



CNR Research News

Covering Topics Related to Nursing Research & Scholarship

Upcoming Events

CNR Writing Series

"Team Writing: Writing with Junior Faculty and Students"

Linda Moneyham,
DNS, RN, FAAN
& David Vance, PhD, MGS
May 19, 2010
12:00-1:00

Grants & Contracts

"Hiring on Externally Funded Grants & Contracts"

Frank Wiser, MPA
May 27, 2010
10:00-11:00

Stats Rounds

"Improving the Validity of Conclusions from Observational Studies: Matching Controls & Cases Via Propensity Scores"

Andres Azuero, PhD, MBA
June 9, 2010
11:00-12:00

The Scholarship of Teaching Workshop II **"Writing Strategies for Teaching Scholarship"**

Chris Tanner, PhD, RN
June 11, 2010,
10:00-3:00

Patient Empowerment Through Education

Dr. Angela Jukkala, SON Assistant Professor's research focus is on the decision making process that is shared with patients and their healthcare provider, specifically women with early stage breast cancer who will be receiving surgical treatment.

Dr. Jukkala's current project investigates the effects of race, rurality, & literacy and how these personal characteristics influence breast cancer decision making and how they may aid in the overall effectiveness of educational interventions.

Under the guidance of her faculty mentor, Dr. Karen Meneses, Dr. Jukkala will be collaborating with Dr. Helen Krontiras (Kirklin Clinic), to recruit 60 women seeking breast cancer treatment at Kirklin clinic (85% white and 15% African American). Participants will watch an educational video containing information and strategies on how to manage dietary challenges associated with their treatment. The intervention consists of 3 parts; watching a DVD from the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making, "Early Stage Breast Cancer: Choosing Your Surgery", a written booklet, and a one-on-one interaction with an intervention nurse to answer questions and clarify any misconceptions about the DVD or written materials. The overall goal is to help patients make informed treatment decisions consistent with their personal values based on knowledge and to inform and empower women to become partners in their own healthcare.

The project was funded from a \$10,000 Health Disparities Training Research Program (HDTRP). To secure additional support, Jukkala submitted her proposal to the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making who approved the study and provided the intervention materials at no cost. Additionally, the study was approved by the Kirklin Clinic and has strong endorsements from the UAB Department of Oncology.

Dr. Jukkala believes in the power of collaborative research, "This project would not have been possible without the contri-

butions of many people from a wide variety of disciplines working together towards a common goal." She also expressed her particular gratitude for the



unwavering support she has received from her mentor, Dr. Karen Meneses, Associate Dean for Research; Dr. Kathy Brown, her Department Chair; Dr. Doreen Harper, UABSON Dean; and Dr. Linda Moneyham, Endowed Chair & CNR Associate Director. In addition, she is grateful for the encouragement and support she has received from senior faculty in the SON whose "open-door" policy encourages junior faculty to seek feedback and professional support in the development of a program of research.

Sylvia Britt-RWJ Scholars



Dr. Sylvia Britt, SON Accelerated Master's in Nursing Pathway (AMNP) program Coordinator and Assistant Professor has been awarded \$100,000 in funding through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program. This program will

be used for scholarships to increase ethnic and cultural diversity in the UABSON AMNP program. This is the second time that the UABSON has been the recipient of this award. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth Stullenbarger received

\$130,000 in funding in 2009. Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to 10 AMNP students starting in the summer 2011 semester. Award preference will be given to students from groups under-represented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds. The goals of the New Careers in Nursing program aims to safeguard the health of the nation by easing the nurse and nurse faculty shortage. by expanding the pipeline of ethnically and culturally diverse students in accelerated nursing programs.

Congratulations to UAB SON Faculty Scholars



Dr. Patrician Pearce, Assistant Professor has been named as fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Pearce is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, and teaches Physical Assessment to MSN students and Design and Statistics for DNP students.

Her program of research involves assessment of physical activity in adolescents, and computerized questionnaires and screening tools. In addition, Dr. Pearce has worked extensively in legislative efforts on behalf of nurse practitioners.



Dr. David Vance, Associate Professor recently received both the UAB Excellence in Mentorship Award and the UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Mentorship Award recognizes faculty members who have been outstanding mentors, advisors and role models to the students and trainees with whom they have worked

The President's Award recognizes exceptional accomplishments in teaching.

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