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Award:

Dr. Lauri Linder, former post-doctoral fellows, and current students Dr. Amy Newman, Dr. Katherine Bernier-Carney, Dr. Sarah Wawrzynski, Se-Hee Jung, Jennifer Farnsworth, Adam Otto, Hakop Kardzhyan, and Dr. Hailey Haffey received the Outstanding Nursing Research Abstract Award for their abstract *Children’s Health Narratives Reflected through a Child-Centric mHealth App: A Secondary Analysis*, which they presented orally at the International Society of Paediatric Oncology Annual Congress.
Grant Awards:

Dr. Nancy Allen, program director, received a $1,050,000 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR)-Registered Nurse Training Program grant titled Advancing Acute Care Nurses to Address and Manage Social Determinants of Health, to be distributed at $350,000 each year for three years, providing fund availability and satisfactory progress. Team members include Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead, EDI Director, Dr. Brenda Luther, Dr. Linda Edelman, Dr. Rebecca Wilson, Dr. Dina Drits, Dr. Sue Chase-Cantarini, and Dr. Melody Krahulec. During this 3-year project, the team will award scholarships to racially and ethnically diverse RN to BS students, and create learning modules about health equity, social determinants of health (SDOH), and cultural sensitivity that students will complete. Goals are to increase the number of racially/ethnically diverse undergraduate nurses to mirror the diversity of Utah’s patient population, and improve the competency of nursing students and the acute care nursing workforce in Utah to provide equitable health care that is culturally sensitive and addresses SDOH.

Alumna and adjunct faculty member, Dr. Kate Doyon, was awarded the Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation Hillman Emergent Innovation: Serious Illness and End of Life grant titled A Community-Based, Collaboratively Designed Communication Guide for Clinicians Working with Refugees with Serious Illness. She will collaborate with refugees and clinicians to develop a communication guide to facilitate care for refugees with serious illness. Dr. Doyon will be interviewed on NPR Morning Edition about her work the week of October 10, 2022.

Faculty Spotlight:

Christopher Sneddon coached and helped prepare Anna Alder to have a difficult conversation with a student. As a result of Christopher advising Anna about how to navigate potential scenarios, Anna felt prepared, and the discussion led to a good student outcome. Anna is grateful that the U has a teaching model with amazing mentorship and support for new faculty.

Presentations:

Dr. Jackie Eaton’s research-based play, Portrait of a Caregiver, will be performed four times during October. Sponsored by the Utah Geriatric Education Consortium and the Utah Department of Health & Human Services, three performances will be at the Dementia Caregiver Conference offered during the Senior Expo in Sandy (October 6), Layton (October 12), and St. George (October 19). In addition, Utah State University is sponsoring a performance on October 7, 2022.
Faculty, students, and alumni will present at the North American Menopause Society Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

- **Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson**, Dr. Ana Sanchez-Birkhead, Doctor of Nursing Practice student **Cinnamon Geppelt**, recent bachelor of science graduate **Kari Stoddard**, and 18 collaborators will present a poster titled *Midlife Women’s Symptom Experience and Access to Medical and Integrative Health Care: Informing the Adaptations of an Integrative Medical Group Visit for Peri- and Post-Menopause*. Collaborators include eight perimenopausal women who are members of a Community Advisory Board, and faculty from the University of Utah College of Health and School of Medicine, Pace University, UMass Chan Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Harvard Medical School.

- **Drs. Lisa Taylor-Swanson**, Julie Fritz, Belinda "Beau" Anderson, Camille Moreno, and Paula Gardiner will present a poster titled *Designing and Delivering a Feminist Research-Informed Return of Results with Midlife Women: A Method to Understand and ‘Foreground’ Marginalized Voices*.

**Publications:**


**Penney D.** Iraqi Muslim women and primary healthcare providers’ perspectives and experiences in the clinic visit in the Western United States. *Qual Health Res*. 2022. Epub ahead of print. [https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323221130843](https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323221130843)


**In Other News:**

Congratulations to **Kirsten Schmutz** and her husband on the arrival of their baby boy! Gerhardt Joseph Schmutz arrived two weeks early on September 19, 2022, at 7:29 PM. Gerhardt weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz, and was 19 inches long. Kirsten and baby Gerhardt are doing well.