

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: June 2013

1. Collaboration on Future NIH News Releases and Other Media

In collaboration with your institution, NINR seeks to promote and disseminate published results of NINR-funded research through the publication of press releases and other media. Should you have an accepted research article (page proof) that you wish to share with NINR, please send an email to info@ninr.nih.gov.

2. 81st Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research – Live Videocast Will Be Available

The open session of the 81st meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on **September 17, 2013, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in Conference Room 6C6, Building 31, C wing, on the NIH campus. Visitors are welcome to attend. **Please note: This session will also be videocast live at NIH Videocasting and Podcasting (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).**

The NACNR meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice.

More information about the NACNR is available online at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available online at: <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.

3. NINR Welcomes Five New Members to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

NINR recently announced the appointment of five new members to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR), the Institute's principal advisory board.

The NACNR provides recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice. Members of the council are drawn from the scientific and lay communities, embodying a diverse perspective from the fields of nursing, public and health policy, law, and economics.

NINR Director Patricia A. Grady, PhD is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Cynthia Barnes-Boyd, PhD
- Donna Hathaway, PhD
- Jillian Inouye, PhD
- Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD
- Marjana Tomic-Canic, PhD

For more information on NACNR, please visit <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/aboutninr/nacnr>.

4. Dr. Mary Woo Presents at NINR Director's Lecture – Videocast Now Available

At the third annual NINR Director's Lecture, "It's All in the Mind: Heart Failure and the Brain," Dr. Mary Woo, a well-known cardiovascular researcher and Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles School of

Nursing, discussed her experience as both a nurse and a researcher and her findings on brain-heart interactions in heart failure patients.

Dr. Woo's research transcends many areas including patient care and cardiovascular and neurologic diseases. Her current investigations suggest that heart failure patients have significant brain damage in areas that dramatically impact cognition, emotion, and breathing. By developing interventions that minimize or reverse the brain damage in heart failure, Dr. Woo aims to improve health outcomes for heart failure patients.

The NINR Director's Lecture is an event designed to bring the nation's top nurse scientists to the NIH campus to share their work and interests with a trans-disciplinary audience. The lecture was initiated as part of the year-long observation of the Institute's first 25 years at the NIH.

To view a videocast of the 2013 NINR Director's Lecture, please visit <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/newsandinformation/events>.

5. NINR Deputy Director Dr. Knebel Featured in UCSF Magazine

NINR Deputy Director Dr. Ann Knebel was recently featured in an Alumni Profile in the spring 2013 issue of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)'s *UCSF Magazine*. In the profile entitled "The Nurse Scientist," Dr. Knebel discussed her career and shared her motivation for getting involved in research.

While working as a registered nurse at an Indiana hospital, Dr. Knebel decided she wanted to find a way to ease the intense physical and emotional stress of patients on ventilators. "The only way to answer these questions was to get involved in research," she said in the profile. Her search for answers sent her education and career on a trajectory into nursing science—first to an MS program at the University of Evansville, then to UCSF.

Now in her role at NINR, Dr. Knebel supports the research of other nurse scientists. In the profile, she noted that nurses can lead reform in the health care system. "Our science helps to provide the foundation for care that is effective, affordable, and of the highest quality."

To read the full article, visit <http://support.ucsf.edu/sites/support.ucsf.edu/files/pdfs/ucsfmag13sp.pdf>.

6. NINR Division of Intramural Research Web Section Features New Look, Content

NINR recently redesigned the [Division of Intramural Research \(DIR\)](#) section of its website to feature the research taking place at NINR. In the newly enhanced section, visitors can find DIR protocols and publications, profiles of DIR scientists, training opportunities, and news briefs on recent findings.

"These updates will help raise awareness about NINR's Division of Intramural Research and all of its innovation, opportunities, and research," said NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady. "Our goal is to make it easier for the public and greater scientific community to learn about the novel research taking place here."

Learn more by visiting <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/dir>.

7. Mark Your Calendar! NINR's Graduate Partnerships Program 2014 Application Period Opens Early August 2013

The application period for the 2014 NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) will open in early **August 2013** and will close **December 2, 2013**. Reference letters will be accepted until **December 16, 2013**. The new application period is about a month earlier than in previous years.

NINR invites nursing students who are currently enrolled in a PhD program to apply to the 2014 NINR GPP. A doctoral fellowship program that coordinates training and funding for nursing students who are motivated to undertake careers in basic or clinical research, the GPP offers the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A graduate nursing student selected to become an NINR GPP fellow completes initial coursework at the partnership university (up to 2 years, depending on curriculum requirements). Following this coursework, the

fellow comes to the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, to begin research toward a doctoral dissertation. NINR GPP fellows focus their dissertation research primarily in pathophysiological mechanisms related to symptoms and symptom management, health promotion, disease prevention, tissue injury, and genetics. The fellow's academic advisor and an NIH scientist serve as co-mentors for the dissertation process.

To be considered eligible for 2014, applicants must submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae and have all doctoral coursework completed no later than August 2014. Once accepted, the fellow's dissertation research is begun and completed at NIH in collaboration with the dissertation committee at his or her home institution.

For more information about the NINR GPP, please visit:

www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP or send an email with "NINR GPP" in the subject line to NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov.

8. NINR Division of Intramural Research Welcomes New Medical Officer

NINR is pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Walitt has joined the Institute as a Medical Officer in NINR's [Division of Intramural Research](#). In his part-time role, Dr. Walitt will provide medical and scientific expertise for intramural research projects and programs and collaborate with other laboratories and outside researchers on a variety of clinically-related projects.

Dr. Walitt is an associate professor of Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center and the research director and associate director of the Division of Rheumatology at Washington Hospital Center. He has active research collaborations in the field with research labs at Georgetown, the National Institutes of Health, and the University of North Carolina and will be continuing research efforts with investigators both nationally and locally.

To learn more about Dr. Walitt, please visit <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/dir/walittjoinsir>.

9. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/dea/oep/fundingopportunities>. These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.

To learn more about the NINR, visit www.ninr.nih.gov. For the latest news and information, you can also follow NINR on Twitter (www.Twitter.com/@NINR).