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Award:

Kathi Mooney has been selected to receive the University of Utah Distinguished Research Award for 2022! The University began this award in 1965, and Kathi is the first nurse to receive it! This is a tremendous honor for Kathi, recognizing her as a prominent scientist whose sustained program of funded research has improved patient outcomes, lowered cost of care, improved well-being

of family caregivers, and transformed models of patient care. Further, the award shines light on the importance and impact of nursing science.

Grant Awards:

Dr. Elizabeth Sloss, Post-doctoral Fellow, was appointed to the [Family Well-Being Research Network](#) (FAM-NET) Scholar Corps, and awarded \$4,000 for her project “*Natural experimentation approaches to explore family well-being: A scoping review.*” FAM-NET is a collaborative project to support and advance research on measurement of family well-being and pediatric quality of life and is supported by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. FAM-NET builds knowledge by funding new research, supporting and mentoring the next generation of scholars, and providing education and training. Under the mentorship of **Drs. Kathy Sward** (primary mentor), **Djin Tay**, **Echo Warner**, and **Megan Thomas Hebdon**, **Elizabeth** will conduct a scoping review focused on using natural experimentation to study family well-being. She will identify longitudinal, population-level datasets that can be used in natural experimentation studies, as well as measures that are collected in population-level datasets for quantification or measurement of family well-being. Elizabeth will build upon findings from this scoping review to conduct a pilot study using population-level data and natural experimentation methods to explore the impact of unexpected death on mental health outcomes of young family caregivers.

Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson received \$35,000 in seed funding from the [University of Utah Research Incentive Seed Grant Program](#) for her study titled “*American Indian and Alaska Native Midlife Women's Symptom Experience and Access to Medical and Integrative Health Care: Developing a Culturally-Informed Integrative Group Medical Visit.*” Co-investigators include Drs. Sharon Austin, **Jessica Ellis**, **Sara Simonsen**, Isabel Dulfano, Julie Fritz, Paula Gardiner, and Mary Koithan. The team will design and test an integrative medicine group visit for midlife American Indian and Alaska Native women, teaching integrative health self-care to decrease vasomotor symptoms, provide disease information and medical care, and screen for diabetes and heart disease, and breast, colorectal and ovarian cancers.

Recognitions:

President Randall reappointed **Dr. Kathi Mooney** as holder of the Louis S. Peery, MD and Janet B. Peery Presidential Endowed Chair in Nursing.

President Randall reappointed **Dr. Sara Simonsen** as holder of the Annette Poulson Cumming Presidential Endowed Chair in Women's and Reproductive Health.

Presentations:

College of Nursing faculty and colleagues presented at the virtual [State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care Conference](#).

- Kates J, Whitehead PB, Frechman EL, Johnstone-Petty M, **Tay DL**, DeSanto K, Fink R. A Scoping-Review of Nurse-Led Research to Improve Advance Care Planning: A Call to Action. Poster presentation.
- Mair C, Thygesen LC, Aldridge M, **Tay DL**, Ornstein K. End-of-Life Experiences among “Kinless” Older Adults: The Case of Denmark. Paper session.
- Mayahara M, **Tay DL**, Kates K, Rosa W. “No More Blah Blah Blah”: The Impact of Climate Change on Hospice and Palliative Care is Happening Now. Poster presentation.
- **Tay D L**, **Iacob E**, Reblin Ma, Thomas Hebdon MC, **Cloyes KG**, Jones M, Beck AC, **Mooney K**, **Ellington L**. Cancer Hospice Caregivers’ Self-care Behaviors: The Role of Mental Health, Burden, and Perceptions of Competency. Poster presentation.
- Xu J, Thomas Hebdon MC, Beck AC, **Cloyes KG**, **Mooney KM**, **Tay DL**, **Ellington L**. Hospice Family Caregiver Burden and Well-being: Employment as a Moderator. Poster presentation.

Tay DL, **Iacob E**, Reblin M, **Cloyes KG**, Thomas Hebdon MC, Jones M, Beck AC, **Mooney K**, **Ellington L**. Cancer Hospice Caregivers’ Self-Care Behaviors: The Role of Mental Health, Burden, and Perceptions of Competency. Virtual [Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care](#). On-demand paper session.

Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson is one of three speakers for a [Society for Acupuncture Research \(SAR\) 5-hour distance learning course about interoception](#). This is the first in a series of SAR-sponsored courses in which participants can earn continuing education credits. [Interoception is a new area of research for NIH](#), and may be a mechanism of acupuncture action.

Publications:

Gee PM, Weston MJ, Harshman T, Kelly LA. Beyond burnout and resilience: The disillusionment phase of COVID-19. *AACN Adv Crit Care*. 2022; e1-e9. <https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2022248>

Ko LK, Scarini IC, Bouchard EG, Drake BF, Rodriguez EM, Chen MS, **Kepka D**, Kruse-Diehr AJ, Befort C, Shannon J, Farris PE, Trentham-Dietz A, Onega T. A framework for equitable partnerships to promote cancer prevention and control in rural settings. *JNCI Cancer Spectrum*. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbi.2022.104014>

Kukhareva PV, Weir C, Del Fiol G, Aarons GA, Taft TY, Schlechter CR, Reese TJ, Curran RL, Nanjo C, Borbolla D, **Staes CJ**, Morgan KL, Kramer HS, Stipelman CH, Shakib JH, Flynn MC, Kawamoto K. Evaluation in Life Cycle of Information Technology (ELICIT) framework: Supporting the innovation life cycle from business case assessment to summative evaluation. *J Biomed Inform*. 2022; Epub ahead of print. [DOI: 10.1016/j.jbi.2022.104014](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbi.2022.104014)

Professional Service:

Dr. Kara Dassel has been invited to serve on a National Institutes of Health review committee. She will participate on the [Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel](#) covering topics related to mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Paula Meek has been re-elected as the [Governor Representative of Nursing Research](#) for the Western Institute of Nursing.

Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson has been named an Associate Editor for the journal [Explore: The Journal of Science & Healing](#). *Explore*, an Elsevier journal, [addresses the scientific principles behind, and applications of, evidence-based healing practices from a wide variety of sources, including conventional, alternative, and cross-cultural medicine. It is an interdisciplinary journal that explores the healing arts, consciousness, spirituality, eco-environmental issues, and basic science as all these fields relate to health.](#)

In the Media:

Dr. Kathie Supiano, in collaboration with the [College of Nursing Simulation Center](#) staff and standardized patient actors **Sherri Kerney**, **Debbie Boulter**, **Elle Oldfield**, and **Maddie Lassche**, and videographer **Nathan Wichlacz**, and with support from **Adrienne Bott**, **Gloria Hammond**, and co-I **Troy Andersen**, recorded a training video for the PreLoss Grief Support intervention for dementia family caregivers at risk for complicated grief, a project funded by the [Alzheimer's Association](#).

In her article [As Covid Slogs On, Seniors Find Fortitude Waning and Malaise Growing](#), Judith Graham of Kaiser Health News quoted **Dr. Kathie Supiano** saying that older adults' ability to bounce back from setbacks shouldn't be discounted. "This isn't their first rodeo. Many people remember polio and the AIDs epidemic. They've been through a lot and know how to put things in perspective."

In its Digital Healthcare Research bulletin, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality included the Impact Story [Low-Cost Screening in the Emergency Department Helps Address Social Determinants of Health](#), which features **Dr. Andrea Wallace** and her team. The article describes members of the research team, which includes community partners, using low-cost technology to develop a 10-item electronic social needs screener, and integrating it into the emergency department workflow. Food, housing, utilities, and household items were the most common reasons for referrals.