CRTC News

Mentor, Scholar, and Coursemaster Awards Presented

The Clinical Research Training Center (CRTC) is excited to recognize some of its top scholars, mentors, and coursemasters. The following awards were handed out at the recent CRTC Summer Social Event on June 10th.

Coursemaster Awards

Patricia Cavazos-Rehg, PhD (Health Disparities: Applications in Clinical Settings, and Foundations of Health Care Research) and Maria Pérez, MA (Project Management in Clinical and Community Settings) received the Applied Health Behavior Research (AHBR) coursemaster of the year awards.

The Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) coursemaster of the year went to Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH for her work in Introduction to Statistics and Intermediate Statistics.

Scholar Awards

Anne Drewry, MD MTPCI program, Denis Nam, MD MTPCI program, and Iskra Pusic, MD KL2 Career Development Program were awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Award. These awardees were selected based on nomination by CRTC directors, leadership and staff. They were recognized as top CRTC scholars who are engaged, responsive, and always willing to provide support and constructive feedback to their peers and the program.

Congratulations to all the awardees. And thank you to all the CRTC mentors and coursemasters who make the training of new clinical researchers possible. Read More>

Welcome New CRTC 2014 Scholars

We are excited to have 30 new scholars joining the CRTC Programs in 2014. This includes five KL2 Career Development Scholars, two K12 Career Development Awards for Clinical Oncology, 11 scholars in the Postdoctoral Mentored Training Program in Clinical Investigation (MTPCI), three scholars admitted directly to the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI), one Applied Health Behavior Research (AHBR) scholar, and eight TL1 students. In addition, there are 40 students enrolled in summer predoctoral and high school programs. The complete list is available on the CRTC website.

We want to extend a special thank you to all our scholars and alumni who are serving as mentors for these students, providing them invaluable learning experiences. Read More>

KL2 and K12 Applications Currently Open

The KL2 Career Development Program and K12 Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology Program are both currently accepting applications for 2015 start dates, deadline is Sept 15th. If you know someone interested in applying, encourage them to review the requirements on the CRTC website or contact Rachel Lamp, the new CRTC K Coordinator rlamp@dom.wustl.edu.

Upcoming Events:

> Aug 26, 2-5pm Career Develop Retreat-Time Management, Susan Johnson, University of Iowa Location TBD
> Sept 26, 8am-1pm Paul Calabresi Career Development & Clinical Oncology Symposium, EPEC
> Oct 21, 12:30-5pm Research Training Symposium & Poster Session, FLTC
> Dec 2 & 16 Mock Study Sections Location TBD

For more details e-mail crtc@wustl.edu

Alumni Spotlight

M. Yanina Pepino, PhD, KL2 Alumnae, Washington University, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Nutritional Science, was recently highlighted in the Record for her work. Her focus is cigarette smoking among obese women which appears to interfere with the ability to taste fats and sweets and may drive them to consume more calories. Read More>
New Responsible Conduct of Research Seminar Series Offering

Through a collaborative project between the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences, the Clinical Research Training Center, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research, a new seminar series has been developed to help trainees meet the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training requirement. Monthly one-hour training sessions will be offered year round starting in September 2014. The seminars will be on diverse topics pertaining to RCR including one or more of the following topics: conflicts of interest; human subjects protections; animal welfare; safe laboratory practices; mentor/mentee responsibilities and relationships; collaborative research; peer review; data acquisition, management, sharing and ownership; research misconduct; responsible authorship and publication; the scientist as a responsible member of society; contemporary ethical issues in biomedical research; or the environmental and societal impacts of scientific research. Sessions will be facilitated by senior faculty including Dr. Jim DuBois, Director of the Center for Clinical Research Ethics, Dr. Alison Antes, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medical Sciences, and Drs. Stephanie Solomon (SLU) and Rebecca Dresser both experts in the area of clinical research ethics training. Mentors interested in participating should contact ccre@wustl.edu.

ICTS Website Houses Collaboration Search Feature

The Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS) website icts.wustl.edu is a great place to search for collaborators. Click the “Tools & Resources” tab and “Find Collaborators” to search the ICTS member database. Searches can be done by last name, institution, or clinical/research interest area. Questions about using the database can be directed to ICTS@dom.wustl.edu.

