Research Center News

20th Annual Greater Lansing Community Research Day
On March 20th, College of Nursing faculty and students joined nurse researchers from the mid-Michigan area to participate in the 20th Annual Greater Lansing Community Research Day. This event was attended by nurse researchers, clinicians, students, and community members. The theme for this year’s event, “Striking a Balance between Advancing Nursing Research and Care for Patients,” is particularly pertinent to the challenges of nursing research and nursing practice today. Congratulations to the following faculty members and students whose work was presented at this conference: faculty members Barbara Given, Denise Hershey, Mildred Horodynski, Jackeline Iseler, Rebecca Lehto, Lorraine Robbins, Debra Schutte, Sandra Spoelstra, and Gwen Wyatt; recent PhD program alumnus Karen Burritt; PhD students Kelly Adams and Chia Tai Hung; and undergraduate students Andrea Diemer, Sarah Mroczek, and Mary O’Connell. For a complete listing of recent presentations, please see the “Recent Presentations” column on pages 3-4.

Grant and Award News
The Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen has funded the grant submitted by Assistant Professor Mary Smania MSN, FNP-BC for services at the MSU Department of Surgery Comprehensive Breast Health Clinic. The grant will provide diagnostic and treatment interventions and educational counseling for low income women in Mid-Michigan community. The grant which runs from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 is led by Assistant Professor Smania and Dr. Marc Basson, chair of the MSU CHM Department of Surgery.

Assistant Professor Sandra Spoelstra has been approved for funding through the Behavioral Cooperative Oncology Group (BCOG) Center for Symptom Management Pilot Program for her proposal “Determining Severity, Interference, and Number of Days of Symptoms from Side Effects in Cancer Patients Prescribed Oral Chemotherapy Agents: How Co morbid Conditions May Influence These Symptoms and Patient Actions and Preferences in Regard to Symptom Management”. Dr. Spoelstra’s mentor for this project is Dr. Charles Given. The goal of this proposal is to find ways to assist cancer patients who have comorbid conditions to manage their symptoms related to oral chemotherapy agents at home.
From the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Doctoral Program
Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN

Several Important Notes:
For faculty or students submitting grants, there is a need to plan for getting letters and ‘intent to collaborate’ forms well ahead of time. The University is beginning to enforce the requirement that ‘intent to collaborate’ forms and/or letters are completed for subcontracts when the grant is submitted. You will need to discuss this with Marilou during your planning meetings.

The NIH RePORT supplies comprehensive information about NIH programs, tools for finding funded projects, and information about investigators. There is a new and improved look to the RePORT; please check it out and use it. This tool can be found at http://report.nih.gov/. The message from NIH directed by Francis Collins to Congress about funding for R01 type grants included smaller budgets per year, fewer/no cost extensions, limited number of grants per PI, and more support for junior faculty. Spending consistent with the award and not trying to carry over into subsequent years will become very important in the near future.

Research Center News Continued
Grant and Award News Continued
Assistant Professor Rebecca Lehto has been approved for funding through the CTSI Seed Grant Program for her proposal “Mindfulness Therapy for Individuals with Lung Cancer.”

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Mary Smania MSN, FNP-BC who was recently awarded the “Best Clinical Innovation” for her poster presentation entitled “Impact of a Nurse Practitioner in a Surgical Breast Practice” at the Annual Advanced Nursing Practice Conference March 22-25, 2012. For a complete list of recent presentations, please see the “Recent Presentations” column on pages 3-4.

Assistant Professor Amy Hoffman has been selected to serve on the National Oncology Nursing Society “Putting Evidence into Practice Initiative Team” to update the evidence-based practice fatigue management resources.

An interview with Assistant Professor Rebecca Lehto was featured recently on The Oncology Nurse website relating to Dr. Lehto’s research work with cancer patients and anxiety. For more information see: http://www.theoncologynurse.com/

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Amy Hoffman whose recently submitted R21 grant application received an excellent score. We currently await a funding decision.

2012 Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioner (MICNP) Meeting
Congratulations to the MSU CON faculty, students and staff who participated in making the 2012 MICNP meeting a huge success. This year over 400 NPs from across the state convened in Lansing to learn and network. Kathy Dontje served as conference chair. Mary Smania also served on the committee in her role as president of the Capital Area chapter. Patty Peek served as hostess and faculty spokesperson at the MSU CON Alumni and Preceptor reception. Thanks also to faculty members Denise Hershey, Carol Hill, Joanne Adrian, Brigid Warren, and Kara Schrader, staff members Pam Schoen, Patty West, Nikki O’Brien and the Student Ambassadors for their work at our exhibit and welcoming our guests at the reception.

Alumni Award Nominations
The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is requesting nominations for the College of Nursing Alumni Awards; Distinguished Alumni Award, the Alumni Service Award and the Recent Graduate Achievement Award. Please take a few minutes to think about alumni that we could honor. For more information or to download a nomination form, please go to http://www.msunursing.org/?page=AlumAwards. Nominations are due by May 1st, 2012.

