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Grant Award:

Dr. Katherine Doyon, Dr. Nancy Allen, and Dr. Julie Gee received the inaugural University of Utah VR4 Health Sciences Education grant for their proposal titled Using Cultural Humility Framework to address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) through Virtual Reality. They will receive one year of development services worth $100,000 to build a next-generation training program that will be designed to provide clinicians first-person perspective on the challenges patients may face in seeking health
Launched in February of 2022, VR4 Health Sciences Education is a collaborative program between the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library and The Therapeutic Games & Applications Lab (The GApp Lab) at the University of Utah, and is supported by the Spencer S. Eccles Family Endowment, a fund established in 1977 for the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library.

**Recognition:**

**Dr. Katarina Friberg Felsted** was invited to attend the [Consortium for Families and Health Research (C-FAHR)](https://www.cfahr.org) Writing Retreat, which will be held off campus in June 2022. Given high-quality quantitative data that Katarina compiled during a recent study, she will write a manuscript for publication.

**Presentations:**

The 2022 [Utah Geriatric Education Consortium (UGEC)](https://www.ugec.org) virtual caregiver conference and retreat, Surviving and Thriving During COVID, was held May 19 and 21, with support from the Family Caregiving Collaborative. UGEC faculty and staff – **Dr. Linda Edelman**, **Dr. Kara Dassel**, Cherie Brunker, **Dr. Nanci McLeskey**, **Dr. Lee Ellington**, Megan McClure, Jacquie Telonidis, Christopher Hernandez and **Harper Vander Hoek** – planned and hosted the retreat. During the caregiving conference, which **Dr. Kara Dassel** facilitated, **Dr. Kathie Supiano** and Dr. Heather Snyder, Vice President of Medical & Scientific Relations at the Alzheimer’s Association, showcased the impact of COVID-19 on caregivers, and the resilience tools of getting past COVID. In addition, attendees shared their COVID-19 stories on a Jamboard. During the UGEC Retreat, **Dr. Linda Edelman** delivered opening and closing remarks. **Dr. Kathie Supiano** facilitated a panel discussion titled *Post-Acute COVID Sequelae Discussion with Experts from Cardiology/Pulmonary, Neuropsychology, Geriatrics, and Patient Perspectives* with Dr. Jeanette Brown, Dr. Kelly Davis Garrett, and Jose Stone RN. Dr. Susan Butterworth led panelists **Andrea Harris**, a College of Nursing alumna, **Amy Hartman**, a College of Nursing alumna and member of the Dean’s Advancement Board, Dr. Cameron Petersen, and Scott Monson to explore workforce stories in primary care and long-term services and supports settings. The retreat ended with a presentation on how Cascades Health Care is building the workforce since COVID. Recordings of the presentations will be available on the UGEC [website](https://www.ugec.org).

**Anna Alder** presented at the [National Teaching Institute (NTI) 2022](https://www.nti2.org) in Houston, Texas.

- She was a panelist for a concurrent session titled *Creating Healthy Work Environments: The Multigenerational Workforce*.
- She presented a concurrent session titled *Power of Poop: Fecal Transplants and the Future of Medicine*.

Dr. Carma Miller, Department Head of Nursing at Utah State University, invited **Dr. Katarina Friberg Felsted** to speak at the Department of Nursing’s end-of-year Faculty Retreat on May 9, 2022. Katarina’s presentation was titled *Where Did I Go? Finding Ways to Return to Wellness*. 
Marcia Potter, Cindy Garrett, Faith Jones, Annette Hamlin, and Dr. Brenda Luther presented *The Fundamentals of Nursing-Sensitive Indicators: "What Nurses Know or Need to Know"* at the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing 47th Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

**Publications:**


**Community Engagement:**

Jefferson Clark, Elementary Counseling Specialist for the Alpine School District, wrote Dean Marla De Jong to commend Dr. Kathie Supiano, Adrienne Bott, and Gloria Hammond. "I work with the counselors and other service providers here in Alpine School District. I just wanted to tell you how much we appreciate the materials and resources you help provide for us. It is so helpful for us and the work we do in our community. I just wanted to let you know how great Adrienne Bott and Gloria were to work with as well. They helped us get the Dealing with Sudden and Unexpected Death Handbooks for our service providers and crisis team members. It is a tremendous resource."

**In the Media:**

In her Verywell health article *Beware of Misleading Cancer Nutrition Claims on Pinterest, Researchers Say*, Stephanie Brown cited Dr. Echo Warner, “We were surprised to find out that even though social media can be a source of support and encouragement, a lot of the information about cancer online is misleading and incorrect, which can be pretty distressing to cancer patients and care partners.”

College Kudos will not be published on May 30, 2022.