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Academic Promotion and Award of Tenure:

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, **Dr. Gwen Latendresse** has been promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2021.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, **Dr. Sara Simonsen** has been awarded tenure in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2021.

Grant Awards:

The Consortium for Families and Health Research (C-FAHR) at the University of Utah awarded an Innovations Grant to **Drs. Michelle Litchman, Nancy Allen, Djin Tay, and Andrea Wallace** for their research titled *Leveraging the Family for Interventions to Promote Lifelong Health and Management of Illness Across the Life Span*. The goal is to provide a closer connection between behavioral interventions and family models, so that behavioral interventions are more closely based on family models.

The College of Health Competitive Seed Grant Program awarded a grant to Ryan Bailey, Julie Metos, and **Dr. Nancy Allen** for their study titled *Adapting the Diabetes Prevention Program to Accommodate Stroke*.

Award:

The American Diabetes Association's Diabetes Technology Interest Group selected **Dr. Michelle Litchman**, Ashley Ng, **Bruno Gonzales**, **Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead**, **Dr. Nancy Allen**, **Dr. Eli Iacob**, and Deborah Greenwood as recipients of the [2021 Abstract Award in the Category of Clinical Therapeutics/New Technology – Glucose Monitoring and Sensing](#). The abstract is titled *Using a CGM plus Online Peer Support Community Intervention to Address Health Disparities*. The Diabetes Technology Interest Group will recognize the team on June 28, 2021 during a networking event.

Presentations:

Savannah Manwill presented about the College of Nursing's holistic review of applications process during the [Holistic Admissions Implementation Impact Panel I](#) session at the 2021 American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Advancing Nursing Workforce Diversity Impact Summit.

Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead presented her capstone project regarding the experiences of racially and ethnically diverse nursing students during [Creating Inclusive Learning Environments Panel II](#) session at the 2021 AACN Advancing Nursing Workforce Diversity Impact Summit.

Dr. Michelle Litchman was an invited panelist at the [National Academy of Medicine's Science and Technology for Healthy Longevity conference](#). Her panel session topics were: "Implementing Advances in Science and Technology to Enable Healthy Longevity," and "Opportunities and Gaps in Science & Technology."

Poster Presentations:

Savannah Manwill, Madeline Marshall, Kristen Mahoney, Saifon Phengphoo, and Dr. Connie Madden participated in the [AACN Health Resources & Services Administration Grantee Poster Showcase](#) at the 2021 AACN Advancing Nursing Workforce Diversity Impact Summit. Their poster was titled [Area of Impact: Holistic Admission Revision Process](#).

Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead participated in the [AACN Diversity Leadership Institute Capstone Poster Showcase](#) at the 2021 AACN Advancing Nursing Workforce Diversity Impact Summit. Her poster was titled [Taking the Pulse: Experiences of Racially/Ethnically Diverse Nursing Students in a College of Nursing](#).

Publications:

Guo J-W, Reblin M, Tay DL, Ellington L, Beck AC, Cloyes KG. Patterns of stress and support in social support networks of in-home hospice cancer family caregivers. *J Soc Pers Relat.* 2021; Epub ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075211024743>

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Supiano KP, Larsen P, Riley C, Hutton A, Iacob E, Walker AM, Morrison SJ. Complicated grief group therapy for community-residing persons diagnosed with serious mental illness. *Soc Work Ment Health.* In press.

Crismon D, Mansfield KJ, Hiatt SO, Christensen SS, Cloyes KG. COVID-19 pandemic impact on experiences and perceptions of nurse graduates, *J Prof Nurs.* In press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2021.06.008>

Clifton JM. Leadership in correctional nursing: The first step. *J Correct Health Care.* 2021;27(2):86-88. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jchc.21.01.0006>

Recognition:

Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead graduated as a scholar from the inaugural and prestigious [AACN Diversity Leadership Institute](#). The central focus of the Diversity Leadership Institute is to provide an overview of the evolution of diversity and inclusion and the role of Diversity Officers in academic nursing and nursing practice. It frames diversity within the context of higher education and academic nursing while presenting high-involvement diversity practices in teams and leaders.

Dr. Michelle Litchman has been named a Fellow of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, and will use the distinction FADCES. There are less than 100 FADCES in the country. Dr. Litchman was recognized for her contributions to diabetes clinical practice, research, and health policy.

As you may have noticed, **Jacque Scheider, Deidre Schoenfeld, and Cole Wandler** rebuilt and redesigned the [College of Nursing website](#), which has been “live” for the past month. During the past 13 months, the team led numerous stakeholder meetings, learned a new content management system (concurrent with members of the U Health Marketing and Communications team), addressed 340 pages of content, redesigned all menu navigation and page placements, and managed timely content updates for two content management systems for several months. In July, they will continue to refine content and begin Phase 3, during which they will train individuals who wish to regularly update content and undertake future large scale-changes to their web pages.

Dr. Youjeong Kang has been accepted for participation in the [Early Career Reviewer \(ECR\) Program](#) at the National Institutes of Health [Center for Scientific Review \(CSR\)](#). The ECR Program aims to help early career scientists become more competitive as grant applicants through first-hand experience with peer review, and enrich and diversify CSR’s pool of trained reviewers.

In the Media:

Dr. Deanna Kepka is in the news:

- Deanna was quoted in the [Pharmacy Practice News](#) article by Kate O’Rourke titled [HPV-Related Cancers Might Surpass Cervical Cancer for At-Risk Groups](#). “The main reason why cervical cancer is declining is that it’s the only cancer out of all

the HPV-related cancers that has an FDA-approved and recommended screening practice that has been successfully integrated into primary care,..."

- Riley Black quoted Deanna in his [University of Utah Magazine](#) article titled [The Sticking Point: What the history of vaccines can tell us about the COVID crisis](#). "The science is abundantly clear, and vaccines are both safe and life-saving." "We need alliances with community health workers centered around persistence, patience, consistency, and not being negative or critical," Kepka says. "Talking with community members is key to building trust and understanding barriers."

Note: College Kudos will not be published on July 5, 2021