

Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of August 31, 2015)

Accomplishment kudos

Katherine Adler, DHA, FACHE, associate dean, academic success and assessment, ATSU-CGHS, received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Service Award for her volunteer service to the healthcare management profession and ACHE.

Donna Allen, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, attended the United Nations Global Quality of Life committee meeting in Savannah, Ga. She was appointed to this committee in June 2014 and serves as an ambassador representing the United States on the Global Quality of Life Initiatives.

Jessi Barriga, administrative assistant, ATSU-SOMA, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2015.

Joshua Bernstein, PhD, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, co-published “Perspectives of health promotion and primary prevention of cardiovascular disease: Revisiting the Social-ecological Model” in the 2015 issue of *Evidence-based Medicine and Public Health* and “Feasibility of internet-based post-secondary nutrition education: Incorporating features of the Mediterranean diet” in the 2015 issue of *Health Promotion Perspectives*.

W. Cody Black, MHS, PA-C, assistant professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, co-published an article titled “My patient wants to try e-cigarettes to quit smoking. What should I say?” in the August 2015 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*.

Stanley Brysacz, DO, assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA, was elected as a representative for Faculty Council at large. His two-year term began in July.

Bethany Clatt, senior administrative assistant, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2015.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, dean, ATSU-ASHS, was named the 2015 Eugene A. Stead Jr. Award of Achievement winner. This is the highest award given by the American Academy of Physician Assistants and is only the fifth time the award has been given in 15 years.

Brian F. Degenhardt, DO, director, A.T. Still Research Institute, received the 2015 George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award for their article, “Preliminary Findings on the Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment: Outcomes During the Formation of the Practice-Based Research Network, DO-Touch.NET,” which appeared in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association’s* March 2014 issue. The article, co-authored by **Jane C. Johnson, MA**, research assistant professor, A.T. Still Research Institute; Shanin R. Gross, DO; Celia Hagan, BSN; Gregg Lund, DO; and William J. Curry, MD, MS, is recognized as the best article published in the journal in 2014.

Lori Dewald, EdD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, presented “Addressing Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence – Athletics’ Role in Support of Healthy and Safe Environments” and “The Current State of Faculty and Staff Health and Wellness Programs: Results from the 2014 ACHA Survey” at the May 2015 American College Health Association conference in Orlando, Fla. She also presented “Addressing Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence – Athletics’ Role in Support of Healthy and Safe Environments” at the June 2015 National Athletic Trainers’ Association conference in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Dewald co-published “Feedback as a Tool to Promote Learning and Encourage Persistence” in the summer 2015 issue of *Delta Kappa Gamma International Journal for Professional Educators*.

Lihua Dishman, PhD, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, presented her research titled “Examining the Roles of Securitization in Risk Management: An Application in Healthcare after the Financial Crises” at the May 2015 Industry Studies Association Annual Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Dishman and **John Fick, EdD**, associate professor, prepared and presented a professional development session at the ATSU-CGHS graduation meeting on Triple Aim and how it is operationalized in healthcare organizations today. **Vicki Schroeder, MA**, adjunct faculty, health administration, joined them for the panel presentation.

Jim Farris, PT, PhD, chair and associate professor, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, recently completed the American Physical Therapy Association’s Education Leadership Fellowship, an accredited program through the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, completed her master of public health degree from University of Florida. Also, she had her abstract, “Oral Health Needs of WIC Children and Women in North Central Florida,” accepted for the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Chicago this fall.

John E. Grubb, DDS, MS, adjunct professor, orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Grubb is a diplomate to the board, as well as a past director and past president.

Colleen Halupa, EdD, associate professor, doctor of health education, ATSU-CGHS, published a new textbook, “Transformative Curriculum Design in Health Sciences Education,” with chapters by ATSU-CGHS’ **Donna Allen, PhD**, assistant professor, **Lynda Konecny, DHEd, MS, CHES**, associate professor, and **Warren McDonald, PhD**, associate professor. Dr. Halupa presented “Integrity – The problem with Self-plagiarism” in May 2015 as part of a webinar for Online and Distance Learning Association of Australia’s Research Bytes.

Samuel Ikonne, PhD, assistant professor, was elected to the ATSU-SOMA Faculty Council as a basic science representative. His two-year term began in July.

Sabah Kalamchi, DDS, FFDRCS, assistant dean of oral and maxillofacial surgery, ATSU-ASDOH, was named president of the Arizona Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in May 2015.

Gerry Keenan, MMS, PA-C, associate professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was named Special Olympics Arizona (SOAZ) Healthy Athletes Outstanding Clinician of the Year. He was presented with the award at a gathering of SOAZ clinical directors and key volunteers in June.

