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Jennifer Ivanovich, MS, MBA, CGC; et al.
Published in *Breast Cancer (Dove Medical Press)*
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TREC to WHERE? Transdisciplinary research on energetics and cancer



| Transdisciplinary Research |
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; Sarah Gehlert, PhD; et al.
Published in *Clinical Cancer Research*
[PubMed](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [Gehlert Profile](#)

Racial and ethnic heterogeneity in self-reported diabetes prevalence trends across Hispanic subgroups, National Health Interview Survey, 1997-2012



| Health Disparities Research |
Cassandra Arroyo-Johnson, PhD; Melody Goodman, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *Preventing Chronic Disease*
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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Joaquin Barnoya](#), MD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, for being recognized as a [2016 Distinguished Faculty Award Recipient](#) at Washington University. Dr. Barnoya has **received the Community Service Award** and will be recognized at a ceremony on Feb. 17. This award is given to faculty members who enhance the quality of life in the community by contributing personal time, effort, resources, and expertise for the betterment of the community. Dr. Barnoya's community efforts impact both the St. Louis region and Latin America.



ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Esther Lu](#), PhD, assistant professor of surgery, on being a co-investigator for a **Siteman Investment Fund award**, *Deactivating the Innate Immune Defense Mechanism of Pancreatic Cancer*. This award of **\$200,000 will be over a two year period**. Dr. Lu will collaborate with primary investigator Kian Lim, MD, PhD, in working towards deactivating the innate immune defense mechanism of pancreatic cancer.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Melody Goodman](#), PhD, assistant professor of surgery, on her **one year, \$8,000 Ferguson Seed Grant**. Dr. Goodman's project, *The Black body in White space: Does Racialized Fear Inhibit Health-Promoting Use of Public Space?*, was granted through Washington University's Offices of the Provost and Chancellor, and the Institute for Public Health. Her project will investigate how accessing public, green space is affected by race.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Esther Lu](#), PhD, assistant professor of surgery, on a **two year, \$250,000 grant from the Department of Defense**, entitled *Ovarian Granulosa Cell Tumors: New Insights into the Clinical Challenge of Late Relapse*. Dr. Lu, a co-investigator, will work with the research team led by primary investigator, David Wilson, MD, PhD, to investigate the impact of hormonal modulation on the growth and recurrence of adult-type granulosa cell tumors.
- [Mary Politi](#), PhD, associate professor of surgery, **presented a webinar for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** on Dec. 9, 2015. Dr. Politi's webinar, *Implementation of Shared Decision Making with Low Health Literacy Patients*, [slides and audio are available here](#).
- Join us **Thursday, Feb. 18, at 4:30 p.m.** for this month's **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room 2131 in the Taylor Avenue Building. [Rebecca Lobb](#), ScD, MPH, assistant professor of surgery, will present *Strategies to Improve Colonoscopy - The STIC Study*. See upcoming [seminar series](#) presentations.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Mary Politi](#), PhD, was quoted in an article from 1 to 1 Media discussing [tips to help insurance companies simplify the process for new Affordable Care Act users](#).

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