CON will be receiving more than $1.1 million from the Michigan Nursing Corps which is supported by the Michigan Departments of Community Health and Labor & Economic Growth. The grants aim to address the shortage of nursing faculty, enhance the nursing workforce in Michigan and accelerate degree completion of graduate students. The educational programs supported through the Michigan Nursing Corps grants include Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science in Nursing with Nursing Education Concentration and Accelerated Second Degree BSN. Doctoral students who have reached candidacy status and have less than two years to study remaining will be eligible for these funds.

### Distinguished Alumna Award

Dean, Mary Mundt, is being honored with the College of Education Distinguished Alumna award from her alma mater, Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Dean Mundt’s award honors her educational and professional accomplishments as well as her leadership in building university-community partnerships and commitment to educational practices and research.

Congratulations, Dean Mundt!

### FACT Grant Results

The Research Center would like to congratulate Debra Schutte and Connie Currier on their recent award letters for their submission to the Families and Communities Together (FACT) Coalition. Dr. Schutte’s submission entitled, “CoSAGE: Cooperative Study Across Generations” will quantify prevalence and risk factors for Alzheimer disease within a local community. Dr. Currier’s submission entitled, “Mexican Immigrants’ Health Seeking in Lansing” will employ qualitative research techniques of open-ended interviewing and participant observation, to explore the health experiences and health management strategies of a group of immigrant Mexican families in the Greater Lansing area.

### CON Summer Scholar Pilot Project Awards

The Research Committee would like to announce that Millie Horodynski and Lorraine Robbins have been selected to receive the CON Summer Scholar Pilot Project Awards. Millie’s plan is to provide pilot data in support of the resubmission of the Healthy Babies (HB) intervention proposal to NICHD. Specifically she plans to explore a cost-effective, alternative service delivery mode to complement the USDA funded research of HB as delivered in a home-visitation model. The purpose of Lorraine’s investigation will be to assess psychosocial factors related to physical activity and healthy eating among racially diverse middle school girls. Congratulations to both recipients!

### Faculty Consultation

During the week of March 9 – 13, Gwen Wyatt visited Honolulu, Hawaii as a consultant. She met with faculty from the Complementary and Alternative Medicine Department at the University of Hawaii, School of Medicine. She critiqued research presentations by three different faculty members on their cancer projects: 1) Herbal Therapy (Noni Juice), 2) Energy Therapy (Qi Gong), and 3) Mind-Body Therapy (Music). She also met with nursing supervisors at The Queen’s Medical Center to discuss their Holistic Wellness Program developed for their Cardiac Integrative Care Center.
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**Recent CON Grant Proposals Submitted**

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**Reviewer News**

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

**Quoted in the New York Times**

On March 17, Barbara and Charles Given, were quoted in *The New York Times* article titled, “No Single Path for Cancer Care in Elderly.” This article gave an overview of elderly patients diagnosed with cancer and how they should be treated on an individual basis. Barbara and Charles Given indicated in the article that older patients who have had surgery for cancer or have been treated for cancers of the colon, rectum, breast, or non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, “have tolerated and shown positive responses to their treatments.”

**New Editorial Board Member**

Barbara Given was recently selected to the editorial board for the *Western Journal of Nursing Research.* She attended her first board meeting at MNRS in March.

### From the Associate Dean of Research

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

The research presented by faculty and all levels of students at MNRS was impressive visibility for the CON! The faculty and students did a great job with their research posters and presentations! Our kudos go to Lorraine Robbins who received the *Advancing the Science of Nursing Research in Adolescent Health Award.* Not only was the MNRS conference filled with excitement about research, but conversations were buzzing about the MSU men’s and women’s basketball scores!

Now we must settle into research as the center will be submitting lots of grants in the next two months. We have both new and resubmitted grants being submitted along with a couple of stimulus awards going in. At the beginning of April we had two NRSA’s submitted. That is great news for both our college and the students. As the excitement grows within the college as our grants are submitted, the colleges of nursing throughout the Midwest are all buzzing with activity for the new opportunities that are emerging for nurse researchers.

### RECENT FACULTY PRESENTATIONS


### RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


Research Center Update

MNRS Representation

Faculty and students, both alumni and current, recently returned from the Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting. CON representatives had the opportunity to share their research, mingle with other researchers and market the benefits of working or going to school at the CON. Here is a list of the presentations prepared by faculty and students.

Bay, E.—What are the assessment and discharge teaching practices of Emergency Department nurses following mild traumatic brain injury (poster)
Bay, E. and Xie, E.—Psychological and biological correlates of fatigue after mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injury (paper)
Bergman, K.*—Symptom Self-Management for Persons with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (poster)
Corser, W. and Dontje, K.—The Self-Management Behaviors of Heavily Comorbid Primary Care Elders (poster)
Dontje, K.—Examining Standardized Terminology to Support Evidence Based Nursing Practice For Patients with Depression in Primary Care (poster)
Houghton-Rahrig, L.*—Symptom Experience in the Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Population (poster)
Kim, J., Pressler, S., Welch, J., Damush, T., Sloan, R., Wu, J., and Groh, W.—Mastery, Age, and Physical Function in Patients with Defibrillators (paper)
Robbins, L. and Talley, H.—Boys’ Perceived Benefits of, Barriers to, and Suggestions for Increasing Physical Activity (paper)
Soltow, D.*, Given, B., and Given, C.—What is the Relationship of Age and Number of Co-Morbidities to Physical Function and Symptom Burden Outcomes in Older Adults Undergoing Cancer Treatment? (paper)
Talley, H.—Cultural Sensitivity Among Nurse Anesthesia Program Directors (poster)
VanderLaan, K.***, Wills, C.E. and Wyatt, G.—How prior experiences influence the decision to engage in advance care planning (paper)

