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Faculty Spotlight

Sabrina Friedman, EdD **Associate Professor School of Nursing**

The School of Nursing: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals Initiative... (continued on page 3)





Student Spotlight

Noel Roberts Graduate Student Department of Graduate Psychology School of Behavioral and Applied Science

I earned my bachelor of science in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University, a major research institution.... (continued on page 2)



Calendar and Events

Forthcoming events and Research & Grants (ORG).

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In the race ORG at your doorstep

A myriad of tools and practices are available to provide efficient training. Here is a simple message: we are here to equip faculty advance their research and grants activity. Our team assessed the learning opportunities offered last year. Questions we asked ourselves included what worked and what didn't, what's the most efficient way to deliver to different learners, what is the best setting, would a more diverse offering make a difference and so on. As a result, there are a few new things we came up with:

New workshops and training

ORG will continue to offer all the Responsible Conduct in Research workshops, and they are well underway. In addition to this required training, the following workshops will be provided:

- Funding Opportunities
- Grant Proposal Development 101
- Grant Proposal Development: Federal
- Grant Proposal Development: Non-federal
- Budget Development
- **Grant Writing**

Training will be offered in a variety of forms: hands-on small group setting, blended or flipped workshops, and online training. All class format workshops are also available to watch online in real time. Details will soon follow via email.



ORG Grant Funding Alert



Student Spotlight

...which helped develop my understanding of the vital role research plays in the

field of psychology. As a graduate student in APU's Clinical Psychology doctoral program, the adopted practitioner-scholar model is permitting me to have a balanced experience of clinical practice and research. During my 2nd year in the program, I discovered that my research interests aligned with Dr. Loren Martin's area of expertise which is Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and the neurobiology of social behavior. My research is focused on the effects of birth order and birth spacing on ASD severity published in 2012. In the pursuit to further understand the etiologies of ASD, my research focuses on how birth order and shorter birth intervals impact ASD symptom severity within families that have only one child with ASD.

In May 2014, I was awarded a Diversity Travel Award to attend the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR) in Atlanta, Georgia. While there, I presented a poster on *The Effects of Birth Order and Birth Spacing on Autism Simplex Families*. The results of my research demonstrated increased ASD severity in children born within two years after an unaffected sibling. Currently, I am writing an article with Dr. Martin that will be submitted for publication this Fall. The article will include additional data and a detailed account about the effects of birth spacing on ASD severity. This Spring, I will return to IMFAR to continue to stay abreast on current ASD research and practice.

(In the Race, continued)

Grant Funding Alert

The ORG Grant Funding is our Monday morning synopsis of recently announced grants, scholarships, fellowships that we find relevant for the APU community. Along with the weekly Grant Funding Alert, our team is also organizing and sending a list of upcoming deadlines for different areas and topics. We hope this new initiative is supportive of your grants effort.

Regional centers support
We recently visited the San
Diego regional center. We had
the opportunity to meet a vibrant

community and engage with faculty from the School of Nursing, School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences and the School of Education. Our goal was to engage in

conversation with the APUSD faculty and learn about their research interests and programs. This was an experimental

> format: one-on-one meetings that allowed faculty to not only share about their research and program interests but also hear about funding opportunities,

San Diego Regional Cente

grant support, writing retreats, writing consultations, research consultations and so on. Thanks to Jennifer Jordan,

Adam Lipson and their dedicated staff for helping us with the San Diego visit details.

We are looking forward to further exploring the possibilities in this direction.

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These are all new or reconfigured opportunities to engage. If you are curious, please connect with us or stay tuned for more specifics. (MCM)







Faculty Spotlight

Sabrina Friedman has recently been awarded a \$1.2 million federal grant on *Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals*. The grant is funded by the US

DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and it is the result of a collaborative effort led by Dr. Friedman and included Bonita Huiskes, Ph.D., department chair, and James F. Adams, director of the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Programs, along with support of community partners. With a goal to address a significant need in our community, i.e., that of preparing providers, specifically nurse practitioners, to meet the mental health needs of children, adolescents and transitional-age youth, this grant will expand and enhance the APU School of Nursing mental health clinical placement opportunities. It will also serve to promote subsequent employment in mental health settings of the APU's School of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduates in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program. Throughout the next three years, funds will support approximately 80 full-time students in their last year of field placement while enhancing their didactic learning experiences.

Dr. Friedman joined the APU School of Nursing faculty in 2010 and she teaches primarily at the Inland Empire Regional Center. She is a board-certified adult psychiatric clinical nurse specialist, maintaining a private practice as a nurse psychotherapist and is a board-certified family nurse practitioner with expertise in women, adolescent and pediatric health. She is also trained as an EMDR therapist, fellow and on the Editorial Board with the American Psychotherapy Association, member of the Department of Mental Health African American Strategic Planning

Workgroup, member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

In spare time, her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her grandkids, Lexie and Matthew, with archery being top on their list. She would

love to go to cooking school and she is currently learning sign language with the Deaf Ministry at Harvest Christian Fellowship. Well done, Dr. Friedman! (MCM)



Research is...

...exciting, invigorating, and strenuous.
Remember, all the easy things have already been
done! Don Isaak, PhD, ORG Interim Executive Directo

Calendar & Events

Events

Sabbatical Leave Lunches

November 17, 2014 – Kathryn Smith February 2, 2015 – Kenneth Waters

Fulbright Luncheon

November 6, 2014 - Cheryl Westlake

Common Day of Learning

November 14, 2014: Application Submission Deadline

Compliance Partners

IRB (human subjects research)

November 26, 2014: Full Board Review Application deadline for December meeting

January 7, 2015: Full Board Review Application deadline for January meeting

IACUC (animal research)

November 12, 2014: Protocol or amendment deadline for November meeting

December 10, 2014: Protocol or amendment deadline for December meeting

January 14, 2015: Protocol or amendment deadline for January meeting

Consultations

Dr. John Trent (contact ORG for appointment) November 12-13, 2014

Workshops

Responsible Conduct of Research:

January 2014: Research with Human Subjects (Date TBD)

January 2014: Mentors, Trainees and Collaborations (Date TBD)

March 2014: Research with Animal Subjects (Date TBD)

Grant Development:

"If I won the lottery I

would operate a free

mobile clinic"

November 14, 2014: Funding Opportunities

December 12, 2014: Grant Proposal Development | Federal Grants

January 30, 2015: Grant Proposal Development | Non-Federal Grants

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Common Day of Learning CDL 2015

Date:

February 24, 2015

Theme:

To Know as We Are Known

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." *1 Corinthians 13:12 (NKJV)*

Keynote speaker:

Dr. Mary Poplin, Professor, School of Educational Studies, Claremont Graduate University

Application deadline: **November 14, 2014**

Things to consider:

- Including CDL as part of your Spring 2015 Syllabi expectations
- Submitting your own proposal for CDL to enrich our academic community
- Encouraging members of your own department and students to submit presentation proposals
- Organizing student-led poster presentations and roundtable discussions

The greatest possible merit of style is, of course, to make the words disappear into the thought.

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne



Writers' Retreats 2015

- → Traditional Writers' Retreats: June 16-19, July 7-10 (applications will be available early spring 2015)
- ★ Early Career Writers' Retreat: June 9-12 (nominations from your deans required)
- → Top Performers Writers' Retreat: May 12-15 (nominations from your deans required)



Mark your calendar and watch for specific details!

The Office of Research and Grants (ORG) exists to empower the university, nurturing research and funding opportunities supportive of the scholarship cornerstone at Azusa Pacific University.

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