The Journal of School Nursing welcomes Dr. Lorraine Robbins to their Editorial Advisory Board. Linda Davis-Allbrit, president of the National Association of School Nurses recommended this appointment and the Executive Committee of NASN has approved this appointment. Congratulations Dr. Robbins!

On August 15 the College of Nursing welcomed the 2011 Michigan University Research Corridor Tour. Associate Dean of Research, Dr. Barbara Given, addressed the congressional delegation group on our research which focused on the important roles of individuals and families for health and well-being. A special thanks goes to Dr. Mei-Wei Chang, Dr. Millie Horodynski, Dr. Lorraine Robbins and Dr. Gwen Wyatt for sharing of their research activities with PowerPoint production and content.

Dr. Barbara Given is serving as a co-chair on the search committee for the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) Director at MSU.

Dr. Barbara Given, Dr. Millie Horodynski and Dr. Gwen Wyatt participated on the university’s site visit for the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs. The accreditation process required MSU to take a comprehensive look at our human research protection programs to identify and address any weaknesses and to build upon our strengths.

Grant and Award News

Dr. Lorraine Robbins has received the official award letter for her R01 grant in the amount of $3.6 million. The grant titled “Girls on the Move Intervention” is a 5-year school-based group randomized trial that will evaluate the efficacy of the GOTM intervention in increasing middle school girls’ minutes of MVPA (primary outcome) and improving cardiovascular (CV) fitness, body mass index, and percent body fat (secondary outcomes), immediately post-intervention and at 9-month follow-up. The grant has also been featured in the Chicago Tribune and USA Today. Congratulations to Lorraine on her accomplishment.
From the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Doctoral Program  

Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN

Fall is here and we can tell that by the weather, multi-colored leaves on the trees, students on campus and the chill in the air. In the CON we are very busy greeting new students, preparing grants, and preparing papers for publication. For the doctoral program we have students defending dissertation proposals but also defending the final document – the dissertation! We have the extra good fortune this fall of having three faculty members with R01 level NIH federally funded grants. Other news includes that Millie Horodyski and Paula Sherwood (PhD grad) were both inducted as Fellows into the American Academy of Nursing. There are only about 1500 nurses in the American Academy of Nursing.

In addition, the National Institute of Nursing Research released the new strategic plan which includes health promotion and disease prevention, advancing the quality of life, symptom management, palliative and end of life care.

This is exciting for the college and the profession. We look forward to a great year with lots of research and scholarly activity.

Research Center News Cont

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CON is pleased to announce another CTSI Seed Grant recipient, Dr. Gwen Wyatt. Dr. Wyatt’s program entitled “Saw Palmetto: Symptom Management for Men During Radiation Therapy” has been funded in the amount of $24,870.00. The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility, safety and efficacy of an inexpensive non-toxic herbal supplement, Saw Palmetto, in treating lower urinary tract symptoms. This will also provide a foundation to proceed to a R01 randomized clinical trial. Congratulations Gwen.

October 7 marked the celebration of our faculty and students at the annual scholarship and awards ceremony. Dr. Mei Wei Chang was presented with the Marjorie A. Holmes College of Nursing Faculty Enrichment Endowed Award. This award is designed to assist faculty in obtaining advanced educational experiences and to promote the production of dissemination and knowledge by supporting faculty research and initiatives. Congratulations Dr. Chang!

Dr. Sandra Spoelstra was awarded the 2011 McDevitt Award for Excellence in Research in Health Services Policy, and Clinical Care from the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Foundation. This award goes to students for their publication and recognizes research that contributes to improving health and medical care in Michigan. Sandra’s journal article entitled “Fall risk in community-dwelling elderly cancer survivors” helped her achieve this award.

Visiting Scholar Program

The 2011-12 Visiting Scholar program is well underway. The Research Center has already welcomed Dr. Vicki Conn from Missouri University School of Nursing and Dr. Ken Resnicow from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Conn focused on systematic and integrated literature reviews for publication, and Dr. Resnicow focused on culturally sensitive interventions. In the spring Dr. Antonia Villareal from the University of Michigan School of Nursing and Dr. Dianne Ward from the University of North Carolina will be visiting our college. This program serves to bring scholars who can enhance the intellectual and research activities of students and faculty, as well as develop collaborations and camaraderie among fellow researchers and scholars.

New Research Faculty

The Research Center would like to welcome Dr. Denise Hershey and Dr. Amber Vermeesch to the tenured stream. Dr. Hershey’s research interest is in the area of self-management of multi-morbidities in older adults, specifically patients with diabetes and cancer. She is interested in identifying factors in which nursing interventions can be developed for, to improve the health related quality of life and other health related outcomes for patients with diabetes and cancer.