Student News
Nursing Research and PhD Education Webinar
This Nursing Research and PhD Education Webinar is designed for nurses and/or nursing students interested in pursuing a PhD in Nursing at Michigan State University. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about nursing research, the traditional PhD program, and the fast-track (BSN to PhD) program. Advisors and faculty will be available to answer questions. To participate in this webinar, go to the following website at 11:00 am on Monday, April 30 and click on the webinar icon: http://www.nursing.msu.edu/Students/InformationSessions.htm.
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Recent Presentations


Poster Presentations at the 20th Annual Lansing Nursing Research Day. East Lansing, MI.


Student News Continued

Academic Success 2012 Mentoring Series

The MSU graduate school is sponsoring a series of presentations in which various faculty members and guest speakers will share their professional insights on “the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed as a scientist.” While the presentations are intended for postdoctoral and graduate students, everyone is welcome to attend. Presentations will be held live at the Kellogg Biological Station and via telecast in East Lansing, MI. All presentations are from Noon – 1 pm.

Telecast Location: 1425 BPS, MSU

April 24: Publishing Your Research and Maximizing Productivity
Jeff Conner & Gary Mittelbach – Writing and Publishing, Strategies for Success

May 8: Tenure and Promotion - Search Committees
Tom Getty – How Does It Work?

Telecast Location 105 Natural Sciences, MSU

April 10: Non-governmental Organizations 1
Dr Kimberly Hall– The Nature Conservancy

April 17: Interviewing: A Win-win Approach to Securing a Position
Sieg Snapp – Application, Seminar, Interview, Negotiation

April 26: Non-governmental Organizations 2
Dr Bill Rose – Kalamazoo Nature Center

April 30: Collaboration Networks and Politics
Phil Robertson – Developing Collaborations, Cross- cultural Considerations

May 15: Governmental Agencies
Jay Wesley- Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Opportunities

Oncology Nursing Society Research Development Grant

This $20,000 Research Fellowship award is designed to support short-term oncology research training and mentorship. Fellowships are available for both beginning and established researchers. For more information please see http://www.onsfoundation.org/apply/re/Fellowship

Online Application Deadline: July 11, 2011.

MSU Pearl Aldrich Endowment in Aging Related Research 2012 Call for Proposals: The committee is seeking research proposals dealing with aging, geriatrics, or gerontology. There are two award categories: Graduate Student and Faculty. This award may be used to support new research initiatives, or ongoing research efforts in aging and gerontology. For more information, please contact Kevin Foley at Kevin.foley@hc.msu.edu.

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Spoelstra, S., Given, D., Schutte, D., Sikorskii, A., & Given, C. (2012, March). Do male or female elderly cancer survivors fall more?


Opportunities Continued
The Walter and Pauline Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation is now accepting applications for 2012-2013. Both full-time and part-time fixed-term faculty, continuing system librarians, and academic specialists who will have instructional responsibility are invited to apply. The Academy provides members with venues to explore the scholarship on effective practices on University teaching and learning, and to participate in a community of teacher-scholars. For more information contact Donna Green, Director of Faculty and Instructional Program Development at facdevel@msu.edu or go to http://fod.msu.edu/opportunities/walter-and-pauline-adams-academy-instructional-excellence-and-innovation.

Application Deadline: April 20, 2012 at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Campus Events
Mobility, Older Adults, and Physical Activity: Individual and Environmental Influences. Presented by Assistant Professor Nancy Gallagher. Noon-1 pm in C102 (Patenge Room) East Fee Hall. To RSVP to this brown bag seminar, please email Teresa Cherry at Teresa.Cherry@hc.msu.edu.

Reporting, Assessing, and Managing Conflicting Personal Interests. Presented by Terry A. May, Conflict of Interest Information Officer at MSU. Noon-1 pm in A230 Life Sciences. To RSVP to this brown bag seminar, please email Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.Labun@hc.msu.edu.

How People Learn: A Cognitive Science Perspective. Presented by a panel of MSU Cognitive Scientists. 10:00 am-Noon. Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center. Space is limited; registration required. To reserve a space, go to http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/ and follow the directions.

Conferences and Calls for Abstracts


European Oncology Nursing Society Spring Convention. Geneva, Switzerland. www.cancernurse.eu

37th Oncology Nursing Society Annual Congress. New Orleans, LA. http://www.ons.org/

Nuts and Bolts of Designing, Conducting, Analyzing and Funding Intervention Studies. Columbus, OH. www.nursing.osu.edu/riw


Registration Due: June, 1.
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<td><strong>The Aging, Mobility and Quality of Life (AMQoL) Conference</strong>. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.</td>
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<td><strong>Carolina Summer Research Institutes &amp; Courses-Developing Competitive Intervention Studies</strong>. Chapel Hill, NC. Presented by: Merle Mishel, PhD, FAAN.</td>
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<td><a href="http://nursing.osu.edu/attachments/ctep/CTEP_program_flyer.pdf">http://nursing.osu.edu/attachments/ctep/CTEP_program_flyer.pdf</a></td>
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