Grant and Award News

**Dr. Barbara Given** and Dr. Charles Given received a Walther Cancer Foundation grant. Their project is entitled “BCOG Center for Symptom Management.” The total award was $337,557. The purpose of this proposal is to focus the efforts of Behavioral Cooperative Oncology Group on the training and development of scientists who can address symptom management resulting from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The grant will run July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2014.

**Dr. Millie Horodynski** has received a grant award from Alpha Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for her research proposal entitled, “Working with African American Teen Mothers in Feeding Their Babies throughout the First Year of Life. This study will use focus groups to inform the cultural appropriateness of the intervention of the Healthy Baby community-based, educational intervention for a population of AA adolescent first-time mothers of infants. This award in the amount of $1,800 with run April 2011-April 2012.

**Dr. Sandra Spoelstra** received second place in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Research Award for students for an article entitled, “Fall Risk in Community-Dwelling Elderly Cancer Survivors.” Spoelstra received $750 for this award. Dr. Spoelstra was selected to participate in the Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop at the 2011 National Outreach Scholarship Conference September 30-October 4, 2011.

**Dr. Costellia Talley** has been selected as a 2011 Fellow for the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network Fellowship Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research. This program is sponsored in conjunction with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. This will provide an opportunity for Dr. Talley to further develop her integrative research skills and gain valuable career advice from leading senior scholars in a collegial setting with other early career scholars.

**Dr. Lan Yao**’s article “Environment Ambiance as a New Window on Wandering” was one of the top 10 most-cited articles for Western Journal of Nursing Research from 2008-2010. Her coauthor was Dr. Donna Algase who is at the University of Toledo.

April Grant Submissions

**Schutte, D.** “Genetic and Environmental Predictors of Cognitive Symptoms in Alzheimer Disease.” R01 submitted to National Institutes for Health, NINR.

Undergraduate Scholarly Project Poster Presentations

Eleven groups of undergraduate students, along with their faculty mentors, presented the following research posters on Friday, April 29, 2011 during the Senior Scholarly Project Poster Presentations.

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Jenna Brown  
Katie Gray  
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Faculty Mentor: Sally Tazelaar

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Allison Assaly  
Amanda Arnold  
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**Physiological Effects of Kangaroo Care: Exploring Evidence-Based Practice**
Karen Augustine  
Alisha Cassiday  
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**Promoting Self-Efficacy to Reduce SIDS Rates in the African American Population**
Kelsey Alexander  
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Chelsie Mead  
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**Reducing Falls in Patients of Advancing Age**
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**Scalp Cooling Therapy to Reduce Alopecia in Breast Cancer Patients Receiving Chemotherapy**
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**Award News**

PhD student Emelie Dykstra received the John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Award. This $100,000 award supports 2 years of doctoral work for nurses committed to careers in academic geriatric nursing. Recipients in collaboration with their mentor will implement a tailored professional development plan which supports development of new competencies and enhanced effectiveness as an academic leader. Dr. Debra Schutte will serve as her primary mentor.

Denise Hershey has been selected as the Spring Class of 2011 Outstanding Student Award Recipient for the PhD in Nursing program. Ms. Hershey will be honored with a plaque at the graduate reception May 6, in the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center.

Ana Kelly has recently won the Walker Hill International Pre-Dissertation Award through the Internationals Studies and Programs Office. Her award for $2,200 will be used to conduct her pre-dissertation research on tuberculosis and HIV in South Africa during the months of May and June.

**Dissertation News**


Karen Burritt successfully defended her dissertation entitled, “Perceived physical functioning, perceived pain interference and health seeking behaviors in lumbar degenerative spine conditions.” Her dissertation committee included Denise Saint Arnault, Alexander von Eye and Barbara Given. Linda Spence served as her major professor.

**Grant Submitted**

Singleterry, L. “Maternal Feeding Behavior Associated with Weight Gain.” Submitted an NRSA to National Institutes for Health. Millie Horodynski is her major professor.
CURRENT AND GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Productivity

Presentations


Hershey, D., Tipton, J. & Given, B. (2011, April). Patients with diabetes and cancer: A description. Paper presentation at University of Toledo Nursing Research Day, Toledo, OH.