Dr. Vermeesch’s research interests include the use of participatory photography, exercise motivators and barriers, multi-methodologies, vulnerable populations, and Latinas. Her dissertation topic was investigating and exploring the motivators and barriers to exercise among Latinas using participatory photography, pedometers, exercise logs and surveys. Results showed that the more acculturated to American culture, the fewer steps on average per day were recorded by participants.

Please stop by the fourth floor of West Fee Hall and welcome our new faculty members.

Bott Building News

Construction of the new Bott Building is well underway. To view a live feed of the construction in process, visit http://construction.msu.edu/index.cfm/projects/bott-building/.
**Recent Grants Submitted**


Hershey, D. “Identifying Care Challenges in Diabetic Patients with Cancer.” Submitted to Oncology Nursing Society.


**Recent Presentations**

Brittain, K. (2011, August). Social media and colorectal cancer screening. BCOG, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.


**Recent Publications**


**Student News**

**Award News**

Ana Kelly is the first CON student to receive the Johnson & Johnson/AACN Minority Nurse Faculty Scholars Scholarship. This program provides financial support to graduate nursing students from minority backgrounds who agree to teach in a school of nursing after graduation. Students must be enrolled full-time and preference is given to students in doctoral programs. Ana was one of five students selected from an applicant pool of 50 students. Congratulations to Ana on this wonderful achievement!

During the October 7 CON annual scholarship and awards ceremony, PhD student, Teri Holwerda was presented with the John F. Dunkel Memorial Endowed Scholarship; Kelly Adams, Emilie Dykstra Goris, Ana Kelly and Lisa Singletery were presented with the George and Margaret Lorimer Parsons Nursing Endowed Scholarship; and Sara Boylan was presented with the College of Nursing Scholarship. Congratulations to our PhD students.

**New PhD Students**

The Doctoral Program would like to welcome three new students Kelly Adams, Sara Boylan, and Dawn Frambes.

Kelly will be exploring the concept of Emotional Intelligence (EI) - the ability to perceive, use, understand, and manage emotions. Specifically she will look at how a family care provider’s EI influences readmission rates in patients with chronic disease. Dr. Barbara Given and Dr. Rebecca Lehto will serve as her major professors.

Sara’s research interests include oncology and exercise. She will be working to narrow her focus as she starts the PhD program. Dr. Gwen Wyatt and Dr. Amy Hoffman will serve as her major professors.

Dawn’s research interest involves geriatric populations in rural areas, particularly nursing home populations where immediate community resources are limited. Her focus will involve dementia and behavioral health. Dr. Gwen Wyatt will serve as her major professor.

**Dissertation News**

This fall Melodee VandenBosch and Lori Houghton-Rahrig will be defending their dissertations. Please save the following dates:

November 29, 9-11 a.m., Melodee VandenBosch’s Defense, A230 Life Sciences

November 30, 3-5 p.m., Lori Houghton-Rahrig’s Defense, B109 Life Sciences

Arunee Chaiyarit and Saowaluk Netchang have successfully defended their dissertation proposals this fall. Saowaluk’s dissertation proposal title is “Health-Related Quality of Life of Rural Thai Family Caregivers” and Arunee’s proposal is titled “Perceived Role Strain in Rural Thai Family Caregivers of Heart Failure Patients.” They will be returning to Thailand this semester to collect their data and begin writing their final dissertation.
Recent Reviews

**Faculty Journal Reviewers**

Chang, M. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior

Given, B. Translational Behavioral Medicine: Practice, Policy and Research

Given, B. RINAH

Given, B. Cancer Nursing

Given, B. European Journal of Oncology Nursing

Horodynski, M. Journal of Nutrition and Education Behavior

Schutte, D. Journal of Nursing Scholarship

Wyatt, G. Cancer Nursing

Wyatt, G. The Scientific World Journal

Wyatt, G. Nursing Research and Practice

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| Finding NIH Funds for Non-Medical Projects. International Center Conference Room, 3:00-5:00 p.m. For information contact https://forum.research.msu.edu/ | November 17 |

| Ex Ante Questionnaire Development, Adaptation and Translation in Cross-cultural Survey Research. A230 Life Sciences 12-1 p.m. Presented by Beth Ellen Pennell, University of Michigan. To RSVP contact Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu | November 18 |

| Introduction to SAS for Statistical Analysis of Research Data. 106 Farrall Agricultural Engineering Hall 2-5 p.m. Presented by Dr. Robert Tempelman. For information visit http://www.cstat.msu.edu/events/ | November 18 |

| Intermediate Sample Size Determination for Clinical Research. 106 Farrall Agricultural Engineering Hall 2-5 p.m. Presented by Dr. Alla Sikorskii. For information visit http://www.cstat.msu.edu/events/ | December 2 |

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| 37th ONS Annual Congress. New Orleans, LA. http://www.ons.org/ | May 3-6, 2012 |