

# SPHHS RESEARCH BEAT

February, 2005

Greetings and welcome to the first edition of SPHHS Research Beat! This newsletter will appear in February, May, September, and December. Its purpose is to provide you with useful tips on preparing grant proposals, news about faculty grants, important announcements from the Research Office, and the Office of Grant and Contract Administration, reports from the Scholarship Committee, and other information that will foster the research efforts within the school. We welcome your suggestions; please contact Kathern at [kathern@nursing.umass.edu](mailto:kathern@nursing.umass.edu).

We hope that you have had a productive winter break and come out of it with papers and proposals to submit!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted to welcome Kathern Perreault to the Research Office in 124 Arnold. Please stop by and say hello. Kathern will be assisting with many aspects of SPHHS/SON research efforts.

## DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEW GAMS SYSTEM AT OGCA

Mark your calendars! March 4, 2005 – this will be a VERY useful presentation for you. The Office of Grants and Contract Administration have developed a new format for handling all grants. Leanne Every from OGCA will be providing a presentation/Demo of the GAMS system for all SPHHS faculty on March 4, 2005 at Campus Center RM # 905-09 from 2:00pm -4:00pm. The Dean encourages all faculty to attend this beneficial session. Snacks will be provided.

## RESEARCH TIPS

- ***NIH Mock Study Section Video***

"Inside the NIH Grant Review Process", is a 39-minute video developed by the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

The video includes excerpts from the reviews of 3 types of NIH applications: R01 - Research project grant, K08 - Mentored clinical scientist career development grant and R03 - Small research grant.

You may download copies of the mock proposals at <http://www.drg.nih.gov/Video/video.asp#docs>

**NOTE: This video is available for viewing over the web at:**  
<http://www.drg.nih.gov/Video/Video.asp>

- **A new website at NIH for new investigators**  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-014.html>

## RESEARCH DAY

Formerly called Poster Day, Research Day will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Campus Center room 1009. The event begins with an informal luncheon for faculty with our invited speaker, Dr. Kristine Gebbie, DrPH, RN. The lunch will be held at 11:45pm (WHERE?). Student posters will be ready for viewing beginning at 1:00pm. At 4:00pm, Dr. Gebbie will present her talk entitled: *“Individual Genius or Many Minds Make Light Work,”* which will be located in Campus Center room # 101 4:00-5:00pm.

**Please encourage your students to submit abstracts!**



## SPHHS INTEREST GROUPS

**We are starting interest groups in:**

- Women's Health,
- Bioinformatics,
- Obesity, and
- Aging.

These groups will be led by Patty Freedson, Phil Nasca, Elena Carbone, and Karen Helfer, respectively. The groups will be holding regularly scheduled get-togethers for chalk-talks, informal discussions with outside potential collaborators, and just general stimulating interaction and intellectual exchange. If you are interested in being part of one or more of these groups, please contact Kathern. [kathern@nursing.umass.edu](mailto:kathern@nursing.umass.edu)

## REQUEST FROM THE GRANTS OFFICE

The good news is that the number of grant proposal submissions is increasing for SPHHS and SON. However, because of this increase, we must request that ALL faculty adhere to the rules. To take advantage of the pre-award assistance (preparing your proposal for submission), faculty must complete the Proposal Submission Intention Form (forms available from Linda Downs-Bembury or on the website) at

least 6 weeks prior to the sponsor deadline. The form will describe other deadlines that must be adhered to so that we can guarantee the services and get everyone's proposals out the door on time!

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Grant Opportunity through SPHHS**

\$25,000 is available to fund up to 3 proposals (maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded to any single project). The specific purpose of this program is to provide seed money for obtaining preliminary data that will guide and strengthen subsequent full research applications to federal or national-level funding agencies. These grants are intended: 1) as seed money for faculty to develop an area of research/creative activity, and 2) to support the establishment of cross-disciplinary research teams that will take novel approaches to answering important research questions.

Any questions regarding the SPHHS Pilot Grant Program or the applications procedures should be directed to Associate Dean for Research, Priscilla Clarkson: [Clarkson@excsci.umass.edu](mailto:Clarkson@excsci.umass.edu)

### **Grant Opportunity with Baystate Medical Center**

The UMass-Amherst/Baystate Medical Collaborative Biomedical Research Program will be awarding grants of up to \$25,000 for collaborative projects between UMass faculty and Baystate. The Spring deadline is April 15. If you are interested please see (click on grant information) <http://www.bio.umass.edu/cbr/>

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

Kudos to the following faculty who submitted grant proposals from 7/1/04-12/31/04

Mary Andrianopoulos  
Carol Bigelow  
Rita Brennan Olson  
Ed Calabrese  
Ann Cary  
Graham Caldwell  
Elena Carbone  
Priscilla Clarkson  
Gloria DiFulvio  
Andrea Foulkes  
Patty Freedson  
Penelope Pekow  
Sarah Poissant  
Elaine Puleo  
Ed Stanek  
Susan Sturgeon  
Lisa Sullivan-Werner

Maria Idali Torres  
Nathaniel Whitmal  
Recai Yucel  
Elena Zaretsky

**Congratulations to SPHHS faculty who received the following grants  
from 7/1/04-12/31/04**

**New Award:**

Liz Bertone  
Priscilla Clarkson  
Elaine Puleo  
Lisa Sullivan-Werner

**Continued Award:**

Gary Kamen  
Phil Nasca  
Elaine Puleo