Assistant Professor Sandra Spoelstra with Dr. Russ Glasgow at the National Cancer Institute 6th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Translating Science to Care in Arlington, VA, June 14-16, 2012.

Research Center News

Grant News

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Lan Yao who was recently awarded a MSU Pearl Aldrich Grant for her proposal entitled “Improving activity in older adults using animal frolics-A pilot evaluation program.” Inactivity is a concern for the elderly, particularly for persons with physical and/or cognitive impairment. Animal frolics is an ancient Chinese exercise from which Tai Chi evolved. In addition to all the benefits that Tai Chi possesses, animal frolics is fun to play and more intuitive, because of the bonding between humans & animals. These strengths make it an activity option for older adults with physical and/or cognitive impairment. Dr. Yao’s animal frolics project will test the feasibility of teaching five animal frolic movements to older participants and identify issues related to their participation in, and adherence to, the exercise. The project will also determine preliminary effects of the animal frolics program on participants’ physical and psychological health.

MSU CON was recently awarded $68,389.00 through the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The NFLP will expand financial opportunities for students preparing for nurse faculty positions. Congratulations to Dean Mary Mundt.

MSU CON Nurse Anesthesia Program was recently awarded $10,898.00 through the Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship program from the Health Resources and Services Administration. This traineeship grant will provide funding for trainee licensed registered nurses enrolled as full-time students beyond the twelfth month of study in a master’s nurse anesthesia program. Congratulations to Associate Professor and Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program Henry Talley.

Award News

Congratulations to recent PhD graduate Lisa Singleterry who recently received the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) 2012 Outstanding Research Paper Award for her paper entitled, “Maternal Responsiveness: Early Observation of Mothers Who Bottle Feed is Needed in Reducing the Risk of Childhood Obesity.”

Student News

The PhD Office is pleased to announce that Lisa Singleterry has finished all her requirements for her PhD degree. Congratulations on this achievement.
From the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Doctoral Program
Barbara Given, PhD, RN, FAAN

Well it is July so most of us have our review summaries from the grants submitted last Spring. Amy is planning for implementation of her R21. It is exciting for us to have a junior faculty with NIH funding. As we review our summary sheets and scores it is important to remember that we cannot have funding unless we have proposals in. So we need to continue to repackage the proposals or start new and keep submitting for review. We have talked in the college for some time that it is important to know and be in communication with your project officer. I have had three reminders about that in the past month. It is important to know your project officer, to be in communication with them and to know if your topic is relevant and one of the “hot topics” that is a priority of the institute where your grant is to be reviewed. In one of the scenarios this month the PI was told that “my institute is not interested in that topic anymore, you should go to another institute.” While that is important, this person should have known that before the grant came back unscored. The second scenario is someone who had a terrific score but on the bubble. The project officer told her she could not/ would not take it forward to be one of the discretionary grants. So at that point the PI needed to move on as the grant was not going to make it even with a reasonable score. My final scenario is a project officer who told the PI that NCI staff would not call the PI with great or bubble scores but since the PI had called her, she can now ask for help and input when the grant is prepared to go to Council and the head of NCI. This is even more reason to know your project officer. It means that you can have some advocacy for yourself and know where you stand, and maybe, just maybe have a bit of intangible support for having the grant considered for funding. This latter point is NOT written anywhere, the information was gleaned by communication. So my July advice is know your project officer and communicate.

Faculty Research Presentations


Student Research Presentations
From left to right: PhD Student Ana Kelly, Dr. Francesca Conradie (Wits University, Johannesburg), Ronel Odendaal (Medical Research Council, Pretoria), Dr. Iqbal Master (King George V Hospital, Durban), and Dr. Helen Cox (Medecins Sans Frontiers, Cape Town) at the South African TB Conference in Durban, South Africa on June 13, 2012.


Journal Reviews

Gallagher, N. Aging and Health
Given, B. Cancer Nursing, Supportive Care, Research in Nursing and Health, Journal of Geriatric Oncology, Nursing Oncology Research
Hershey, D. Oncology Nursing Forum
Horodynski, M. Journal of Infant Mental Health, Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
Lehto, R. Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing
Spoelstra, S. Cancer Nursing, Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Talley, C. Journal of Cancer Education, Rehabilitation Nursing Journal
Wyatt, G. European Journal of Oncology Nursing, Nursing Research

Grant Reviews

Given, B. ONS Grant Review on Adherence, NCI Training Grants
Lehto, R. 2012 American Nursing Foundation
Wyatt, G. National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research (NIH/NINR), Centers of Excellence for Symptom Science Research (P20/P30)

Abstract Review

Lehto, R. H. 2012 ONS Connections: Advancing Care through Science Conference

Recent Grants Submitted

Horodynski, M. Baby day for teen moms: Reducing infant obesity risk. R21 submitted to the National Institute of Child Health and Development.
Spoelstra, S. Text messaging to improve adherence to oral chemotherapy agents. R15 submitted to NCI and NINR.
Spoelstra, S. A tailored cell phone intervention for adherence to oral chemotherapy agents. K07 submitted to NCI.
Spoelstra, S. Text messaging to improve adherence to oral chemotherapy agents. Submitted to the McKesson Foundation.
Talley, C. Resource use in HCGS program beneficiaries. R03 Submitted to the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.

Funding Opportunity Announcement

The NIH Director’s Transformative Research Awards (R01) funding opportunity announcement was posted June 29, 2012. For more information please go to http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-12-017.html.

Conferences and Calls for Abstracts


7th Annual Children's Hospital of Michigan Evidence-Based Practice Nursing Conference, Grosse Point, MI. http://www.childrensdmc.org/nurseconf/. Sept. 28, 2012


ONS Advancing Care through Science Conference. Phoenix, AZ. http://connections.ons.org/. Nov. 16-18, 2012


Correction

In the July newsletter the MSU chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was listed as Alpha Pi. The MSU chapter is Alpha Psi.