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Research Training



Clinical Research Training Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Behind the Scenes: How did I get here?

Tom DeFer interviews
Bradley Evanoff and Sarah
Gehlert
Dec 9th, 2:30-4:00pm
Wohl Auditorium

Mock Study Section

Dec 16th, 1:00-4:00pm
CAM, 3rd floor

Symposium a Success



The ninth annual Research Training Symposium and Poster Session co-sponsored by the Office of Medical Student Research and the CRTC was held October 21, 2014. The event included 145 posters and 170 abstracts. Thirty-four programs were represented with 52 faculty members serving as discussants. Susan Huang, MD, MPH from University of California-Irvine served as the keynote address, followed by oral presentations from CRTC scholars Bradley Fritz, BS, Anne Drewry, MD, Kerry Bommarito, PhD, MPH, Brendan Lucey, MD, and Carlos Santos, MD. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the Symposium abstract book, contact jphelan@dom.wustl.edu.

MSCI Courses to Qualify for HR Tuition Benefit

Beginning in Fall 2015, the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) courses will qualify for the Washington University Human Resources Tuition Benefit. For qualifying Washington University employees, this benefit will cover 50% of the tuition cost of the course. This will apply to masters, certificate and open enrollment students taking MSCI courses. For more details and qualifications for this program see <http://hr.wustl.edu/benefits/Pages/TuitionAssistance.aspx>.

In the Spotlight: Emily Olfson

Farrell Conf Rm #1

CRTC Holiday Party

Dec 19th, 11:30-1:30pm
CRTC Suite

Drug Discovery and Development: Extraordinary Opportunities in Uncertain Times

Dr. Michael Kinch
Jan 13th, 2:30-4:00pm
Wohl Auditorium

Individual Career Development Plans

Dr. Victoria Fraser
Feb 10th, 2:30-4:00pm
Wohl Auditorium

CER Symposium

Apr 14th, 8:00-4:00pm
EPNEC

Director Clinical Research Training Center, Victoria J. Fraser, MD

Director Institute of Clinical and Translational Science, Bradley A. Evanoff, MD, MPH

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Emily Olfson, an MD-PhD student and CRTC TL1, led researchers at the School of Medicine who found that although a gene variant can prevent some young drinkers from developing alcohol problems, the gene's protective effects can vanish in the presence of other teens who drink. Her research was highlighted in the [Washington University Newsroom](#) as well as [CBSNews.com](#) and was published online September 23rd in the journal Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research.

(photo Robert Boston, courtesy of Research News)

CRTC Welcomes Two New Staff Members

We are excited to introduce you to [Betsy Abente](#), who started November 1st as the Grants Administrator in the CRTC, Office of Training Grants (OTG). Betsy comes to us from Washington University's Medical Oncology Department where she served as the Grants and Budget Specialist. She helped them initiate their centralized database project for tracking grants data and is looking forward to tackling the OTG database project as well as working with the diverse faculty who require grant services from the OTG. We are excited to have her on board.



[Pam Struttman](#) also started in the CRTC on November 1st as the Applied Health and Behavior Research (AHBR) Project Manager. Pam comes to us from Arkansas State University where she served as the Director of Graduate Recruitment and Enrollment Management. Pam also worked for Saint Louis University in their Office of Research Services and the Graduate School She brings a wealth of experience in managing and recruiting for graduate level master's programs. She is a great addition to the AHBR program.

Baby Announcements



**Nora Airdrie Ju
Sommerville**
DOB 4/10/14
Proud Mom: Yo-El Ju, KL2
Career Development
Scholar



Jack Ciesielski
DOB 7/30/14
Proud Dad: Thomas
Ciesielski, Patient Safety
Fellow



Elenore Solomon
DOB 9/6/14
Proud Mom: Stephanie
Solomon, MSCI Ethics
Coursemaster



Davina Nicolette
*"rocking the Barnes
swaddle!"*
DOB 9/30/14
Proud Dad: Justin
Diedrich, MTPCI Scholar



Sean Lucey
(with brother Liam)
DOB 10/12/14
Proud Dad: Brendan
Lucey, KL2 Career
Development Scholar



**Helen Louis & Isla
Margaret Smith**
DOB 11/30/14
Proud Dad: Gordon
Smith, KL2 Career
Development Scholar

CRTC Scholar and Alumni Awards

Current CRTC scholars and alumni have received several recent awards.

Alison Cahill, MPTCI alumni, received a U01, "Optimizing Management of the Second Stage of Labor: Multicenter Randomized Trial", from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, July 2014. Dr. Cahill was also recently highlighted in the [Record](#) regarding a related project.

Patricia Cavazos-Rehg, KL2 alumni and current AHBR

Coursemaster, received an R01, "Implications of social media content and engagement for alcohol and marijuana use" from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, September 2014.

Li-Shiun Chen, KL2 alumni, received an R01, "Genetically Informed Smoking Cessation Trial" from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, September 2014.

[View Complete Award List>](#)

BJH Patient Safety & Quality Program

The CRTC is happy to welcome the Barnes Jewish Hospital (BJH) Patient Safety & Quality Fellowship Program to its line up of training programs. The BJH Fellowship was established to provide experiential, didactic and mentored clinical research training for physicians devoted to improving patient safety and quality. The Center took over management of the Patient Safety Fellowship in July of 2014. [Read More>](#)

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