Lynda Konecny, DHEd, MS, CHES, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, **Joshua Bernstein, PhD**, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, and **Meg Sheppard, PhD**, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, had their abstract titled “Online wellness resources for graduate-level students: Self-directed or facilitated?” accepted for the American Public Health Association’s 143rd Annual Meeting this fall in Chicago, Ill. Drs. Konecny, Bernstein, and Sheppard also had their abstract, “Assessment and enhancement of a university worksite wellness program,” accepted for the October 2015 Texas Society for Public Health Education annual conference in Austin, Texas.

Chelsea Lohman, PhD, ATC, CSCS, assistant professor and director of anatomy curriculum and instruction, ATSU-ASHS, received the Young Investigator Award in June 2015 from *Spine*, a leading journal in neuroscience and orthopedics. Dr. Lohman’s dissertation research work was published in the July 2015 issue.

Kathleen Mathieson, PhD, CIP, associate professor, doctor of health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, will serve on ATSU’s Higher Learning Commission steering committee.

Eric Matthews, PhD, associate professor, doctor of health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, published “Adverse Effects of Iodine-derived Intravenous Radiopaque Contrast Media” in the July/August 2015 issue of *Radiologic Technology*. He co-published an article, “Evidence-Based Practice Knowledge and Perfusionists’ Clinical Behavior,” which was accepted for publication in the June 2015 issue of *Perfusion*. Dr. Matthews; **Lisa Wallace, PhD**, adjunct faculty; and Peter Miskin, DHSc, ’13, co-published “Cultural self-efficacy of second degree nursing students in providing care to immigrants,” which was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Cultural Diversity*. In addition, Dr. Matthews accepted a two-year appointment as a peer-reviewer with the Higher Learning Commission and has also completed a Master Reviewer Certification for Quality Matters.

Clinton Normore, MBA, director, diversity, ATSU, was selected as a participant scholar for the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities 2015 Translational Health Disparities Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice, and Policy in Health Disparities Research, held August 3-14 in Bethesda, Md.

Patrick A. Palmieri, DHSc, EdS, MBA, MSc, MSN, adjunct professor, doctor of health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, was selected as one of 163 global nursing leaders to be inducted to the American Academy of Nursing’s 2015 class of fellows.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor, director of postgraduate orthodontic program, ATSU-ASDOH, presented a lecture “Clinical and Biomechanical Considerations of Temporary Anchorage Devices (TADs) in Challenging Cases: Sagittal Correction beyond Orthodontic Boundaries” during the 2015 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session held May 15-19 in San Francisco.

Helen Salisbury, PhD, assistant professor, doctor of health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, co-authored “Strategies and barriers to recruitment of underrepresented minority students in physician assistant programs,” published in the March 2015 issue of *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*; “Frequency of acute and overuse hip injuries in the high school athlete,” presented at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo., in June; and “Relationship between physician assistant program length and physician assistant national certifying exam pass rates,” which was accepted for publication in *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*.

Patricia S. Sexton, DHEd, MS, ’08, associate dean for curriculum, ATSU-KCOM, received the Innovation in Medical Education Award for “Diversity Redefining Education and Medicine – LGBT Curriculum” from American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators in April 2015.

S.D. Shanti, DDS, PhD, MPH, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, and **Ashley Love, DrPH, MPH, MS**, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, received a grant for and attended the IPE Certificate course in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Shanti had her abstract, “Social Determinants of Health and Economic Development,” accepted for presentation at the Northwestern Interdisciplinary Global Health Symposium in November 2015.

Mary-Katherine Smith, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was invited to join the National Rural Health Association’s Health Equity Council, formerly known as the Multiracial and Multicultural Council. She also spoke at the 2015 Annual Research in Action Conference hosted by the University of North Texas Kristen Farmer Autism Center.

Susan Steffans, DO, assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA, was re-elected to serve as a physician representative on the ATSU-SOMA Faculty Council. Her two-year term begins on July 1.

Brian Taylor, AuD, adjunct professor, ATSU-ASHS, joined Turtle Beach Corporation’s audio business, HyperSound®, as the new senior director of clinical affairs.

Melanie Tidman, DHSc, ’11, adjunct faculty, ATSU-CGHS, recently published a book titled “Families in ICU: A Survival Guide.”

Tamara Valovich McLeod, PhD, ATC, FNATA, professor and director, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, was recognized during the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Women in Athletic Training reception held June 23-26 in St. Louis, Mo.

Jenifer Vetter, clinic manager, orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, received her bachelor’s degree in healthcare management from University of Phoenix.

O.T. “Ted” Wendel, PhD, senior vice president, strategic initiatives, ATSU, presented a photo essay in June on his mission trip to Nepal with Project HOPE. A major earthquake rocked Nepal in April 2015, and Dr. Wendel was in Nepal when a second earthquake struck the area in May.