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Fourth Annual Research and Training Symposium

The ICTS Clinical Research Training Center (CRTC) sponsored the 4th Annual Research Training Symposium and Poster Session on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Over 150 people attended the event held in the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center (FLTC). This year’s symposium showcased research projects from 19 different training programs, including many NIH grant-funded programs, fellowships from Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, as well as a variety of other programs. The afternoon included both oral presentations and a poster session showcasing 115 research projects conducted by junior faculty, fellows, residents, and students.

The symposium opened with remarks by Kenneth S. Polonsky, MD, the Adolphus Busch Professor of Medicine, Chairman of the Washington University Department of Medicine and Director of the ICTS. The keynote presentation (“Musings on the Nature of Scientific Discovery”) was given by Alan L. Schwartz, MD, PhD, the Washington University Harriett B. Spoehrer Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics. The following 5 scholars gave presentations about their research projects:

- **Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc** - “Geriatric Screening in the Emergency Department”
  *Goldfarb Patient Safety and Quality Fellowship*

- **Joshua M. Colvin, MD** - “Viral Pathogens Associated with ‘Fever Without a Source’”
  *ICTS Center for Clinical Research Training Postdoctoral Research Program*

- **Brian R. Lindman, MD** - “Hypertrophic Remodeling is Associated with Reduced LV Strain in Aortic Stenosis”
  *ICTS Center for Clinical Research Training Postdoctoral Research Program*

- **Angelo B. Lipira, MA** (4th year WU Medical Student) - “Videofluoroscopic and Nasendoscopic Correlates of Speech in Velopharyngeal Dysfunction”
  *Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship Program*

- **Sandi L. Pruitt, PhD, MPH** - “Geographic Disparity in HPV Vaccination among Girls in 6 U.S. States”
  *Cancer Prevention and Control Postdoctoral Training Program*

Dr. Polonsky praised the program, saying, “The diversity of programs represented, and the wide array of the research achievements you will see here today underscore the richness of opportunities available for young researchers in clinical and translational science, and shows how a truly collaborative research community continues to be built and supported.”
Bander Lecture in Medical Business Ethics

The ICTS Bander Program in Business Ethics in Medical Research held its second annual lecture on November 5, 2009 at the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center at the Washington University School of Medicine. William M. Sage, MD, JD, Vice Provost for Health Affairs and James R. Dougherty Chair for Faculty Excellence in Law at the University of Texas at Austin, presented a lecture on “Conflicts of Interest in Academic Medicine.” Dr. Sage focused on the Institute of Medicine’s recently released report on “Conflicts of Interest in Medical Research, Education, and Practice.”

Over 90 faculty, trainees, scholars, and administrators attended the lecture and a reception before the event. The lecture is sponsored through a donation from Dr. Steven J. Bander, a nephrologist in St. Louis. The annual lecture program is a collaborative effort with the Bander Center for Medical Business Ethics in the Department of Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University.

In the News

The ICTS Center for Biomedical Informatics (CBMI) will be participating in a recently funded NIH National Center for Research Resources stimulus grant to establish the network described as the “Facebook for scientists.” As the lead institution, the University of Florida will collaborate with 6 other CTSA funded institutions with the Washington University component being lead by Rakesh Nagarajan, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology, CBMI Director, and ICTS members Kristi Holmes, PhD, Bioinformaticist at Washington University Bernard Becker Medical Library, and Leslie McIntosh, PhD, Research Instructor in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. The full article can be found at [http://mednews.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/15024.html](http://mednews.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/15024.html)
Our Community, Our Health Inaugural Conference a Success
by Emma Ilori, MPH, CHES

October 29th marked the beginning of an exciting new conference and planning series, Our Community, Our Health. Co-led by Consuelo H. Wilkins, MD (Washington University) and Darcell Scharff, PhD (Saint Louis University), Our Community, Our Health is a collaborative effort to actively engage the St. Louis community in partnerships to address local health disparities. The series brings together researchers from both Washington University and Saint Louis University as well as community members and community-based organizations to learn from each other about different ways to address these issues. The series has three goals:

- Establish a culturally-centered (influenced by the community of interest) conference series, that focuses on community health education;
- Develop community-academic partnerships to conduct community-based research to address health disparities;
- Align academic research priorities with health priorities identified by the community.

