yeager, MS (University Library); Yea-Jyh Chen, PhD; and our Visiting Scholars from Brazil Aline Pestana, MSN; Cecilia Arruda, MSN; and Micheline Koerich, MSN.

If you have recommendations or wish to volunteer for presentations during 2015-2016, please contact Dr. Anthony (manthony@kent.edu).

Dear Colleagues,

The Center for Nursing Research has had a productive year! We are pleased to feature so many student successes in this issue, as you will see on page two.

The College of Nursing was well represented at the Midwest Nursing Research



Society 2015 Annual Research Conference. Five of our students presented or co-presented. Under the mentorship of Dr. Barbara Drew, Elizabeth Parsons won the second place Undergraduate Poster Award. A total of 15 KSU students and two Visiting Scholars participated in MNRS in Indianapolis, IN, in April, with seven faculty members, Dean Broome and myself. The KSU Graduate Research Symposium included presentations by six College of Nursing students in April. I hope you will join me in congratulating these students.

Our thanks to Dr. Lynette Phillips for leading two statistical workshops at the College of Nursing in April and May: *Moderation and Mediation* and *Data Management and Missing Data*.

I encourage you to take advantage of the summer months to engage more deeply in your own research efforts. Please contact me if you wish to discuss your work (manthony@kent.edu).



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Photo: back row, left to right: Jehad Rababah, Cheryl Bradas, Shelley Amato; middle row: Pam Stephenson, Mary Anthony, Dana Hansen, Mohammed Aldalaykeh, Hossam Alhawatmeh, Jessica Sanata; front row: Yafen Wang, Sureeporn Suwannasod, Wimonthip Phuangkhem

Recent Publications by CON Faculty

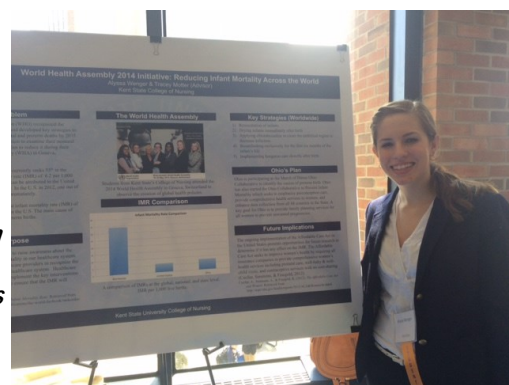
Ross, R., Stidham, A. W., Saenyakul, P., & Creswell, J. W. (2015). Intimate partner violence, emotional support, and health outcomes among Thai women: A mixed methods study. *Journal of the Royal Thai Army Nurses, 16*(1), 14-24.

Due to the high productivity of our students this Spring, we will recognize faculty members who gave Spring presentations in the Fall 2015 newsletter.

Student Notes

The following student presented at the **Undergraduate Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creativity**, Kent State University, March 11, 2015:

Alyssa Wenger (BSN Honors Student), presented *World Health Assembly 2014 Initiative: Reducing infant mortality across the world* (poster).



Alyssa Wenger, BSN student, at the KSU Undergraduate Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creativity

The following students presented at the **30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium**, Kent State University, April 3, 2015:

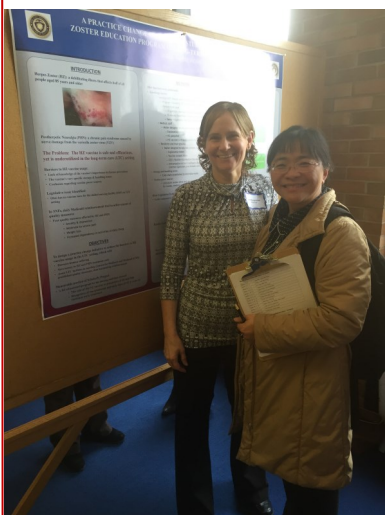
Chutarat Akkarawongvisit (PhDc) - *Depression and the impact of meditation practice on Thai undergraduate nursing students* (poster).

Amal Al-Alawi (PhDc) - *Collaborative learning in education: Evidence-based teaching literature review* (poster).

Homood Alharbi (PhDc) - *Osteoporosis health beliefs in transgender individuals* (poster) and *Osteoporosis prevention behaviors in transgender individuals* (poster) research with Carol Sedlak and Cyndi Roller.

Lori Margevicius (DNP student) - *A practice change initiative to study the effects of a Herpes Zoster education program on long-term care staff's knowledge.*

Jessica Sanata (MSN student) - *Osteoporosis prevention knowledge in transgender individuals* (poster) research with Carol Sedlak and Cyndi Roller.



Lori Margevicius, DNP student and Yea-Jyh Chen, PhD faculty, at KSU 30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium

Jessica also presented *Acceptability, benefits, burdens and feasibility of a guided imagery intervention for persons undergoing a total knee replacement* (oral) research with Ann Jacobson and Wendy Umberger.

Sureepom Suwannasod (PhD Student) - *Hope and spiritual well-being in adolescents with cancer: An integrated review* (poster).

The following students presented at the **Midwest Nursing Research Society** annual conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 16-19, 2015:

Mohammed Aldalaykeh (PhDc) - with Mary Anthony, *Shift rotation and physical activity among acute care nurses using accelerometry* (paper).

Elizabeth Parsons (Honors Student) - 2nd Place Student Poster, *Student experiences with mind-body self-care during their first nursing course: Content analysis of focus*, research with Barbara Drew, Tracey Motter and Jihad Rababah.



Elizabeth Parsons, BSN student, with her 2nd Place Student Poster at the MNRS conference in April

Jihad Rababah (PhDc) - *Facilitating the driving cessation transition in older adults: A literature review* (poster).

Judy Risko (PhDc) - *"It didn't kill me. It just made me stronger and wiser": Resiliency and growth in children living with a parent with chronic pain* (poster) research with Wendy Umberger.

Kaylee Suto (BSN Honors Student) with Cyndi Roller and Carol Sedlak, *Navigating the system: How transgender individuals engage in health care services* (paper).

Jessica Sanata is first author with Ann Jacobson and Wendy Umberger on *Patient Experience in a Mixed Methods Pilot Study of Guided Imagery vs. Placebo Intervention*. (2015, April). Poster presentation at Charting the Course for New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements, Akron, OH.

CON Visiting Scholars delivered presentations at the 11th Annual Cleveland Clinic Nursing Research Conference in Aurora, OH, April 27-28, 2015:

Cecilia Arruda, *Expanded Clinic" in nursing care for people with diabetes mellitus* (poster).

Micheline Koerich, *Access of people living with HIV/AIDS in a Specialized Disease Specific Health Service: Contributions to the Care Management* (poster).

Jihad Rababah was accepted to present a poster at the 26th International Nursing Research Congress of STTI in Puerto Rico, July 2015.

Jihad received a Dr. Richard A. Zeller Nursing Research Fund award for *Examining the Effect of a Tai Chi Intervention on Psychosocial Consequences of Driving Cessation among Older Adults*.

Lori Margevicius and **Danielle Germany** have earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and graduated from the College of Nursing in May.

Kawther Hamash has completed her PhD degree and graduated from the College of Nursing in May.