Dear Colleagues,

As the snow continues to fall, the Center for Nursing Research is greeting Spring semester with several initiatives to support faculty and students and bolster a culture of research at the College of Nursing.

Over the last few months, we have sought to reimagine and reinvigorate the Brown Bag Engagement Series, including seeking faculty input through a Qualtrics survey. Highlights of the survey are included in this issue. We have also been working collaboratively with the University’s Office of Sponsored Programs to help streamline the proposal development and submission process. Additionally, we are continuing to work with Corey Moore and the College’s Marketing Communications & Public Relations Department to provide targeted information about services offered by the Center for Nursing Research and the research process.

Remember that we are here to support you and help facilitate your research goals for 2019!

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Kimberly Cleveland, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC, was named to the American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) Governing Board for 2019-2020. She will also serve as chair of the TAANA Education and Policy Committee for 2019-2020.

Kimberly Cleveland, JD, MSN, RN, C-MBC, was appointed to the National League for Nursing Public Policy Committee for a two-year term.

Krista Hawkins, MSN, RN, received an Honorable Mention for the Daisy Faculty Award.

Edward Herzog, MSN, RN, APRN-CNS, authored two chapters in a textbook which received the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year award.

Mary Kutchin, MSN, RN, CNS, received one of three Outstanding Teaching Awards presented by the Kent State University Teaching Council to faculty nominated by students and peers for their dedicated, motivated, and effective teaching.

Lorene Martin, MSN, RN, CRNP, was honored with the Daisy Faculty Award.

Tracey Motter, DNP, RN, received the 2018 Assessment Pioneer Award from the Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning.

Cherie Mountain, MSN, RN-BC, received an Honorable Mention for the Daisy Faculty Award.

Dana Recher, PhD, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, received her Ph.D. from the University of Phoenix in August, 2018.

Wendy Umberger, PhD, RN, RMHCNS-BC, received the 2018 Assessment Pioneer Award from the Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning.

Wendy Umberger, PhD, RN, RMHCNS-BC, served as guest editor for the January 2019 special issue, Complementary and Integrative Treatments for Pain, of Pain Management Nursing.

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RESEARCH NEWS

Faculty Recognitions

Mary Anthony, PhD, RN, served as the Program Planning Chair for University Hospitals 2018 System Research Conference.

Mary Anthony, PhD, RN, is currently serving as a member of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Foundation Fundraising Committee.

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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. 28th:** Dr. Sara Bayramzadeh: *The Role of the Physical Environment on Healthcare Systems Outcomes*

**Feb. 25th:** Kevin McCreary & Tricia Slone: *Federal Changes in the Common Rule for Protection of Human Subjects*

**March 18:** Dr. Sungkyoo Lim, Visiting Professor, Advanced Materials Liquid Crystal Institute: *Healing Effects of Light, Especially Red/Nearly Infrared Light*

**April 29:** John Rathje, VP Information Technology: *New Thinking in a Digital World*

Brown Bag Engagement Series Survey

As many of you know, the Brown Bag Engagement Series was on hiatus during the Fall 2018 semester as we reimagined how this monthly event could best serve the research interests and needs of College of Nursing faculty and students. To this end, we recently distributed a Qualtrics survey designed to elicit faculty input as to how to make the series as helpful, informative, and pertinent as possible. Highlights from survey responses include the following:

- Over half of respondents prefer to attend Brown Bag sessions in person (53%) as opposed to viewing a recording (33%) or connecting remotely (13%).
- The majority of respondents identified research/scholarship topics of interest or presenter of interest as their top reasons for attendance.
- Most respondents are satisfied with the current time (lunchtime) and location for Brown Bag sessions (207 Henderson Hall).
- Many suggestions were given for topics of interest for upcoming Brown Bag sessions. Research/scholarship topic ideas include research resources, statistical methods, design methodology, and faculty scholarship updates for both the College and University. Educational topics of interest include online teaching and course development, grant development and management, scholarly writing, and creativity in the classroom.
Student Research

**DNP Defense**: The following student defended her scholarly project and graduated with her DNP:

Stephannah Adams,  
*A Culturally Sensitive Community-based Breast Health Education Program for African American Women Living in Calhoun County Michigan* (Dr. Marilyn Nibling, Chair; Drs. Louise Knox and Lisa Onesko, members)

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

Nidal Harb, *The Effect of Success Stories on Exercise Adherence to Newly Enrolled Cardiovascular Patients in Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs* (Dr. Wendy Umberger, Chair; Drs. C. Scotto and Y. Chen, members; Dr. Joel Hughes, external committee member; and Dr. A. Ridgel, graduate faculty representative & moderator)

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Student Awards

Kay Gianantonio, DNP student, received the Jonas Scholar Award to help fund her graduate studies (Dr. Lisa Onesko, advisor). Jonas Philanthropies is a leading national philanthropic funder of graduate nursing education, expanding the pipeline of doctorally prepared nurse faculty, researchers, and advanced practice nurses.

Jara Chadwell and Hannah Monsman received funding support through the Undergraduate Scholars Programs for their study, “A Qualitative Descriptive Study of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury in a College Population.”

Austin Croft was presented with the Congressional Award Silver Medal by Congressman Tim Ryan during a ceremony at the College of Nursing. The Congressional Award promotes and recognizes achievement, initiative, and service by young Americans.

Student Research Opportunities

**Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 9th**: 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. 15th. Details may be found at https://www.kent.edu/student_research/student-research-opportunities

**Graduate Research Symposium, April 21st**: 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 will take place through Feb. 27th; details may be found at https://www.kent.edu/student_research/graduate-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. 22nd; details may be found at https://www.kent.edu/student_research/summer-undergraduate-research-experience

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MNRS Annual Research Conference

The 2019 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Annual Research Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO from March 27-30. This year’s theme is *Nursing Research at the Forefront of Healthcare Crises*. More details about the conference may be found at https://mnrs.org/annual-conference.

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News You Can Use

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Changes for Grant Submissions: In a recent Open Mike blog, Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for the National Institutes of Health Office of Extramural Research, summarized changes within NIH for grant submissions, including the following:

- Federal changes to the Common Rule for Protection of Human Subjects (a Brown Bag session explaining these changes in depth is planned for Feb. 25th);
- Policy changes to grant submissions which may affect proposal development and review;
- Changes to the R15 Academic Research Enhancement Program; and
- New NIH resources for writing rigorous studies, including the replacement of “scientific premise” with “rigor of the prior research.”

Hard copies of this updated information may be found in the Center for Nursing Research (214 Henderson) and online at https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2018/12/13/resources-for-rigorous-research/.

OTHER NEWS FROM NIH:

In a recent Open Mike blog, “Do Reviewers Read References? And If So, Does It Impact Their Scores?”, Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for the National Institutes of Health Office of Extramural Research, summarized survey information of 1,000 randomly selected NIH proposal reviewers. Most of the 615 respondents indicated that they do look up references, and the majority found that references affected both their understanding of proposals and the resulting scores. His analysis may be found at https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2018/03/30/do-reviewers-read-references-and-if-so-does-it-impact-their-scores/.

Dr. Lauer also provides evidence that collaboration with colleagues is critical for research success. For all fields, the number of authors for papers and patents has steadily increased, and teams produce greater numbers of highly cited scientific papers. His analysis may be found at https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2018/04/04/theres-no-i-in-team- Assessing-impact-of-teams------receiving.nih.funding/.

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