The inaugural conference was the perfect way to set the stage for this series. With approximately 170 participants, over 50% being community representatives and 38% representing the academic field, the conference had a balanced audience. The event was held at Harris-Stowe State University and featured keynote speaker Gloria A. Wilder, MD, MPH who inspired the audience to seek a “justice solution” to health disparities. The panel discussion highlighting successful community-academic partnerships already established in and around the St. Louis region was well received. The audience had several opportunities to participate, including during an interactive audience survey on barriers to participating in research, and health priorities of African Americans and other minorities in St. Louis. The day ended with lunchtime table discussions centered on the issues of community-academic partnerships, aligning health priorities with research priorities, and strategies to improve dissemination of relevant health information.

The conference had strong institutional support with four deans in attendance; Larry J. Shapiro, MD and Edward F. Lawlor, PhD from Washington University and Philip O. Alderson, MD and Homer H. Schmitz, PhD from Saint Louis University. The conference was also supported and attended by other key community leaders including James Kimmey, MD (Missouri Foundation for Health), Donald M. Suggs, DDS (St. Louis American), Judy Bentley (Community-Health-in-Partnership Services), Joseph Palm (Director of the Office of Minority Health, MO DHSS), state representatives Donald Calloway and Tishaura Jones, as well as St. Louis Alderman Terry Kennedy and Alderman Gregory Carter. Sponsors of the conference included Washington University’s ICTS, Center for Health Policy, and Institute for Public Health, and Saint Louis University’s School of Medicine and School of Public Health.

The participants eagerly anticipate the next conference being planned for February, 2010. To review the full survey results or learn about the Our Community, Our Health series, visit http://ourcommunity-ourhealth.org. If you would like to join the mailing list for future events, email ocoh@dom.wustl.edu.

Success Stories: Community-Academic Partnerships Panel
(Left to right) Elizabeth Baker, PhD, MPH, Director, Division of Behavioral Science and Health Education, School of Public Health at Saint Louis University, and Co-Director, St. Louis Prevention Research Center; Freda Motton, National Community Chairperson, St. Louis Prevention Research Center; Marvin Johnson, Division Chair, Health and Wellness Programs, 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis; and Mario Castro, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, Washington University.
December 8th (1:00–2:30 pm) ICTS CRTC
Career Development Seminar Series,
“Observational Study Design and Sample Size Consideration in Pharmacoepidemiology” with Scott Devine, MPH, PhD, Director of Health Services Research, Express-Scripts, Inc. Hosted by the ICTS Clinical Research Training Center (CRTC). A review of common observational study designs with an emphasis on case-control and cohort study designs. Sample size considerations and a practical guide for sample size calculations will also be discussed. For more information about the CRTC visit http://crtc.wustl.edu
Location: Wohl Auditorium (lower level Wohl Hospital) WU Medical School Campus

December 30th (Noon-1:00 pm) ICTS CARS Brown Bag Series, “Billing Matrix—Recent Improvements and Requirements Clarification.” Presented by Kathy Hoertel, Clinical Research Billing Specialist and Phyllis Klein, Director, Regulatory Support & Compliance.
Location: Holden Auditorium, WU Medical School Campus

January 14th (8:30 - 1:30 pm) Greater St. Louis Community Health Speaker Series: “Sharing Responsibility, Improving Community Health,” Keynote Speaker: Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD, MPH, notable public health leader, physician and educator. Also speaking are policy and business leaders: James Kimmey, MD, MPH, Terry Jones, PhD, and Ed Bryant, MA. Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and supported in part by a grant from External Medical Affairs, Pfizer, Inc. For more info: cgeremak@slu.edu
Location: Saint Louis University, Wool Ballroom, Busch Student Center

Technology Commercialization Seminar Series

Thursday, December 10, 2009
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
“Navigating Conflict of Interest and Achieving Satisfactory Results”

William Stenson, MD, Professor of Medicine, Gastroenterology,
and
Eric Leuthardt, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Biomedical Engineering

Moore Auditorium
(1ar Floor, North Building)
Washington University in St. Louis
School of Medicine Campus

Seminar also to be Broadcast in
Whitaker 218, Danforth Campus

A series focused on faculty and designed to address topics regarding technology transfer and commercialization of intellectual property.

Save the Date for 2010 Seminar Sessions
(All from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Moore Auditorium with Danforth viewing sites)

January 14th - “Licensing the Investor, the OTM, and the Deal”
February 18th - “Start-Ups - Part 1: Faculty Founders”
March 18 - “Start-Ups - Part 2: Business Successes and Failures”
April 15th - “Public Disclosures and Protecting Your Intellectual Property”

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