Announcements

- Thank you to outgoing GUIDE RA, Avalon Marciniak, as she continues into the off-campus clinical phase of her training. We will miss you!
- Welcome to Dhupina Patel, the incoming GUIDE RA, who will start during the week of January 16th. The GUIDE will also be welcoming two additional RAs to support our ESIs in their research and teaching.
- The GUIDE Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) met on December 15th and reviewed progress and plans.
- Following the IAC meeting, Dr. Rupert Evans provided a workshop on the mentor-protégé relationship for GUIDE ESIs and mentors.
- The UIC College of Nursing announces the Spring 2017 NUEL 585 Seminar in Research Issues: Topics in Grasmaniship. Dr. Carol Ferrans, CON Associate Dean for Research and Professor, will be the course instructor leading these Advanced Research Seminars. These courses are designed for all levels of researchers—be sure to invite your students, as well! Also, find the attached document, CON Seminars Announce Spring 2017, for dates and information on presenters. Spring 2017 courses are listed below:
  - NIH Rigor and Transparency Requirement
  - Brown Bag: Poster Development
  - Crafting Your Specific Aims
  - Sample Size and Power Analysis
  - Navigating Clinical Trials.gov
- Some courses are optional while others are required by the grant. For required courses, ESI faculty may be provided with a waiver or exception for a course in this sequence- a statement of reasoning is required for UIC and GSU review. Those courses that are required by the grant are provided below:
  - HPA 591 Grant Writing for New Investigators will be held during the spring semester. Registration for this course was required by October 10th, 2016. More information may be found at [http://www.ccts.uic.edu/content/grant-writing-course](http://www.ccts.uic.edu/content/grant-writing-course)
  - Health Disparities Certificate courses
    - HPA 469 Evidence-Based Policy Development and Implementation: Health Disparity Case Studies- offered in spring
    - HPA 459 Introduction to Health Inequities in the United States- offered in summer
    - HPA 462 Quantitative Methods in Health Disparities Research- offered in summer
    - HPA 464 Sociocultural Dimensions of Health Disparities Research- offered in fall
- Founded in the 1990s, the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) is an organization designed to publicly support and advise underrepresented faculty and students at UIC and the surrounding communities. The IRRPP offers a number of workshops, events, and lectures to assist scholars with research endeavors related to race/ethnicity, racism, and public policy. On January 26th,
2017, the IRRPP will host the Policy 101 Workshop: Academics’ Use of New Media. For more information, follow http://irrpp.uic.edu/events/currentevents.shtml

• On Thursday, February 23rd, 2017, the University of Illinois Cancer Center will be hosting PHBO Distinguished Lecture & Diet and Behavior Shared Resource 101 Training Symposium. Gary Bennet, PhD, is a professor at Duke University and specializes in Psychology & Neuroscience, Global Health, and Medicine. Dr. Bennet will be one of the speakers and will also be available to meet individually with the ESI faculty. Attendees are kindly asked to RSVP for the event.
  WHEN: Thursday, February 23rd, 2017 from 12 pm to 2 pm
  WHERE: Westside Research Office Bldg (Rm 461) 1747 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608
  CONTACT: Sarah Olender at solend2@uic.edu

• Dr. Robert Porter, PhD, will be presenting his recurring workshop: Responsible Conduct of Research. This Grant-Winners Seminar will be held at Governors State University. Please encourage your students to attend, as well.
  WHEN: Friday, February 24th, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm
  WHERE: Governors State University, room TBD
  CONTACT: http://www.govst.edu/OSPR/training/

• The spring workshop titled Pitching your Research Ideas: A Practical Workshop on Writing the Concept Note, will be led by Yvonne Chang and Sarah Nerenberg. This professional development workshop is sponsored by the grant and will involve concept note write-ups and constructive criticism.
  WHEN: Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 from 10 am to 12 pm
  WHERE: Governors State University, room TBD
  CONTACT: Jennifer Morehead Farmer at morehead@govst.edu

• Be sure to continuously refer to the GUIDE team site located on myGSU Portal. This site is only viewable by members of the GUIDE project and provides easy access to meeting minutes, workshop/seminar details, listing of mentors, and more. In order to access, go to myGSU portal and find the link under My Team Sites.

Accomplishments

• On Thursday, December 15th, the Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) gathered to discuss progress and future endeavors related to the project.

• October 11th-15th, 2016 marked the 31st Annual Educational Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Rupert Evans, one of GSU’s Project Investigators, received the Senior Healthcare Executive of the Year Award. Additionally, Dr. Evans was highlighted in Modern Healthcare Excellence in Governance, 2016, recognizing his service, leadership, and guidance for local healthcare organizations, specifically, Roseland Community Hospital Chicago. Find the article here: http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20160416/EXCELLENCE_IN_GOVERNANCE/160419984/from-horror-show-to-community-resource-evans-aids-revival-of

Please send completed publication and presentation information to research assistant, Avalon Marciniak, so it may be properly documented per mandatory tracking purposes.

Mentor Matches

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Calendar of Events

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Important Reminders

- In year four, ESI are encouraged to identify and receive funding for projects and guide students along the process.
- PACHE Conference in 2018—ESI are highly encouraged to attend this event. GSU is required to present a poster on the GUIDE project advancements.
- Monthly meetings and workshops for collaboration will likely take place every first Friday of the month.

“Did You Know?”

An Inspiring Champion: Cindy Stowell

On Tuesday, December 13th, Cindy Stowell appeared on the show Jeopardy! Cindy had a particularly strong drive to win. Of course, most contestants, if not all, come on the show to do just that. However, Cindy’s motivation originated from her health condition: Stage 4 colon cancer. With the winnings, Cindy donated to the Cancer Research Institute as she had planned from the beginning. On December 5th, 2016, Cindy passed away before she could view the taped show- yet, she will forever be a champion of hope and perseverance for us all: researchers, cancer patients, doctors, family, everyone.

For more information, follow the link to the article below:
https://www.jeopardy.com/contestant-cindy-stowell

Leadership team

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- Catherine Balthazar, PhD
- Rupert Evans, DHA

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- Alicia Matthews, PhD
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**GSU Early Stage Investigators (ESI)**
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