**Grant News**

Dr. Lorraine Robbins has been awarded a $400,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Her study is entitled, “Middle School Physical Activity Intervention for Girls.” The purpose of this study is to test the feasibility of and obtain preliminary evidence of efficacy for a 6-month “Girls on the Move” intervention (guided by the Health Promotion Model and Social Cognitive Theory).

Dr. Henry Talley has been awarded $9,722 by HRSA for his grant entitled, “Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships.” This graduate program will educate students for professional careers as nurse anesthetists; and, continue to contribute to the national reputation of the university’s quality and distinctive programs.

The Board of Directors of the Walther Cancer Foundation have funded Drs. Barbara and Charles Given’s grant application entitled “Web-based System to Support Family Care-giving.” This grant is being conducted in collaboration with Indiana University and DeAnna McDaniels. The grant award is $396,147 and will run from 7/1/09 through 6/30/11.

**Faculty Award News**

In April, Dr. Lorraine Robbins received the Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Psi Chapter Professional Development Award. The award was given to support Dr. Robbins presentation at the 20th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice in Vancouver, Canada during the month of July. Her presentation is entitled, “Exploring Interpersonal Influences on Boys' Physical Activity.”

**Reviewer News**

Recently Esther Bay served as a manuscript reviewer for the Rehabilitation Psychology and Psychoneuroendocrinology.

**Recent CON Grant Proposal Submitted**


**Speaking Engagement**

On April 21 Barbara Given presented at the National Cancer Institute’s Center for Cancer Research (CCR) Grand Rounds. The title of her presentation was, “Behavioral Intervention for Symptom Management: Examining the Mechanism of Action.”

**Cancer-Obesity Link**

A new link between body fat and cancer identified by Jenifer Fenton underscores obesity’s health risk and could lead to new cancer treatment and prevention strategies. Fenton identified the connection between obesity and colon cancer, the third-leading killer of Americans, in part by examining tissue hormones. Working with MSU/MAES physiologist Julia Busik and biologist Fay Hansen-Smith of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, Fenton examined a key hormone found in fat tissue and thought to promote cancer. Her conclusions can be read in the latest journal of Carcinogenesis.
From the Associate Dean of Research

Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN

I would like to congratulate those students who have successfully completed their requirements for graduation this spring. The College of Nursing wishes you well in your future endeavors.

The good news for nursing research continues once again this month. President Obama’s budget provides great funds for Nurse Loan Repayments, a 1.4% increase for NINR, plus, $36 million from the stimulus funds. This is exciting for our faculty and doctoral students. We need to take advantage of these potential opportunities as we move into the summer months. This is also good news for those faculty members submitting grants to be reviewed in the fall. Keep up the good work and we will keep you posted on other exciting news.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND APPLICATIONS

Cancer Nursing

Cancer Nursing is maintaining an open call for research and review papers that contribute to oncology nursing care. In addition, they invite you to submit manuscripts that directly respond to the target goals identified in The World Cancer Declaration 2008. The World Cancer Declaration 2008 is a consensus call to action issued through the International Union against Cancer (UICC) and is intended to galvanize individuals and groups across the globe. For additional information please visit http://www.uicc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16259&Itemid=486.

Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Scholarship & Fellowship Programs

The American Academy of Nursing, with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City and the Atlantic Philanthropies, seeks applicants for the following Scholarship and Fellowship Programs:

- The Predoctoral Scholarship http://www.geriatricnursing.org/applications/predoc-scholarship.asp program is designed to support 2 years of doctoral work for nurses committed to careers in academic geriatric nursing. The program awards a total of $100,000 ($50,000 per annum) to each selected Predoctoral Scholar candidate.

- The Claire M. Fagin Fellowship http://www.geriatricnursing.org/applications/cmf-fellowship.asp provides $120,000 for the 2-year fellowship ($60,000 per annum) for advanced research training and mentorship designed to assist doctoral-prepared nurses committed to faculty careers in geriatric nursing.

- The Mayday Fund provides an additional $5,000 award to selected scholar and fellow candidates whose research includes the study of pain in the elderly.

Details about the programs and application materials can be found on their web site at www.geriatricnursing.org/applications. Applications for the 2010-2012 cohort are due January 13, 2010. Contact Pamela Dudzik at 202-777-1171 if additional information is needed.

STUDENT NEWS

Dissertation Proposal Defense

Evelyn Gladney recently defended her dissertation proposal. Evelyn’s proposal was titled, “Decisional Balance for Prostate Cancer Screening.” Members of her committee include Margaret Holmes-Rovner, Ralph Levin, Denise Saint Arnault and Henry Talley. Georgia Padonu was the chair of her dissertation committee.

Award Information

Karen VanderLaan, a doctoral student graduate, was awarded the 2009 New Investigator Award in End of Life and Palliative Care Research Section at the Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting in March.

