Project for Scholarly Integrity

Michigan State University, along with Pennsylvania State University and University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been selected as a consortium to participate in The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Project for Scholarly Integrity. The College of Nursing is participating with this project. This award, in which only seven universities were selected, will be developing models for integrating research and scholarly integrity into the graduate school experience. The program seeks to better inform students, researchers and faculty about the ethical responsibilities and complexities of research in the 21st century. For additional information about the project please visit www.scholarlyintegrity.org.

SPG First Rounds

Congratulations to Denise Saint Arnault, Debra Schutte and their research teams for being asked to submit a full proposal for the SPG. The interdisciplinary nature of these projects was good.

Recent Research Events Recap

The Research Center would like to thank all that attended Debra Schutte’s Laboratory Open House and Millie Horodynski’s Celebration on the receipt of her new grant. These are great accomplishments by our researchers and we look forward to the continued success in the Center.

The Research Center would also like to thank those that took time out of their busy schedules to attend Visiting Scholar, Dr. Vicki Conn’s presentations and special events. We hope that you learned information that will assist you in your future research projects. For those unable to attend the presentations, please watch for future updates on the release of the presentations.

MSU and CTSI Score

During the 2008 year CON faculty worked hard with other colleges to prepare the first Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) proposal, which would help create a university wide resource to ensure that the science is translated to the community so citizens can benefit from the latest science. The results have been received and the proposal received a score of 187! The Research Center would like to thank Bill Corser, Gwen Wyatt, Debra Schutte, Kathy Dontje and Barbara Given for their hard work.
**From the Associate Dean of Research**

**Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN**

This past month we held special celebrations including the opening of the first wet lab for Dr. Schutte in CON and a new grant for Dr. Horodynski. This month we feel the excitement of researchers with the announcement that they could apply for stimulus money for their research. This is an exciting time and the buzz in the hallways and meeting rooms brings new energy. We have two students working to submit NRSAs in April. These will be the first NRSAs in quite some time for the college. The involvement with faculty and with colleagues around campus is good to see as new interdisciplinary research teams are being built. This interaction among the disciplines can only improve our work. Meanwhile, we wait for some new scores from faculty grants being reviewed.

**Letter from a colleague:**

Dear CON Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your participation in our recent Lab Open House! We are very excited to be up and running in the lab. And I very much appreciate your interest in and support of our research!

You were great sports in our assorted open house competitive events! You will see that I decided to award only one prize per person. And, in one event, I established a novice and expert category. Please join me in congratulating the winners of these exciting events (their Sparty Bucks are on the way)!

**The TipBox Derby**

(fastest time to fill a 96 well box with pipetors tips)

Novice category winner: **Erin Johnson** (CON)

Expert category winner: **Ellen Wilch** (Friderici Lab, MMG)

**Know Your Eppendorf Tubes**

(closest guess to the number of eppendorf tubes in the beaker, without going over; Actual number = 126)

Erin Johnson (125) and Marilou Clary (123) made great guesses. But because they each won another event, the prize goes to the next closest guess: **Georgia Padonu** (111) (CON)

**Know Your Small Volumes**

(closest estimation of the volume of liquid in a set of eppendorf tubes)

Marilou Clary (CON)

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Debra Schutte

Associate Professor

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**RESEARCH CENTER NEWS CONT.**

**New Board Member**

The Research Center is pleased to announce that **Bill Corser** has recently been elected as a member of the MNRS Board of Directors for 2009 to 2011. For those attending MNRS this month, please be sure to attend the Business Meeting on Sunday, March 30, where the results will be officially announced.

**Congratulations, Bill!**

**CON Presentations at ONS**

The Oncology Nursing Society held its 10th National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research, February 12-14, 2009. The CON had a large presence of faculty, students and program graduates.