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New Course, Medical Data and Information Management

Leslie McIntosh, PhD, MPH has developed a new elective that will be offered through MSCI for the Fall 2014 semester. This course will focus on the discovery, collection, storage, transferring, and dissemination of clinical data for research and quality improvement which is critical for both the academic and professional field of Health/Medical Informatics. This course provides students education and training in data and information management with an emphasis on clinical study data collection and management, as well as using the electronic medical record for research. In this course students will examine data types and data repositories to include best practices in data acquisition and management. The course consists of lectures outlining the principles of informatics – health data, current use in clinical and translational research and quality improvement initiatives, and practical hands-on training in the use of software to manage and execute biomedical research studies. Guest lectures from campus leaders will also be included. The course will be offered August 27-December 10, Wednesdays 4-7pm. To register contact abwilson@dom.wustl.edu.

CRTC Congratulates its 2014 Graduates!

The Clinical Research Training Center is very excited to have 31 trainees completing programs this year. Doris Duke, TL1, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI), and Masters of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research (AHBR) degree and certificate awardees received recognition in a joint ceremony with the Masters of Population Health Science on May 16th. King Center. Dr. Andreas Duma (MSCI) was selected to serve as Master Marshall at the Washington University ceremony on May 16th. Read More>

Dr. Jim DuBois heads up new RCR seminar series

Dr. Leslie McIntosh offering new Medical Data elective

Did you know you can use the ICTS website to find collaborators in other fields?
Internal Medicine created a new Office of Faculty Development housed in the CRTC. Jen Mosher was hired as Coordinator. Mario Castro, MD, MPH heads the Office.

CRTC assisted Anjali Deshpande, PhD in establishing the Applied Health Behavior Research (AHBR) certificate and degree programs in the School of Medicine. Debbie Pfeiffer was hired as Program Manager.

The Internal Medicine Office of Training Grants was created. Karolina Piotrowicz was hired as Administrator. Mario Castro, MD, MPH has taken on Directorship of this new office.

Direct CRTC grant funding resulted in more than 140 peer-reviewed manuscripts by scholars and alumni.

50% of KL2 alumni received an individual K award or other career development funding within one year of finishing the program. 76% of KL2 alumni received some type of independent funding within two years of finishing the program.

The Advanced Summer Program for Investigation and Research Education (ASPIRE) has grown substantially each year since its inception. In 2014 CRTC received 250 applications for just 19 slots, a record number of applicants.

Dr. Terri Inder transferred to Harvard University in fall 2013 and Stephanie Fritz, MD, MSCI (former KL2 scholar) replaced her as Director of the CRTC Pediatric Education Program.

We love to hear what CRTC alumni are doing. If you have a success or accomplishment to share or know another alumni who has... let us know! E-mail awards, manuscripts, grants, CVs, or other shout outs and thank yous to crtc@dom.wustl.edu so they can be included in future newsletters.

New Course, Survey Methods: Design and Evaluation

The Applied Health Behavior Research (AHBR) program has developed a new course in Survey Methods: Design and Evaluation which will be offered starting in Fall 2014.

This 3-credit course will focus on methodological issues regarding the design, implementation, analysis, and interpretation of surveys and questionnaires in public health research. Essential theoretical concepts will be addressed and practical applications will be emphasized. Survey design and planning, sampling and data collection procedures are three of the major topics areas that will be covered.

The course will be taught by Amy McQueen, PhD. The target audience for this course is researchers, research study coordinators and managers, advanced doctoral students, post-docs, graduate students, fellows and junior faculty.

The course will be offered August 28-December 4, Thursdays from 4:30-7:30pm. To register contact dpfeiffer@wustl.edu.

Dr. Amy McQueen coursemaster
Survey Methods elective in Fall 2014

As of July 1, 2014, Cynthia Rogers, MD, current KL2 Scholar, Washington University, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry was appointed the St. Louis Children’s Hospital Child Health (SLCH) Scholar in the Washington University ICTS Career Development Awards Program.