Grant News
Dr. Barbara Given will serve as a consultant on a grant entitled, “Palliative Care for Quality of Life and Symptom Concerns in Lung Cancer.” Betty Ferrell will serve as the principal investigator. This grant will address the NCI identified research areas of clinical research and cancer control in the focus areas of QOL and symptoms in lung cancer across the cancer care continuum.

Manuscript Reviewer
Dr. Lorraine Robbins served as a manuscript reviewer for the Research in Nursing & Health journal.

PR News
Drs. Bill Corser, Sue Dunn (former doctoral student) and Manfred Stommel were cited on the September news of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for their article entitled, “Hopelessness and its effect on cardiac rehabilitation exercise participation following hospitalization for acute coronary syndrome” in the 2009 Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention.

Dr. Lorraine Robbins research entitled, “Girls on the Move,” was featured in faculty conversation with Karin Pfeiffer of the MSU News on Friday August 21.

Dr. Lorraine Robbins 2008 study entitled “Perceived benefits and barriers scales related to adolescent physical activity” is being featured in recently released Statistics and Data Analysis for Nursing Research 2nd Edition published by Princeton Hall as an example of principal components analysis. You can read about her study in Chapter 13 of the book.

In the month of August, Dr. Esther Bay presented an international poster at the MTBI 2009: An International Conference on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury entitled “Emergency Department Nurses’ Assessment and Discharge Teaching Practices Following MTBI: Report from a Midwest survey about the acute Concussion Evaluation care plan.

Nurse Corp News
Congratulations to Sue Wehner upon receipt of the Nurse Corp fellowship. Additional congratulations to Karen Burritt, Lori Houghton-Rahrig, Sandra Spoelstra and Melodee VandenBosch for successful completion of their comprehensive examination. Upon successful completion and obtainment of candidacy status they too are recipients of Nurse Corp Fellowship. This is an important milestone for CON as we now have 8 students at the dissertation phase. Congratulations on your achievements!

Partnership with Hope College
The CON is pleased to announce the new partnership with Hope College. The goal of this partnership is to bring more doctoral students to the university and alleviate the shortage of nursing faculty across the country. MSU will allow two spots in its fast-track doctoral program, an accelerated program, to eligible graduates with bachelor’s degrees from Hope College’s Department of Nursing.

Student Publication
Elizabeth Byma has been published in the Oncology Nursing Forum. Her article is entitled, “The effects of mastery on pain and fatigue resolution.” See full citation on the following page.
From the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Doctoral Program

Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN

The fall semester is well underway and the energy in the Research Center is high as we receive exciting news. Four doctoral students have successfully passed their comprehensive examinations. This allows them to begin their dissertation work. These four students are now eligible and have been awarded a Nurse Corp Fellowship. We also are excited as the new tenure stream faculty begin steps for the formulation of their program of research. A new program to provide freshman with research basics through the NUR110 honors section is also a new activity. Much is happening as we start our new academic year and we expect the excitement to continue.


Write Winning Revisions is a new half-day follow-on workshop to the yearly Write Winning Grants seminar sponsored by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. This new seminar will provide tips and strategies for resubmitting a proposal and will include a discussion of the critiques of applications that have previously been submitted by members of the audience. Faculty wishing to attend Write Winning Revisions must have attended Write Winning Grants in a previous year, or be planning to attend in 2010. There are only 24 slots available in the Write Winning Revisions seminar, and OVPRGS is required to provide at least six unfunded proposals and funder critiques, preferably from various funding agencies, to use as discussion points and workshop materials. If you are interested in attending this seminar please contact Kathy Walsh at 517-432-4499 or at walshka@msu.edu.

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies is currently accepting applications for the 2009 Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP) and the 2009 Competitive Discretionary Funding Program (CDFP). Guidelines and instructions may be found online at the Grant Proposal System (GPS) website https://gps.vprgs.msu.edu/. Proposals are to be submitted electronically through the GPS site. If you have any questions after reviewing the website, contact Research Coordinator, Cindy Espinosa at Cindy.Espinosa@hc.msu.edu or 517-353-8687.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is currently accepting applications for various grants for independent investigators, special initiatives, mentored training and career development, predoctoral training and international programs. For more information about requirements for each type of grant, visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org/research. Select “Funding Opportunities; Index of Grants.” If you have questions, please contact the American Cancer Society at 404-329-7558 or grants@cancer.org.

The Great Lakes Chapter of Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) will recognize one outstanding advanced practice nursing student who exemplifies the goals of GAPNA. The intent of the Great Lakes Chapter of GAPNA is to promote the future of advanced practice nursing in the state of Michigan by offering a scholarship to be used towards the cost of advanced practice nursing education and encourage commitment to improved nursing care of the older adult. A $500.00 cash award will be presented to the recipient at the Great Lakes Chapter Annual Conference in November.

