PhD in Nursing Program Newsletter

Do all that you can, with all that you have, in the time that you have, in the place where you are.
Nkosi Johnson

Successful Dissertation Defenses

Congratulations to all who have successfully defended their dissertations in recent months!

Lika Nusbaum, PhD
"Research Nurses’ Attitudes and Practices Regarding Communication of Risks and Benefits During the Research Informed Consent Process."
Advisor: Dr. Brenda Douglas

Lika is currently working on paper resubmissions and final edits of her third dissertation manuscript. She continues as a senior faculty and as head of the Emergency Nursing division at the Nursing Department of the Ben-Gurion University of Negev, Israel. With completion of her doctoral degree, she has become involved in our Master's program, guiding graduate students on thesis research projects and more.

Congratulations and good luck to Alice Szczepaniak, who transitioned to her new role at Boston University! We will miss you!

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Publications


Research Activity

Jackie Brady will be assisting Dr. Maryanne Quinn, an endocrinologist at Boston Children’s Hospital, in investigating the impact of Type 1 Diabetes on adolescents and the role of care coordination in support of their school- and diabetes-specific measures and success. This will include improving communication between the family-school RN- diabetes team to “sign out” and “handoff” the student-patient’s diabetes care at transitions of care discharge from home to school and discharge from school to parent guardian to enable safe “family centric transitions. In addition, Jackie and Dr. Quinn will conduct focus groups to examine students’, parents’ and school nurses’ perceptions of the likelihood of parents responding to this inquiry on a daily, weekly, post-vacation basis. It is anticipated that this will lead into Jackie’s dissertation.

Rachel Pozzar continues with her research practicum with Dr. Donna Berry at the Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing & Patient Care Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. They are currently analyzing the results of a pilot study of treatment decision making among women with ovarian cancer, their caregivers, and their physicians. The study was conducted in collaboration with Drs. Goff and Baldwin from the University of Washington.

Presentations

Melissa Cyr presented a poster, "Analysis and Reduction of Practice Variation" at the Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT), Fall 2016, Hershey, PA, and gave a podium presentation, "The Costs and Consequences of Poor Access to Care" in Orlando, Fl.
Accepted Presentations

29th Annual ENRS Scientific Sessions, April, 2017:

Siobon Barrett, poster presentation: The Associations of Mutualy in Substance Dependence Treatment with Drug Use and STI Risk Intentions

Melissa Cyr, poster presentation: Urban Versus Rural Barriers to Healthcare Accessibility: A Systematic Literature Review

Ahdab Eskandar, poster presentation: Breast Cancer in Saudi Arabia: A Narrative Review

Anna Etchin, poster presentation: Integration of a Conceptual and a Theoretical Framework to Explore Complex Phenomena

Bertha Lee, poster presentation: Use of a Wellness Coaching Model among Urban-Dwelling, Low-Income Older Adults: Outcomes of a Pilot Study


Kathryn Robinson, poster presentation: Factors associated with genetic testing among relatives of individuals with Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome (HBOC): An integrative review

Meredith Scannell, poster presentation: Meta-analysis of HIV Prophylaxis among Sexually Assaulted Patients in the United States

Sigma Theta Tau’s 28th International Nursing Research Congress (nominated):

Melissa Cyr, poster presentation: Urban Versus Rural Barriers to Healthcare Accessibility: A Systematic Literature Review


Bertha Lee, poster presentation: Use of a Wellness Coaching Model among Urban-Dwelling, Low-Income Older Adults: One-Year Outcomes of a Pilot Study

Meredith Scannell, poster presentation: Meta-analysis of HIV Prophylaxis among Sexually Assaulted Patients in the United States

Misc.

Bertha Lee, poster presentation: the American College of Sports Medicine's Annual Meeting in Denver, CO (May 30-June 2)
Volunteer & Community Service

Anna Etchin continues to serve as a reviewer for Applied Nursing Research.

Rachel Pozzar recently began reviewing for the American Journal of Nursing.

Awards & Honors

Melissa Cyr won best poster: "Analysis and Reduction of Practice Variation" at the Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT), Fall 2016, Hershey, PA.

Bertha Lee received the STTI Research Congress Scholarship/Gamma Epsilon Student Rising Star Award ($1200) on Feb. 24th.

Upcoming Events

Nurse Innovation & Entrepreneurship
2nd Annual "Nurses Hack Healthcare" Hackathon
Friday, March 24, 2017 4pm - Sunday, March 26, 2017 1pm
Northeastern University

Discovery Days: Nursing Science
Engaged Research Symposium
Using Social Media and Facebook in Conducting Research Studies
Rachel Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
12pm-2pm
Egan Center - Room 240

Eastern Nursing Research Society 29th Annual Scientific Sessions
"Leading the Way: Building Strength and Unity in the Diversity of Nursing Science"
April 5-7, Philadelphia, PA