



## Dr. Sara Locatelli is Featured on ORD Homepage

IMPACTS



Dr. Locatelli

Sara Locatelli, PhD and her research team presented a poster at the VA HSR&D National Conference that received a little extra attention. Their research was also featured on the Office of Research and Development’s homepage in an article described as an “innovative method.” The study involved examining the Veterans experience through a process of guided tours throughout the VA facility ultimately identifying experiences of patient centered care (PCC). The Veterans shared thoughts, feelings and

experiences. The participants also described the aspects of the environments of care. They sometimes described it as welcoming, and other times as chaotic. They also provided many examples of PCC. From this data, the scientists concluded that the impact of shared identity on care preferences has received limited attention; and this identity may be unique to Veterans, who represent a group of patients seen at the same facilities, and a social group of people who have shared history and characteristics. The results can be used in the implementation of PCC innovations, to improve health and well-being of Veterans.

## Dr. Karen Saban Appointed Associate Dean for Research

LEADERSHIP



Dr. Karen Saban

Karen L. Saban, PhD, RN, APRN, CNRN, FAHA, was appointed as the Associate Dean for Research at the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing (MNSON), Loyola University of Chicago. It is anticipated that she will lead the School as they expand their interprofessional research teams, and plan and further develop their research foci – which include social stress and epigenetic determinants of health, health disparities, self-management of chronic disease, and outcomes in education and practice. There are also plans to move nursing research into the new Center of Translational Research Building next

spring. Dr. Saban is well known in VA for her research with various populations on mindfulness and stress reduction, stress and inflammation, stress on caregivers and families in addition to her work in cardiovascular disease, stroke and traumatic brain injury. She currently has HSR&D funding with Nursing Research Initiative project (NRI 12-413) entitled, “Mindfulness Based Stress reduction for Women at Risk for Cardiovascular Disease.” This is a four year project that ends June 30, 2017.

Dr. Saban also recently completed a K Award (K01 NR013478) from NINR titled, “Social Context and Inflammatory Risk of Stroke in African American Women.” Congratulations, Dr. Saban well deserved.

## Dr. Eileen Collins Receives Distinguished Researcher Award from UIC

RECENT AWARDS



Dr. Eileen Collins

Eileen Collins, PhD, RN, FAACVPR, FAAN received the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), College of Nursing Distinguished Researcher Award on September 18, 2015. Dr Collins is a VA Research Career Scientist, and Acting Associate Chief of Research and Development at Hines VA Hospital and Professor in the Department of Behavioral Health Science at UIC. Her funded research as principal investigator includes funding from VA HSR&D, RR&D and NINR. She also serves as a mentor to our HSR&D nurse investigators.

## Dr. Saul Weiner Co-Authors Book on Contextual Errors

PROJECT IMPACTS

Saul J. Weiner, MD, Deputy Director of CINCCCH, has just published *Listening for What Matters: Avoiding Contextual Errors in Health Care*, co-authored with his long time research colleague, Alan Schwartz, PhD, at UIC. The book, released in January 2016 by Oxford University Press, describes over a decade of mostly HSR&D funded research that explores the challenge of planning care that is not only scientifically based but also adapted to the individual needs and circumstances of each patient. Dr. Weiner coined the terms “contextual error” to describe care plans that appear evidence based but, when applied to a particular patient, are inappropriate because they fail to take into account the Veteran’s particular context. Setting up a treatment plan, for instance, that is consistent with a guideline but that is impossible for a particular Veteran to adhere to because he or she lacks the financial resources, or transportation, or social support or cognitive skills to follow through would all be examples of a contextual error. Drs. Weiner and Schwartz have extensively documented the prevalence of contextual errors, their adverse effects on Veteran outcomes and treatment costs, and have tested novel strategies to prevent them. This book provides a comprehensive overview of their body of work and is written for the educated lay reader.

## Dr. Jason Raad Chosen to Represent Psychologists and Social Workgroup with ECATS

LEADERSHIP



Dr. Jason Raad

The Early Career and Trainee Support (ECATS) Committee is an academy wide committee of ASCIP with representatives from each section. The goal of ECATS is to organize ASCIP programming and events that address individual needs of the student trainees and early career members including practitioners within five years of beginning practice. Jason Raad, PhD was chosen as the Early Career and Trainee Support Representative for the Psychologists and Social Workgroup. His term began at the 2015 ASCIP Conference in New Orleans.



Chris Gozali & Grandmother, Dr. Mak

CINCCH recently had two great employees resign to attend medical school. This year Chris Gozali was accepted into University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine and Sean Tully was accepted into Marian University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. We know that they are very busy, but they each took time to write a paragraph for our Newsbrief below. We are so incredibly proud of these two young men and their passion for research, the sciences and medicine in particular. We wish them the best of luck in the future.



Sean Tully & Family

**Chris Gozali** writes: I'm a student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. The school is located just 20 minutes south of Portland and a mere 5 minutes from the beach and Atlantic Ocean. It also has the distinction of being the only medical school in the state of Maine. We had our White Coat ceremony on October 8<sup>th</sup>. I was able to arrange for my grandmother, Dr. Elly Mak, to come and actually coat me on stage, which was a great moment for the both of us. The patient-centered curriculum is rigorous, but through it I am receiving a quality education that I know will be indispensable as a future physician.

**Sean Tully** writes: I'm currently attending Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis, IN. The white coat ceremony I attended back in August is a traditional ceremony that medical schools have to formally induct students into a career in medicine and where we receive our first white coat, a symbol of physicians. At the ceremony, we have to pledge to provide the best care for our patients and honor the profession of being a physician. Also, Marian University is a new medical school that opened in 2013, so I am part of just their third class of students. It's only the second medical school to have been started in Indiana (the other being Indiana University which opened in 1903) and was opened to address the shortage of physicians in Indiana.

## December Brings the CINCCH Holiday Party

## TEAM BUILDING



CINCCH Staff

CINCCH staff gathered Thursday, December 15th to kick off the holiday season with our Annual Holiday Luncheon held at Anyways Grill. Fifty-one Hines and JBVA CINCCH employees, and surrounding departments in Research Service attended the luncheon. Dr. Fran Weaver began the festivities with a heartfelt welcome to all attendees. The

warmth of the fireplace was wonderful as always, although snow was nowhere near Chicago. A delicious lunch menu was available with selections for every palate. Lunch was followed by games, led by Rita Bendana including a Poinsettia Pass and optional \$10 grab bag of fun Holiday items with the ever popular stealing option. A good time was had by all and put everyone into the Holiday Spirit.



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**Dr. David Bentrem**, former CINCCCH CDA, was appointed Chief, Surgery Service for Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Congratulations!

**Dr. Howard Gordon**, CINCCCH Associate Director, was appointed co-chair of the recently established IRB at JBVAMC (Chicago). He helped transfer almost 100 research protocols from the previous IRB at the University of Illinois at Chicago and helped develop policies and procedures for the new JBVAMC IRB.



**Dr. Jason Raad**, CINCCCH OAA Post-doc was awarded admission into the TIGRR Grantsmanship Workshop. Applicants are screened by an NIH review committee. Only about 30 are selected out of several hundred applicants. This workshop will be very helpful to his career. Congratulations Dr. Raad.

I-TIE ambassador **Dr. Elizabeth Burkhardt** has been invited to join AHRQ's Health Care Research Training study section. As a member of this group she will be reviewing pre and postdoctoral applications and K-Awards for AHRQ.

Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Fischer**, former CINCCCH CDA, who is "Jesse Brown VAMC's Researcher of the Month"

## Our Recent Publications

## DISSEMINATION

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