Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of April 30, 2015)

Accomplishment kudos

Donna Allen, PhD, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to represent the United States on a United Nations committee regarding global wellness and quality of life initiatives.

Donald Altman, DDS, DHiSc, MPH, MBA, MA, ’12, dean, ATSU-CGHS, is the new president of the American Board of Public Health. He will serve as president until April 2016. Dr. Altman; S.D. Shanti, DDS, PhD, MPH, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS; Marsha Presley, PhD, academic adviser, ATSU-CGHS; and Aesha Turner, MS, executive assistant, ATSU-CGHS, published “Blending Public Health into Dental Education: A.T. Still University’s DMD/MPH Program” in the *Journal of Dental Education*. Dr. Altman also presented “Integrating Innovation in the Public Health Curriculum into a Dental School Using a Hybrid Program” in October 2014 at the 10th Riyadh International Dental Meeting at the Riyadh College of Dentistry and Pharmacy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Jeff Chaffin, DDS, MPH, MBA, MHA, assistant professor, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to a task force sponsored by the Children's Dental Health Project to update recommendations for school-based dental sealant programs. Dr. Chaffin also completed his year as president of the American Board of Dental Public and will serve as past president until April 2016. Additionally, he is on the American Dental Association Review of Dental Sealants Expert Review.

Khanh Chu, DDS, director, ATSU-ASDOH; John Payne, DDS, director, ATSU-ASDOH; and Mai-Ly Duong, DMD, MPH, instructor, ATSU-ASDOH, participated in Operation Smile’s dental mission in Vietnam in November 2014, providing basic dental care to more than 1,000 children.

Erlinda Cisneros-Johnson, administrative assistant, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Melissa Clark, MS, OTR/L, CES, CHT, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, participated in a service learning mission trip to Guatemala in September 2014 with 18 occupational therapy students and one alumna.

Rita Clem, printing technician, printing services, ATSU, received the 2015 Missouri campus Distinguished Service Award.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, dean, ATSU-ASHS, received an Award of Appreciation from Logan University (Chesterfield, Mo.) in December 2014 for recognition of his devotion and commitment to excellence in education and integrated healthcare.

Lori Dewald, EdD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, presented “Best Practices in Blazing a Trail for Teaching Health Education Online” and “Breast and Testicular Self Examination Practices in College
Students: Results from the ACHA-NCHA Data” at the April 2015 Society for Public Health Education conference in Portland, Ore.

Kathleen DiCaprio, PhD, chair, doctor of health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, provided interviews as a subject matter expert on Ebola for several writers and news reports who contribute to Newsweek, health sections of the New York Times, and local new stations in New York City and Kirksville. Her research efforts have contributed to the creation and testing a promising vaccine, VSV-Ebola, which is currently being used in clinical trials with the World Health Organization and international collaborations.


Helen Ewing, DHSc, RN, adjunct professor, ATSU-CGHS; Ade Anast, PhD, director, online writing center, ATSU-CGHS; and Tammy Roehling, PT, DPT, director, transitional doctor of physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, had their paper, “Addressing Plagiarism in Online Programs at a Health Sciences University: A Case Study,” accepted by Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education, a peer-reviewed British journal.

Judy Funk, graphic designer, communication & marketing, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Jaana Gold, DDS, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, attended the ADA Advanced EBD Workshop Feb. 9-13, 2014, in New York. The workshop focused on evidence-based dental practice. Her manuscript, “Streptococcus mutans is vertically transmitted from mother to child,” was accepted for publication in the June 2015 issue of Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice. Additionally, Dr. Gold co-published “Knowledge and Behaviors Regarding Early Childhood Caries Among Low-Income Women in Florida: A Pilot Study” in the April 2015 issue of the Journal of Dental Hygiene.

Jim Guillory, DO, MPH, professor, ATSU-CGHS, was re-appointed to serve on the Kansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Infant Mortality. In addition, Dr. Guillory’s manuscript, “Low Birth Weight in Kansas,” was accepted for publication by the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.

Margaret Hoogland, MLS, distance support librarian, ATSU, was approved for AHIP at the senior level. The AHIP credential denotes the highest standards of professional competency and achievement in the field of healthcare information.

Peter Kondrashov, PhD, chair, anatomy, ATSU-KCOM, spoke on anatomy education at the annual winter meeting of the Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology Chairpersons held Jan. 21-24, 2015, in Los Cabos, Mexico. Dr. Kondrashov also presented at the fourth international Palaeontological Congress in Mendoza, Argentina, held Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2014.

Tatyana Kondrashova, MD, PhD, assistant professor, family medicine, ATSU-KCOM, co-published “Innovative Approach to Teaching Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine: The Integration of Ultrasonography” in the April 2015 issue of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*. In addition, Dr. Kondrashova; Peter Kondrashov, PhD; Robert Baer, PhD; and William Sexton, PhD, were selected as finalists for their poster at the 2015 Joint AACOM/AODME Annual Conference.


Mike Kronenfeld, MBA, MLS, university librarian, ATSU, and Harold Bright, MALs, distance support librarian, ATSU, co-authored “Discovery in a Health Sciences Library,” which was published in *Doody’s Collection Development Monthly*. Kronenfeld also co-authored “Healthcare Reform in America: A Reference Handbook,” which was published in a second edition in April.