* MSU CON Doctoral Student
** MSU CON Undergraduate Student
*** Former MSU CON Doctoral Student

In addition to the presentations, Lorraine Robbins, was honored with the Advancing the Science of Nursing Research in Adolescent Health Award at MNRS. This award recognizes nurse researchers who have a sustained record of research in adolescent health nursing.

Congratulations, Lorraine!
Greater Lansing Nursing Research Day

The CON was well represented at the 17th Annual Greater Lansing Nursing Research Day on March 25. Of the 26 posters presented, 21 were affiliated to CON by our faculty, PhD students, MSN students and undergraduates. The Research Center would like to thank Bill Corser, who served on the planning committee, and Henry Talley, president of Sigma Theta Tau, for their support to the program. We would also like to thank all the faculty mentors that assisted students with their posters. Congratulations to all for your hard work and dedication!

Adkins, E.* and Merecki, J.*—The advantages of implementing a fatigue assessment tool with inpatient school age oncology patients
Bay, E. and Xie, E.—Psychological and biological correlates of fatigue after mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injury
Bendall, K.*, Rainey, K.*, Burks, K.*, Johnson, A.* and Nevi, K.*—Educating to Overcome Barriers to Informing Adolescents about Testicular Cancer (TC) and Testicular Self-Examinations (TSE)
Corser, W. and Dontje, K.—The Self-Management Experiences of Heavily Comorbid Primary Care Elders
Hodges, J. and Washburn, J.—Transition to Practice: An Evaluation of Two Graduate Nurse Orientation Programs
Horodynski, M., Stommel, M., Brophy-Herb, H., Weatherspoon, L. and Chen, C.—Mealtime Television Viewing and Dietary Quality in Low-Income African American and Caucasian Mother-Toddler Dyads
Katsande, G.*—Early Screening of Osteoporosis for Pre-Menopausal Women
Marble, K.*, Hall, R. and Isaguirre, M.—Special Addition Project
Marble, K.*—RNICU Student Nursing Orientation
Miller, L.—With an Eye to Recruitment and Retention: Improvement in Identification of Healthcare Worker Roles by High School Students in a Healthcare Career Exploration Program Through Hospital Based Job Shadow Experiences
Morley, B.*, Reece, A.*, Bunyan, H.*, Roth, J.*, Reau, S.* and Dunn, N.*—Educating to Overcome Barriers to the Implementation of Kangaroo Care
Spoelstra, S.*, Given, CW, Meizo, E., Bremer, R., You, M., Decker, V., and Given, B.—A Pilot Study to Test Interventions to Improve Adherence With Oral Chemotherapy Agent(s)
Spoelstra, S.*, Given, CW, Given, B., and von Eye, A.—The Influence of Cancer on Falls in Community Dwelling Elderly
Tzeng, H. and Hodges, J.—Perspectives of Nursing Staff Towards the Reasons for and Nature of Patient and Family Initiated Call Lights
Vanden Bosch, M.* and Corser, W.—Self-Management Predictors in Adults with Diabetes Post-Hospitalization for Acute Coronary Syndrome
Wehner, S.*, Reeves, M. and Gargano, J.—Which Stroke Symptoms Predict Use of 911?

* MSU CON Undergraduate Student    ** MSU CON Doctoral Student
UPCOMING EVENTS

The Revival of Girls on the Move: A Physical Activity Intervention
Lorraine Robbins, PhD, RN, FNP-BC
12-1 p.m., Patenge Room, East Fee Hall
RSVP to Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu

IRB Discussion: Hot Topics
Judy McMillan, BS, CIP
12-1 p.m. A230 Life Sciences
RSVP to Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu

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

CONFERENCES & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Oncology Nursing Society. 34th Annual ONS Congress in San Antonio, Texas.
http://www.ons.org

For information e-mail Diane Bannerman at Diane.Bannerman@ht.msu.edu.

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

9th International Family Nursing Conference. Reykjavik, Iceland.
http://www.ifnc2009.com

Early Registration Deadline: April 28th
http://www.academyhealth.org/

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

2009 Envision Conference. Troy Marriott Hotel, Troy, MI.
www.oakland.edu/nursing/2009envisionconference

MSU College of Nursing Research Conference Women’s Health: Translating Research into Practice. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI.

www.malphp.org

16th Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL). Integrating HROOL in Health Care Policy, Research, and Practice in New Orleans, LO.
Abstract Deadline: May 4th
Early Registration Deadline: August 17th
www.isogol.org

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

Gerontological Society of America. 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
http://www.geron.org/

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

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

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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