**Elizabeth Byma** Worst, Least and Average Pain Severity Scores: Variability and Response to a Symptom Management Intervention (Poster)

**Judith Fouladbakhsh** Gender, Symptom Experience, and CAM Practices Among Cancer Survivors (Paper)

**Barbara Given** When Compared with Information Interventions, are Cognitive Behavioral Models More Effective in Assisting Patients to Manage Symptoms? (Paper)

**Amy Hoffman** The Development and Testing of a Scale for Measurement of Perceived Self-Efficacy for Cancer-Related Fatigue Self-Management Scale (Paper)

**Jaquelyn Keehne-Miron** The Association of Frequency, Intensity and Distress of Fatigue, Pain and Insomnia for Chemotherapy Patients (Paper)

**Rebecca Lehto** Death concerns in individuals newly diagnosed with lung cancer. (Paper)

**Paula Sherwood** Psychological distress and immune function in neuro-oncology caregivers (Poster)

**Paula Sherwood** Preliminary Analyses of Biobehavioral Interactions in Oncology Family Caregivers (Poster)

**Paula Sherwood** The impact of caregiver and patient characteristics on recruitment and retention in longitudinal caregiver research (Poster)

**Sandy Spoelstra** A Pilot Study to Test Interventions to Improve Adherence With Oral Chemotherapy Agent(s) (Poster)

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**Reviewer News**

During the month of February **Mei-Wei Chang** served as a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior and Obesity Research.

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**New Advisory Board Member**

**Dr. Barbara Given** has recently been selected to join the International Advisory Board of the European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON). The European Journal of Oncology Nursing is a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience through which nurses can address issues of importance in oncology related to practice, policy, research and education.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mixed Model Analysis of Research Data  March 20, 2009
Robert J. Tempelman
1-4 p.m., 101 North Kedzie Hall
Register online at http://www.cstat.msu.edu/

Health Disparities Summit: The State of the Science  March 24, 2009
Denise Saint Arnault, PhD, MS, RN
12-1 p.m., E-4 West Fee Hall

Basic Data Analysis Using SPSS  March 27, 2009
Sandra Herman
1-4 p.m., 101 North Kedzie Hall
Register online at http://www.cstat.msu.edu/

Planning, Managing and Funding the Research Project  April 4, 2009
Big Ten B, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
For additional information contact Rique Campa at campa@msu.edu or Judith Stoddart stoddart@msu.edu

Status Check on President Obama’s First 100 Days and the Implications for Michigan  May 4, 2009
Alan Weil; John Goddeiris, PhD; and Janet Olszewski, MSW
1-4:40 p.m., Henry Center for Executive Development
Register online at http://nursing.msu.edu/hpf/

RECENT FACULTY AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS


RECENT FACULTY PRESENTATIONS


CONFERENCES & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Eastern Nursing Research Society. 21st Annual Scientific Sessions in Boston, Massachusetts.  
http://www.enrs-go.org/  
March 19-21, 2009

March 25, 2009

Midwest Nursing Research Society. 33rd Annual MNRS Research Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
http://www.mnrs.org  
March 27-30, 2009

Society of Behavioral Medicine. 30th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Montreal, Canada.  
http://www.sbm.org/meeting/2009  
April 22-25, 2009

Western Institute of Nursing. 42nd Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
http://www.winursing.org  
April 23-25, 2009

Oncology Nursing Society. 34th Annual ONS Congress in San Antonio, Texas.  
Early Registration Deadline: March 19th  
http://www.ons.org  
April 30-May 3, 2009

5th Annual Cleveland Clinic Nurses Research Conference.  
Registration Deadline: May 1st  
http://my.clevelandclinic.org/nursing/default.aspx  
May 7, 2009

9th International Family Nursing Conference. Reykjavik, Iceland.  
http://www.ifnc2009.com  
June 2-5, 2009

Early Registration Deadline: April 28th  
http://www.academyhealth.org/  
June 28-30, 2009

Sigma Theta Tau International, 20th International Nursing Research Congress in Cancun, Mexico.  
Early Registration Deadline: May 6th  
http://www.nursingsociety.org/  
July 12-17, 2009

Abstract Deadline: March 16th  
www.malph.org  
October 28-29, 2009

American Public Health Association 2009 Annual Meeting & Exposition in Philadelphia, PA.  
http://www.apha.org/  
November 7-11, 2009

Gerontological Society of America. 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA.  
Abstract Deadline: April 8th  
http://www.geron.org/  
November 18-22, 2009

2010 National State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research. Washington, DC.  
http://www.nursingscience.org  
September 27-29, 2010

American Psychosocial Oncology Society. 7th Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.  
http://www.apos-society.org  
February 18-21, 2010

If you have any comments, suggestions, or research-related activities to report, e-mail your information to Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu