Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Center for Nursing Research, welcome back to the College of Nursing for the Fall semester! This is always an exhilarating and productive time of the year, and we are here to help ensure your success with grant proposal submission, manuscript publication, and other scholarly endeavors. Last year was an especially fruitful year for CON faculty researchers with 17 grant proposals submitted, 27 publications (published and in-press) and 29 conference publications. Congratulations to all for these efforts.

As part of our commitment to promote and encourage scholarly discourse within the College of Nursing, we are taking a short hiatus from our Brown Bag Engagement Series to consider new approaches for bolstering the effectiveness of this monthly event for faculty and student researchers. We encourage open dialogue and suggestions for improvement as we revamp the Brown Bag Engagement Series over the upcoming months.

Lastly, it’s time to start thinking about the 2019 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Conference which is slated for March 27-30 in Kansas City, MO. Between now and October 1, we are accepting abstracts for the student poster competition. Please see additional information and submission details in this edition of the newsletter (below right).

Best wishes for a happy and productive Fall semester as we continue our forward momentum.

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

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RESEARCH NEWS

Faculty Recognitions

Loretta Aller, RN, PhD(c), presented a plenary session, “Utilizing Simulation to Enhance Critical Thinking and Situational Awareness in BSN Students,” at the 2018 National League for Nursing Boise State University Biennial Simulation Conference, Boise, ID.

Jo Dowell, PhD, CRNP, PNP, FNP-BC, was recently invited to serve as a book chapter reviewer for The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders (Grey House Publishing).

Mary Kutchin, MSN, RN, CNS, is one of six Kent State University faculty member finalists for this year’s Outstanding Teaching Award presented by the University Teaching Council.

Timothy Meyers, PhD, RN, was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA.

New Grant Awards

Katie Robertson, Jennifer Shanholtzer, Kellie Jarzembak, and Jeremy Jarzembak received a grant award from the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation for their project, Learning in Action Through High-Impact Simulation.

Tracey Motter and Christine Kauth received a continuation award from the Ohio Department of Higher Education Choose Ohio First scholarship program for the Linked-In to Practice (LIP) BSN program for undergraduate scholarships.

MNRS Student Poster Competition

The 2019 Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Annual Research Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO from March 27-30. We invite up to 12 students (3 BSN, 3 MSN, 3 DNP, and 3 PhD) to submit an abstract for the student poster competition to Dr. Mary Anthony by Oct. 1, 2018. More details about the conference and the student poster competition may be found at https://mnrs.org/annual-conference/student-poster-competition/
Scientific & Scholarly Presentations


Faculty Publications


Hritz, S., Wang, Y., & Akkarawongvisit, C. Exploring cultural health practices at a midwest university. Holistic Nursing Practice, 32(5), 268-274. doi.10.1097/HNP.0000000000000287


Student Presentations


Student Grant Award

Candace Mori, PhD candidate, received research grant funding from the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses for her study, Understanding the Experience of Osteoporosis in Bariatric Surgical Patients.

Student Research

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

Julie Tsirambidis (pictured below), Parents’ Perception of Satisfaction with Care by Nurse Practitioners in Pediatric Settings. (Dr. Lisa Onesko, Chair; Drs. Pat Vermeersch and Louise Knox, members)

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

Muntaha Alibrahim, Insomnia Among Thai Women Who Have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence. (Dr. Pat Vermeersch, Chair; Drs. Yafen Wang, Marlene Huff, Ratchneewan Ross, and Donna Bernert, members; graduate faculty representative & moderator, Dr. King Kele)

Soon Young Ha, A Model to Predict Falls with Major Injury in Long-Term Care Residents. (Dr. Pat Vermeersch, Chair; Drs. Dana Hansen, Lynette Phillips, and Sheau-Huey Chiu, members; graduate faculty representative & moderator, Dr. Gregory Smith)

Judy Risko, Adolescent Experiences in an Intensive Interdisciplinary Pediatric Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program. (Dr. Wendy Umberger, Chair; Drs. Pamela Stephenson, Pat Vermeersch, Gerard Banez, Kiersten Latham, Richard Adams, and Lori Kidd, members)

Dr. Pat Vermeersch (center) pictured with recent PhD graduates Soon Young Ha (left) and Muntaha Alibrahim (right).

PIctured above: Drs. Pam Stephenson, Lori Kidd, Gerard Banez, and Wendy Umberger, Chair; Judy Risko (PhD graduate); and Drs. Kiersten Latham, Richard Adams, and Pat Vermeersch

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News You Can Use

In a recent policy notice, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced that as of September 26, 2018, they will no longer offer the Protecting Human Research Participants (PHRP) course. NIH also advised those with in-progress courses to complete them and/or print course certificates before this date. Researchers are still required to comply with NIH policy regarding protection of human subjects participants. Archived course content is available as a reference (PDF format) on the NIH Research Involving Human Subjects website.

Are you considering applying for NIH funding? Recent changes to proposal application forms include specific funding announcements for projects with or without clinical trials and new human subjects-focused sections. A helpful overview of these changes may be found at the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health blog, “How Do New NIH Human Subjects Policies Impact Training and Career Development Awards?” at https://nccih.nih.gov/research/blog/TransparencyofClinicalResearch?nav=g

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

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Recent PhD graduate Dr. Wimothip Phuangkhem presented her study, *Social Support and Intimate Partner Violence Interaction: Effects on Quality of Life Among Thai Women,* at the 29th Sigma International Nursing Congress in Melbourne, Australia in July. Her presentation was attended by Dr. Jo Dowell, who co-chaired her dissertation committee.

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 during the Fall semester to provide assistance.