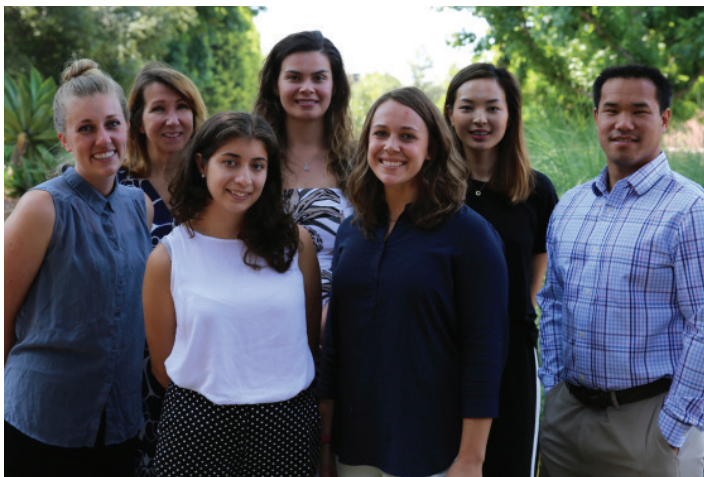


Department Newsletter

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National Center on Elder Abuse receives close to \$1 million to continue its work at USC

By Julie Schoen, JD



The National Center on Elder Abuse team poses for a group photo. Back row from left: Julie Schoen, Eden Ruiz-Lopez, Kimberly Moon. Front row from left: Lauren Rosell, Aly Neuman, Stacey Hirst, and Jan Lee.

The subject of elder abuse is an issue that has been making headlines of late. But did you know that right here in our community we host the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)? The Administration for Community Living renewed a grant totaling \$950,638 for the NCEA, which was awarded to the Keck School of Medicine of USC. USC received this amount on September 1, 2017 and should get continued funding each year for a three year grant cycle.

The goal of the NCEA is to improve the national response to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. We will accomplish this goal by gathering, housing and disseminating trending research and educational information concerning elder mistreatment and justice issues. We are solution oriented and will be changing the public discourse on elder abuse. We are detecting and addressing gaps in the field and will continue to stimulate conversation and identify innovations and collaborations.

As a national resource center it is our mission to provide a source of practical information to support federal, state and local efforts to prevent, identify and effectively respond to elder abuse. The NCEA provides information

Message from the Chair:



Welcome! In this issue, I am excited to highlight the work of two outstanding research faculty members in our department. (Page 3)

The Department is also pleased to announce that the NCEA has been given funding to continue its strong work and leadership in promoting a change to the national response on elder abuse. (Page 1)

We are looking forward to our 2nd USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse, we hope you can be there to engage in important conversations on the issues. (Page 2)

Laura Mosqueda, MD

and technical support, translates the latest research in the field, and disseminates best practices for state, local and tribal practitioners. The NCEA also provides technical assistance on developing effective prevention, intervention, and response efforts to address elder abuse

The NCEA, in partnership with key stakeholders including the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, the American Society on Aging, and many others, will build upon a strong foundation to engage professionals and empower communities. Together we will establish, strengthen, and support just and thriving societies working together to eradicate elder abuse.

We urge you to check us out and become part of this social justice movement, just one more of the many incredible resources, right here in the USC community.

For more information on the NCEA, please visit <http://www.ncea.acl.gov>.

Inside This Issue:

- Department welcomes new Chief Student Health Officer
- New geriatrics collaboration with Eisner Health through Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program at USC

Division of College Medicine joins Department of Family Medicine with Sarah Van Orman, MD, as Chief Student Health Officer



Sarah Van Orman, MD, has joined the Division of Student Affairs and Keck School of Medicine as the Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Chief Student Health Officer, as of August 1, 2017.

In this role, Van Orman oversees both USC student health services, including Engemann Student Health and Eric Cohen Student Health, including medical, mental health and health promotion and wellness services. She also holds academic appointments through Keck School in the Department of Family Medicine, as well as the Department of Psychiatry.

Van Orman is a past president of the American College Health Association and is board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She is joining USC after having served as the executive director of university health services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 2008.

Van Orman received her BA from Carleton College, MD from Mayo Medical School, and MMM from Carnegie Mellon University. She completed her residency training at the University of Chicago Hospital and Clinics.

The Division of College Medicine joins the Department of Family Medicine bringing 22 new faculty members who see students at Engemann Student Health Center and Eric Cohen Student Health Center.

