Fall weather is finally here, time to dust off the winter coats! Here are some updates from the ONR:

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1. New Grant Awards

Congratulations to Sharon Tucker (Senior Associate Director of Research and Evidence-based Practice, UIHC), who is part of a team that was recently awarded an R01 titled “Comparing Two Parenting Programs for At-Risk Families” (1R01NR012444-01A1, PI: Millicent Harolyn at Johns Hopkins). Their proposed project compares the effectiveness of two evidence-based parent training programs designed to improve parenting quality and reduce behavior problems in young children. Way to go, Sharon!

Congratulations also to Der-Fa Lu, whose grant titled “Effects of Healing Touch on Patients Undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant” has been chosen for funding by the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Pilot Grant Program. Her project will investigate the efficacy of Healing Touch in improving quality of life and other clinical outcomes following stem cell transplantation. Great job, Der-Fa!

Finally, congratulations to the following PhD students who were awarded travel funds to attend the annual Gerontological Society of America conference next week in San Diego. Heide Bursch, Ying-ling Jao, and Hui-chen Tseng were awarded funds from the Hartford Center Scholars Development Program. Deb Shibley and Christine Haedtke were awarded funds from the Hartford Center Interdisciplinary Scholars Program. Congratulations, everyone!

2. Grants Submitted

- Andrea Wallace, “Literacy and Diabetes Outcomes: the Role of Informal Support“ (Hartford Pilot Grant)
- Pamela Mulder, “Balancing Breastfeeding Promotion & Dehydration Prevention in Newborns“ (NIH R03)
- Hui-chen Tseng, CON PhD student, “Identifying the Core Patient Problems, Patient Outcomes, and Nursing Interventions for Hospitalized Cancer Patients in Four Specialty Units“ (Oncological Nursing Society Research Grant)
• **Sandra Ramey**, “Stress Resilience: A Worksite Intervention to Reduce Stress and CVD Risk Factors” (NIH R01)
• **Keela Herr**, “Improving Pain Assessment in Nursing Homes (IPAIN) Intervention” (NIH R21)
• **Sharon Tucker**, “Promoting Health and Improving Retention of Cancer Clinic Nurses Through Innovative Worksite Physical Activity Strategies: A Pilot Study” (AONE)
• **Keela Herr**, “Improving Pain Assessment in Nursing Homes (IPAIN) Intervention: A Pilot Study,” LOI to National Palliative Care Research Center
• **Sue Gardner** and **Barb Rakel**, “Preventive Pain Control for Wound Care Procedures: New Model and Intervention” (NIH R01)

3. **Special Reminders for Graduate Students**

We’re excited to be working with a new group of students to the CON! A few reminders of ways that the ONR supports your work:

• **Dedicated statistical consultation.** We have hired an advanced biostatistics graduate student to work with you on your research projects. Her name is **Stephanie Kliethermes** and she has been a wonderful resource to several students already. If you would like to meet with Stephanie to discuss your research, please contact Linda Hand (linda-hand@uiowa.edu) to set up a time.

• **Assistance with proposal submission.** Please remember that all CON grant proposals for external funding must be submitted through the ONR to ensure that the proposal and budget obtains the appropriate signatures and is routed properly to the Division of Sponsored Programs (DSP). Please notify ONR staff as soon as you decide to submit an application so we can begin assisting you.

• **Assistance with finding funding opportunities.** We receive many notifications of new funding awards, so if you’re starting a new project, please email us to see if we have seen a potential funding mechanism for you. Students, especially international students, can also consult https://research.uiowa.edu/dsp/student-services

  o **Funding for Poster Printing Costs.** The ONR has a small, limited fund to help doctoral students offset the costs of poster development. The fund has been used by some students to make conference attendance feasible. The application is available on ICON, please direct questions to **Nancy Goldsmith** (nancy-goldsmith@uiowa.edu).

