Research

Receive GRADS facilitated by Connecticut practitioners, including department among the almost 300 attendees: SC SU Professor Health Association’s annual conference, was held in Waterbury in October.

“The Power of Partnerships: Working Together for a Healthy Connecticut” featured Connecticut Public Health – has instructed students in strategies and tactics of alliance, and the importance of answering given the opportunity to role play with state welfare advocates, including Jillian Gilchrest, Director of Public Policy at Connecticut Sexual Assault-Crisis Center; Kavie Jay, Project Director of the Mental Health Outreach Program for Mother-to-Partnership; Christine Limone, Political Director of NAWW; Jane McFadley, Executive Director of Legal Assistance at Legal Assistance Resource Center; and Gretchen Raffy, Director of Public Policy, and Advocacy at Planned Parenthood Southern New England.

Clinical Supervision Presentation

Also in October, Lawrence Shulman gave a presentation on Clinical Supervision to instructors and participants in the Seminar in Field Instruction class, which prepares working MSWs to become field instructors to MSW students. Shulman discussed the notion of supporting students in the field by modeling behaviors that contribute to the therapeutic alliance, and the importance of answering questions directly. Shulman also discussed the importance of allowing students to learn from their own mistakes.

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Dr. Norvayn Oh, Associate Professor of Physical Education from Kansas State University, North Carolina State University is currently visiting the scholar in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. The purpose of his research is to compare leisure participation of people with disabilities and policies relating to such participation in the United States and South Korea.

Dr. Lee J. delude was appointed Chair of the Education Section of the National Recreation and Parks Association at the annual congress in Houston Texas. NRPB, with over 40000 members, focuses on educational initiatives in conservation, health and wellness and social equity.

MPH Students

Two recent MPH graduates received Student Research Awards for their thesis research: Deanna Watters, Public Health Association’s Public Health Education and Health Promotion section. Both students presented scholarship during the annual conference in Boston in November

David Lombardo, whose advisor was Dr. Jean Brower, presented her project titled, “Counseling and HIV/STDs: A practical theory of analytic social norms, relationship roles, and resource levels among heterogeneous undergraduate students.”

Farae Mohamed, whose advisor was Dr. Christine Union, presented his research titled, “Sources of caregiver stress among African-Americans.”

Marriage and Family Therapy

The Marriage and Family Therapy Department has a new slate of the art observation and digital recording system in their Five Time clinic rooms. The new system, allowing students to record their own and benefit our clinicians as they can review their own work and their clients’ therapy sessions to develop their own behaviors in session.

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Students were treated to the departmen’s annual lobby day train- ing program. This year, the training program was coupled with the legislative New Year’s reception, a panel discussion on advocating originally developed by Professor Carmen Moses Standke in 2011. The conference was attended by Dr. Stephen Monroe Towmack, president, student representative Secretary Patricia Robertson, and Christine Colon and Barbara Donmel, on behalf of organizing partner NAASUC.

Students were treated to an expert training session delivered by the key- lying Ernst of Betty Golib and Associates, specifically in advocating for the continued bill.
This fall has been an exciting time for the Department of Nursing. The Department welcomed Dr. Mary Purdy to the nursing faculty. Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, Assistant Professor, joined the faculty on a tenure-track appointment. Dr. Ercolano’s previous experiences include work as an associate professor at the University of Connecticut and a fellowship in biobehavioral research at the Yale School of Nursing. Ms. Abbi Petropoulos recently joined the department on an interim appointment. The previous experiences include work as a Nursing Education Specialist at the Saint Raphael Hospital, Bridgeport, CT. Dr. Mary Purdy is a favorite in the college with her energy and passion for teaching and mentorship.

As part of NURSING’s ongoing mission to provide top-notch education, the department hosted a series of guest lectures and seminars. In addition, the department was instrumental in hosting a number of educational events, including a national nursing conference, a regional health-care professional conference, and a local hospital fair. The department has a long history of collaboration with external organizations, including hospitals, clinics, and community groups, to provide students with valuable clinical experience.

The Department of Communication Disorders announces new leadership. Dr. Jennifer McCullagh (right, below) is the new Graduate Coordinator. The department has a number of active projects, including a new student guild, a hospital orientation program, and a group of programs in the state that evaluate children and adults with various comorbid auditory processing disorders. Research-wise locally and clinic supervisors have very active agendas with a number of presentations at distinguished post-doctoral programs and presentations at various national and international conferences, including the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and the National Black Association for Speech-Language Hearing Association.

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Dr. Kelly Malby, an expert in craniofacial disorders, has founded on Operation Smile (O Smile) student club on campus. Malby, a long-standing volunteer with the international medical group of the same name, has traveled to the Democratic Republic of the Congo as part of a team that performs cleft palate surgery and lip repair surgery. Malby volunteers with Operation Smile to provide free surgery to children with craniofacial, cleft lip, and palate anomalies. Malby volunteers with Operation Smile to provide free surgery to children with craniofacial, cleft lip, and palate anomalies.

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