Publications

SPARROW PARTNERSHIP NEWS

During the month of April, Dr. Gwen Wyatt, Sparrow nursing research consultant, has been working with several Sparrow nurses on helping to prepare manuscripts and refine research project protocols. Principal Investigator Leah Cohen, MSN, RN, CCRN, clinical nurse specialist for critical care, has developed a study to assess nursing inter-rater reliability using a CAM-ICU tool among ventilated patients. A description of her project is highlighted this month.

Delirium or acute confusion is a frequent and serious clinical complication in mechanically ventilated patients. Delirium has been associated with an increased hospital length of stay, increased number of ventilator days and increased morbidity and mortality rates. It is for these reasons that delirium must be assessed for in all ventilated patients. In order to do so, nurses need a tool that shows consistent delirium assessment results.

The aim of this study is to determine the inter-rater reliability rate of nursing assessments post-training with the Confusion Assessment Method for Intensive Care Units (CAM-ICU) tool. Despite multiple research studies showing the prevalence of delirium in critical care units, few studies exist regarding the best assessment tools for consistent delirium assessment. This study will compare delirium assessments of approximately 150 nurses to an assessment of identified champions within 3 critical care units at one hospital setting. The results of this study should identify the inter-reliability rate of nurse using the CAM-ICU tool.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Sigma Theta Tau Grant Applications
Sigma Theta Tau International and its foundation are currently accepting grant applications for the following grants. For additional information, grant criteria or to submit an online application, visit www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants.

Due June 1, 2011
National League for Nursing Grant (NLN)

Due July 1, 2011
Joan K Stout, RN, Research Grant
ATI Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant
METI Simulation in Nursing Research Grant
The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
Hill-Rom Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant
Hill-Rom Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Nursing Research Grant

Lung Cancer Research Grant
The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation is currently accepting letters of intent for their Lung Cancer Research Grant. One $50,000 grant award with a funding period of up to two years is available to a research team that includes an experienced researcher and a junior researcher. The foundation is looking for grant proposals that address innovative areas of research that may include chemoprevention, blood/sputum screening, symptom management, disease progression, as well as high-priority topic areas identified by the 2009 – 2013 ONS Research Agenda.

Letter of Intent: Due July 18, 2011
Application: Due August 15, 2011
Publications


Presentations


Wyatt, G. K. (2011, April). *Interpretation of Research.* Concurrent speaker at the 2nd International Congress on Therapeutic Touch, Boston, MA.

Grant Reviewer

Lehto, R. Cancer research UK: Population Research Funding Committee, London, England

Manuscript Reviewers

Corser, B. Journal of Nursing Care Quality
Given, B. Nursing Research
Given, B. Research in Nursing and Health
Given, B. Oncology Nursing Forum
Given, B. Nursing Outlook
Horodynski, M. Infant Mental Health Journal
Lehto, R. Oncology Nursing Forum
Yao, L. American Journal of Alzheimers Disease & Other Dementia
CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Introduction to Proc Mixed. University of Michigan, Undergraduate Science Building Palmer Dr. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. www.umich.edu/~cscar
May 25 and 27, 2011

June 12-14, 2011

Purdue University School of Nursing Healthcare Systems Institute. Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. Registration Deadline: June 10, 2011 www.continuinged.purdue.edu/institute
June 20-25, 2011

Sigma Theta Tau International 22nd International Nursing Research Congress. Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort, Cancun, Mexico http://www.nursingsociety.org
July 11-14, 2011

October 2-4, 2011

October 12, 2011

October 13-15, 2011

October 29-November 2, 2011

Gerontological Society of America 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. http://www.geron.org/
November 18-22, 2011

February 22-25, 2012

APOS 9th Annual Conference. Miami, FL. http://www.apos-society.org
February 23-25, 2012

March 28-30, 2012

April 11-14, 2012

April 12-15, 2012

April 18-21, 2012

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

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