• **Predoctoral Funding.** The ONR will again provide support to PhD students applying for predoctoral grants such as the Hartford or the NIH F31’s. Here are our next steps for encouraging more students to submit applications for predoctoral fellowships:

  o **Ann Marie** will be meeting with the current PhD students during Foundations II (096:340:001) on December 1st to go over the general expectation for writing these grants.

  o An orientation session for students and their faculty advisors is being planned, at which **Nancy Goldsmith** and **Ann Marie** will review the format, timeline, and review process for submitting predoctoral applications.
Once the ONR knows who will be submitting and for which submission date, small work groups will be formed with Ann Marie providing assistance as needed.

- F31’s are due to NIH December 8th, April 8th, and August 8th of each year.
- Hartford BAGNC applications for predoctoral fellowships in geriatric nursing are due at 11 PM on January 11, 2012.

Note: A webinar on the BAGNC Application Process will be held on November 8, 2011 from 2-3 PM (register at http://www.geriatricnursing.org/applications/applications.asp)

4. **New: ONR Scholar Spotlight**
   Starting this month, the ONR will begin showcasing a faculty member’s work each month by displaying posters that have presented at meetings in the halls of the ONR and a brief summary of the work on our bulletin board. Posters will be displayed on the hanging strips in the hallway outside the ONR offices on the 4th floor. Linda Curran will contact faculty or interested faculty can contact her (linda-curran@uiowa.edu). Please stop by to see these posters!

5. **New for Faculty**
   A. **Types/Levels of Peer Reviews**
      In meeting with some of our tenure track faculty for their annual reviews, one thing we’ve realized is that sometimes there are miscommunications about what a faculty member wants when they ask another person to “review” a paper or grant for them. There are different types of reviews. We’ve identified three levels:

      - **Conceptual Review**: If you’re working on a paper or a grant, you may just want someone to read it over for the “big picture” and broadly tell you if it makes sense, is worth continuing, etc.
      - **Targeted Review**: You have a specific section that you would like someone’s feedback on, such as the Aims page for a grant or the discussion section of a paper.
      - **In-depth Review**: This is what many of us want, someone to really read through the paper and provide written comments and suggestions. It should be clarified if this should be written or in track changes. When we ask faculty to provide a peer review or attend a mock review, this is the type of review that is expected.

When asking someone to review your paper/proposal, please clearly state what type of review you would like from a colleague or ONR staff person. This will help you to get comments back more quickly!

B. **Strategies to Maximize Funding Success: Simultaneous Submission to Multiple Agencies**
   We are going to make a change related to submitting grants. Right now, our faculty write wonderful grants, submit them to one agency, and then wait to see what happens.
But often, a grant can be submitted to another agency (Note: not to another Institute at NIH). When you submit a grant, ONR staff will start asking “And where else are you submitting this grant?” We will also be partnering with the Division of Sponsored Programs to help identify other funding sources.

6. **They’re here! Selected Works Webpages**
The CON is now represented in the Iowa Institutional Repository! Thanks to **Linda Curran** for helping to pull together the complete publication lists, to our Hardin Librarian **Jen Deberg** for inviting us to be their guinea pigs to generate more interest in this resource, and to all the faculty who agreed to participate. Note that pages are not being created in alphabetical order, so if yours is not up yet, please continue to check back as more pages are added each day.

These pages increase the visibility and accessibility of our faculty’s research: The pages top the list of Google search results and can provide direct links to pdfs of articles. There is even a counter that tracks how many times each of your articles is accessed. Please browse our newly created Selected Works pages here: [http://ir.uiowa.edu/sw_gallery.html](http://ir.uiowa.edu/sw_gallery.html)

As always, please feel free to send us your comments and suggestions.

Thanks!
Ann Marie and Linda

**CON Publications (since the August 29, 2011 update)**
Thanks to everyone for keeping us informed about your publications! Please continue to share the good news with us whenever you have a paper accepted for publication: Send Linda Curran ([linda-curran@uiowa.edu](mailto:linda-curran@uiowa.edu)) the reference along with a pdf of the final print version. This will help us to keep track of new CON publications for our updates. Note: List is alphabetized by first CON author; all CON authors appear in bold.


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