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Grant Awards:

The Cancer Control and Population Sciences (CCPS) Program awarded **Dr. Deanna Kepka** and Anne Kirchhoff a \$17,000 grant to support their research project *Addressing Pandemic-related Adolescent Immunization Trends with Vulnerable and Rural Populations (PAV-T) Study*. Funding for the CCPS Program is provided by the Huntsman Cancer Institute with the goal of promoting transdisciplinary, collaborative research that will impact our understanding of cancer.

Academic Senate Elections:

Faculty are committed to academic governance at the University of Utah.

Dr. Valerie Flattes was elected to serve a 3 year term on the [Senate Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#).

Dr. Youjeong Kang was elected to serve a 3 year term representing the College of Nursing on the [Academic Senate](#), and the [Senate Advisory Committee on Academic Policy](#).

Dr. Leissa Roberts was elected to serve a 6 year term on the [Senate Consolidated Hearing Committee](#).

Dr. Xiaoming Sheng was elected to serve a 3 year term on the [Senate Personnel & Elections Committee](#).

Dr. Caroline Stephens was elected to serve a 3 year term on the [Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights](#).

Presentations:

College of Nursing faculty presented at [Intermountain Healthcare's 2021 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Symposium](#) on April 30. **Dr. Julie Gee** and Dawn Bowker presented *Development of a Culturally Relevant Instrument for Lakota Women on the Pine Ridge Reservation*. **Dr. Lauri Linder** presented *Using mHealth to Promote Children's Health Equity*.

To celebrate Nurses Month, the [Utah Nurses Association](#) and the [Utah Nurses Foundation](#) are offering a free virtual program of renewal for all Utah nurses and student nurses. Dr. Michael Olpin, **Dr. Perry Gee**, and Robin Williamson will speak about stress reduction and management, resilience tools and strategies, and trauma informed care at the [2021 Spring Virtual Conference Healing the Healers: A Special Program for Utah Nurses](#) on May 14, 2021. To register for program, click [here](#).

Publication:

Miller LMS, **Gee PM**, Katz RA. The importance of understanding COVID-19: The role of knowledge in promoting adherence to protective behaviors. *Front Public Health*. 2021;9:581497. doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2021.581497

In Other News:

Congratulations to all College of Nursing graduates who earned Baccalaureate, Master's of Science, Doctor of Nursing Practice, or Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Nursing, or Master's of Science degrees in Gerontology. We celebrate your academic accomplishments, and look forward to hearing about your contributions as you do your part to foster a culture of health, improve the health of individuals, families, and communities, and reduce health disparities.

Acclamation to all College of Nursing staff who prepared for and carried out Convocation. What a delight to celebrate the academic achievements of College of Nursing graduates in person.

Commendation to all College of Nursing faculty, staff, and preceptors who supported and positioned students for academic success during their programs of study.