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Register at this link:

<http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/education/usc-tamkin-international-symposium-on-elder-abuse/>

Department researcher to pioneer the emerging research focused on older adults living with HIV

Annie Nguyen, PhD, is one of four scholars that will be at the forefront of the emerging research focused on older adults with HIV. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2013 people aged 55 and older made up 25 percent of all people living with diagnosed or undiagnosed HIV in the United States. What used to be considered a “young person’s disease” is now a chronic condition that can continue to affect older adults as they age and Dr. Nguyen is part of the first cohort of scholars collaborating to expand this field.

Selected as a scholar for the Sustained Training on Aging and HIV Research (STAHR) Program, she spent four weeks this summer at the University of California, San Diego engaged in didactic training and writing a manuscript with the three other scholars of her cohort. This program is NIMH-funded in collaboration with the Stein Institute for Research on Aging and the UCSD HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program. The overall goal is to transform promising junior scholars

into independent and quality researchers in the HIV and aging in mental health.

The team of scholars comes from around the country and includes a geriatric psychiatrist, epidemiologist and neuropsychologist, all of which previously concentrated in either the field of HIV or aging. Together the group spent time reviewing data collected by the UCSD HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program, emphasizing mental health and cognitive behavior to draft a manuscript based on their findings.

She now returns to the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC to work with her individual mentors and continue research. Additionally, she will continue to attend three-day workshops at UCSD over the next three years, as each year new cohorts will be added to expand the number of scholars and research in the field.



Department researcher expands diversity in neuroscience with NIH Research Project Grant



Duke Han, PhD, has been awarded a National Institutes of Health Research Project Grant (R01) to study racial differences in decision-making. The grant was developed in close collaboration with David Bennett, MD, Lisa Barnes, PhD, Patricia

Boyle, PhD, Sue Leurgans, PhD, and Konstantinos Arfanakis, PhD, of the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center. With this grant, Han and the research team will collect neuroimaging and behavioral data from black older adults in the Chicago area. Currently the representation of minorities in clinical neuroscience studies, specifically those related to decision-making, is severely limited, and most of the information known about declining financial and health decision-making in older adults is based on primarily white participants.

Preliminary studies suggest that there may be

important differences in decision-making by race, and this may have profound economic and public health consequences for a diverse range of older adults. Previous studies have shown that black adults are at a higher risk for Alzheimer’s disease and the research team’s recent work has demonstrated poor decision making as a potential risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease in white adults, but it unknown whether this is also true of black adults. It is his hope that deeper exploration of racial differences in decision making, and the associated factors that drive these differences, can ultimately lead to improved interventions to address health disparities.

“We want to increase diversity in studied groups to better understand decision-making among a broader range of older adults,” Han said. “There is a social justice element to this in which we hope to be more inclusive and mindful of populations that may be disproportionately affected by cognitive decline, emotional changes, and other factors important for aging.”

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USC GWEP teams up with Eisner Health to improve care for older adults

This summer the USC team leading the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program has expanded to collaborate with Eisner Health. In this new partnership, the team seeks to provide new services to older adult patients with health complexities at USC-Eisner Family Medicine Center at California Hospital.

There are four new interprofessional programs that make up this collaboration. The first is called Healthy mouth, healthy body and focuses on bringing together an Eisner dentists with Theresa Sivers-Teixeira, PA-C, one of our faculty members in the Department of Family Medicine. This encounter focuses on health care issues that are related to dental health such as, chronic disease management, medication reconciliation and identification of cognitive and physical deficits.

The second new program is focused on the annual wellness visit and integrates USC social worker Roxana Gates, LCSW, into a team with an Eisner nurse practitioner in an effort to increase the value of this visit for older adult patients and their primary care providers. Through this collaboration, the team is able to develop cultural tools to enhance advanced care planning discussions with patients and their caregivers.

A third element is the integration of the Geriatric Interprofessional Assessment Program at Eisner. Although this program has been active at HCC2 for almost two years, its integration at Eisner allows CHMC/ USC Family Medicine Residency faculty and third-year residents to participate in a team with Bonnie Olsen,



Theresa Sivers-Teixeira, PA-C with Daniel Romo, DDS see patients together at the Eisner Dental Clinic as part of the new collaboration.

PhD, a gero-psychologist and physical therapist in an effort to improve understanding of cognitive disorders and mobility issues that the patient may experience.

Finally, the GWEP team has also introduced a Geriatric Medication and Functional Assessment Clinic, where primary care providers at Eisner collaborate with a pharmacist and an occupational therapist from USC to review the patient's medications and conduct a functional evaluation. Their findings are intended to improve overall care planning.

If anyone is interested in more information about these four new collaborations or thinking about making referrals, please contact Theresa Sivers-Teixeira at Theresa.Sivers-Teixeira@med.usc.edu

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