Deadline: October 1, 2009

For information contact Judy Wheeler at jwheeler5@dmc.org.
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| Nurse Practitioner Skills Update: Arthritis Assessment and Treatment | September 17, 2009 | 3:30-7:30 p.m., Radiology Building  
| Dealing with NIH: How to be Successful                                | September 18, 2009 | Presented by Dr. Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN  
12-1 p.m., A230 Life Sciences  
For additional information contact Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.Labun@hc.msu.edu |
| Basic Data Analysis using SPSS                                       | September 18, 2009 | Presented by Dr. Sandra Herman  
1-4 p.m., 402 Computer Center  
For additional information and to register please visit [www.cstat.msu.edu](http://www.cstat.msu.edu) |
| Cultural Competence Clinic: Working Effectively with the Arab American Muslim Patient | September 23, 2009 | Presented by Brian D. Smith, M.D.  
12-1 p.m., Patenge Room, C 102 East Fee Hall |
| Introduction to R                                                    | September 24, 2009 | Presented by Dr. Vincent Melfi  
1-4 p.m., 402 Computer Center  
For additional information and to register please visit [www.cstat.msu.edu](http://www.cstat.msu.edu) |
| Evaluating Medical Home Initiatives: Understanding Structures, Process and Outcomes in the New Models of Primary Care | September 29, 2009 | Presented by Rebecca Malouin  
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., B616 West Fee Hall West Conference Room  
For additional information please visit [http://www.epi.msu.edu/seminars.htm](http://www.epi.msu.edu/seminars.htm) |
| Sample Size Determination for Clinical Research                      | October 2, 2009 | Presented by Alla Sikorskii  
1-4 p.m., 402 Computer Center  
For additional information and to register please visit [www.cstat.msu.edu](http://www.cstat.msu.edu) |
| Responsible Decision-Making in Academic Research: Ethical & Moral Perspectives | October 5, 2009 | 6-8 p.m., 103 Erickson Hall (the Kiva)  
For additional information please contact Dr. Terry May at mayte@msu.edu or 432-7140 or the Office of Regulatory Affairs at 432-4500. |
| ITCM/MSU NARCH Application                                           | October 13, 2009 | Presented by Noel Pingatore and Elizabeth Kushman  
12-1 p.m., D133 West Fee Hall  
For additional information contact Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.Labun@hc.msu.edu |
2009 Envision Conference. Troy Marriott Hotel, Troy, MI. 
[www.oakland.edu/nursing/2009envisionconference]

Promoting Excellence Through Evidence-Based Practice: Transforming Pediatric Health Care Conference. Sponsored by Children’s Hospital of Michigan Department of Nursing and the Center for Excellence in Pediatric Nursing. Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 

2009 Special Topics Conference – Technology, Genetics and Beyond; Research Methodologies of the Future. Sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. 

Early Registration Deadline: September 11th 
[http://www.nursingscience.org]

[www.malph.org]

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. 
[www.isoqol.org]

2009 Fall Semiannual Meeting. American Association of Colleges of Nursing. J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC. 
[http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Conferences/09Fall.htm]

2009 AAN Annual Meeting: Creating an Agenda for a Healthy Society. Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA. 

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

6th Annual International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology. New York City, NY. 
[www.integrativeonc.org]

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

3rd Annual Nurse Faculty Nurse Executive Summary. Sponsored by Nursing Economics, the Journal for Health Care Leaders. Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch, Scottsdale, AZ. 

Early Registration Deadline: October 15th 
[www.nursingeconomics.net]

[http://snrs.org/annualconf/2010annualconference.html]

American Psychosocial Oncology Society. 7th Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. 
Abstract Deadline: September 30th 
[http://www.apos-society.org]

Nursing Research Shaping Health Delivery & Policy. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. 
[www.mayoclinic.org/jobs-nursing-rst/cne.html]

16th International Conference on Cancer Nursing. Sponsored by International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care. Atlanta, GA. 
[http://www.isncc.org/conference/16th_ICCN/]

SBM’s 31st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. Seattle Sheraton, Seattle, WA. 
Abstract Deadline: September 17th 
[http://www.sbm.org/]

[http://www.icowhi.org/]

Midwest Nursing Research Society: Bench to Bedside. Westin Crowne Plaza, Kansas City, MO. 
Abstract Deadline: September 15th 
[http://www.mnrs.org]

43rd Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference. Sponsored by Western Institute of Nursing. Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, Glendale, AZ. 
Abstract Deadline: October 15th 
[www.winursing.org]

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