The Michigan Nursing Corps Award Letters have been sent to the following doctoral students Karen Burritt, Elizabeth Byma, Lori Houghton-Rahrig, Denise Soltow, Sandy Spoelstra and Melodee VandenBosch.

Congratulations to all for your continued success!

Student Grant News

Doctoral student graduate Paula Sherwood has received a RO1 NIH/NINR award for her grant entitled “Patient and Health Care System Outcomes Following EEA.” EEA is the expanded endonasal approach. This RO1 grant will run 2008-2013 and has an award amount of $1,839,462. The broad, long-term objective of the study is to examine inpatient and post-discharge outcomes following EEA and to compare outcomes between persons undergoing EEA and those who have undergone standard craniotomy matched on key variables.
New Training Opportunity from NINR: The BNC Fellowship

The Bravewell Collaborative, NINR, and the NIH Clinical Center (BNC) have come together to sponsor the joint BNC Fellowship for research in integrative medicine. This postdoctoral fellowship provides a unique opportunity that combines the academic environment of a university with the breadth and depth of the intramural research program at the NIH. The full-time, two-year program includes participation in clinical and research experiences with a clinical integrative medicine focus, and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration to optimize health and healing for individuals, families, and communities. The BNC Fellowship will prepare individuals to become innovative and creative leaders in the scientific community.

Application deadline: June 1, 2009

For more information and application instructions, please visit http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/TrainingOpportunitiesIntramural/BNCFellowship.htm.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation’s capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to:

- investigate the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and
- develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge and interventions that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health.

For additional information please visit http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20741.

Deadline: October 2, 2009

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society

The honor society is proud to offer these collaborative research grant opportunities that are aligned with STTI’s vision to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

Submissions are now being accepted for the following co-sponsored grants.

- Sigma Theta Tau International/ATI Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant $4,500 due July 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Joan K. Stout, RN, Research Grant $5,000 due July 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/National League for Nursing Grant up to $5,000 due June 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant up to $9,000 due July 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Grant up to $5,000 due July 1

Submissions will be accepted through STTI’s online grant system for the following international and co-sponsored grants. Applications will be accepted after August 17, 2009.

- Sigma Theta Tau International Small Grants $5,000 due December 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/ Doris Bloch Research Award $5,000 due December 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Rosemary Berkel Crisp Research Award 5,000 due December 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Canadian Nurses Foundation up to $4,950 due December 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Virginia Henderson Clinical Research Grant $5,000 due December 1
- Sigma Theta Tau International/Western Institute of Nursing Research Grant $2,500 due December 1

For additional information and deadlines for these and other grants offered by the honor society, please visit the Web site at www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants.

Clinical and Translation Sciences Institute

The Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) with funding from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies announces the launch of its program to fund clinical and translational research projects. All faculty members employed by Michigan State University are eligible to submit applications for this Request for Applications. Community-based investigators are encouraged to apply in collaboration with MSU employed faculty.

Projects will be selected based on the following criteria. In order to be considered for funding, it is mandatory that a proposed project meet at least two of these criteria.

- The research is clinical and/or translational (meaning either bench-to-bedside or research center-to-communities).
- The research actively engages investigators and/or subjects in multiple community sites around Michigan.
- The project has already been submitted for extramural funding, and tangible evidence is provided to link the proposed research to a future award approval.

An initial letter of intent must be submitted prior to acceptance of a full application. The RFA is located at http://ctsi.msu.edu/node/95.
RECENT STUDENT AND FACULTY PRESENTATIONS


RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


CONFERENCES & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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

http://www.academyhealth.org/  
June 28-30, 2009

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

2009 Envision Conference. Troy Marriott Hotel, Troy, MI.  
www.oakland.edu/nursing/2009envisionconference  
September 25, 2009

Promoting Excellence Through Evidence-Based Practice: Transforming Pediatric Health Care Conference. Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.  
Abstract Deadline: June 1st  
September 25, 2009

MSU College of Nursing Research Conference Women’s Health: Translating Research into Practice. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI.  
October 1-2, 2009

2009 Special Topics Conference – Technology, Genetics and Beyond; Research Methodologies of the Future. Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC.  
http://www.nursingscience.org/  
October 14, 2009

www.malph.org  
October 28-29, 2009

16th Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL). Integrating HRQOL in Health Care Policy, Research, and Practice in New Orleans, LO.  
Early Registration Deadline: August 17th  
www.isoqol.org  
October 28-31, 2009

2009 AAN Annual Meeting: Creating an Agenda for a Healthy Society. Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA.  
November 5-7, 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.  
http://www.geron.org/  
November 18-22, 2009

Abstract Deadline: June 1st  
http://snrs.org/annualconf/2010annualconference.html  
February 3-6, 2009

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

2010 Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. Seattle Sheraton, Seattle, WA.  
http://www.sbm.org/  
April 7-10, 2010

Midwest Nursing Research Society: Bench to Bedside. Westin Crown Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.  
Abstract Deadline: September 15th  
http://www.mnrs.org  
April 9-12, 2010

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

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION
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