Richard J. LaBaere II, DO, MPH, FAODME, associate dean of postgraduate training, Still OPTI academic officer, ATSU-KCOM, was named to ACGME’s Institutional Review Committee in February. He is the first osteopathic physician to be appointed to the committee.

Joy Lewis, DO, PhD, FACP, director, ATSU-SOMA, and Catherine Shanahan, MD, regional director of medical education, HealthSource of Ohio, were accepted for publication in the *Journal of Interprofessional Care* for their article, “Effect of Clinical Simulation on Perceptions of Interprofessional Education among Medical and Nursing Students.”

Eric P. Matthews, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, co-published “Burnout in army healthcare providers” in the September 2014 issue of *Military Medicine*.

Lise McCoy, EdD, associate director, faculty development, ATSU-SOMA; Robin Pettit, PhD, professor, ATSU-SOMA; Joy Lewis, DO, PhD, FACP, director, ATSU-SOMA; Thomas Bennett, DO, director, ATSU-SOMA; Noel Carrasco, MD, FAAP, professor, ATSU-SOMA; Stanley Brysacz, DO, assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA; Inder Raj Makin, MD, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-SOMA; Ryan Hutman, lead multimedia specialist, academic technologies; and Frederic Schwartz, DO, FACOFP, associate dean, ATSU-SOMA, published “Developing Technology-Enhanced Active Learning for Medical Education:

Sue McDaniel, instructional designer, ATSU-CGHS, co-presented at the 2015 U.S. Distance Learning Conference in St. Louis, Mo., April 26-29, on “Creating, Gathering, and Using Big Data.”

Ian McLeod, MEd, PA-C, director, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was a part of the medical staff for the USA Swim Team at the FINA Short Course World Swimming Championships, held Dec. 3-7, 2014, in Doha, Qatar.

Gregory McQueen, PhD, senior executive associate dean and professor, ATSU-SOMA, co-published a study, “Enhancing physician leadership resilience,” in the winter 2015 issue of The Canadian Journal of Physician Leadership.

Christine Morgan, EdD, assistant professor, ATSU-SOMA; Lawrence LeBeau, DO, program director, graduate medical education, ATSU-SOMA; and Lisa Watts, DO, director, graduate medical education, ATSU-SOMA, were selected to host a session at the 2015 AACOM & AODME Annual Conference in April on their project titled “The Design and Delivery of GME at a Distance Using Video Teleconferencing.” Drs. Morgan, LeBeau, and Watts, along with Thomas McWilliams, DO, associate dean, ATSU-SOMA, were also selected for a poster presentation on their project titled “A SWOT Analysis of a Distributed, Multi-Site Family Medicine Residency Program.”

Patrick A. Palmieri, DHSc, EdS, MBA, MSc, MSN, adjunct professor, ATSU-CGHS, co-published “Spreading knowledge and preventing infections in developing economies: A pilot program to reduce healthcare acquired infections in Peru” in the June 2014 issue of the American Journal of Infection Control.

Patricia S. Sexton, DHEd, MS, ‘08, associate dean for curriculum, ATSU-KCOM, co-authored “Is this what you expected? First-years’ candid thoughts on med school” with medical education fellows Jessica Lapinski, OMS III; Amanda Schoenfuss, OMS III; and Mckenzie Tate, OMS I. Dr. Sexton and Lapinski also co-authored “Acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Patients, Attitudes About Their Treatment, and Related Medical Knowledge Among Osteopathic Medical Students,” which was published in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association.

S.D. Shanti, DDS, PhD, MPH, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, presented at the annual Virtual Dental Student Fair for the American Dental Education Association on April 2.


Mary-Katherine Smith, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was selected as a volunteer expert content writer for the Certified Public Health Exam with the National Board of Public Health Examiners. She is now a certified online instructor as recognized through Learning Resources.

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Network. In addition, Dr. Smith and David Line Denali, PhD, associate professor, ATSU-CGHS, were keynote presenters at the National Rural Health Associations 20th Annual Rural Multiracial and Multicultural Health Conference in April 2015 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Karen Snider, DO, assistant dean of osteopathic principles and practice integration, ATSU-KCOM, received her fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy in March 2015.

Alison Snyder Valier, PhD, ATC, associate professor, ATSU-ASHS, was named a fellow of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.

Frederic Schwartz, DO, associate dean, ATSU-SOMA; Mohsen Sharifi, MD, adjunct professor, ATSU-SOMA; and Curt Bay, PhD, professor, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, published an original peer-reviewed article titled “Low Incidence of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome in Patients Treated with New Oral Anticoagulants and Percutaneous Endovenous Intervention for Lower Extremity Deep Venous Thrombosis” in the April 2015 issue of *Vascular Medicine*. Drs. Schwartz, Sharifi, and Bay were accepted to present a poster at the American College of Cardiology Scientific Session & Expo in March on their project, “Percutaneous Endovenous Intervention Plus New Oral Anticoagulants in Cancer Patients with Lower Extremity Deep Venous Thrombosis.” They were accepted for publication in *Thrombosis Research* for their article, “New Oral Anticoagulants in the Treatment of Heparin-Induced.” Additionally, the team was accepted for publication in the March issue of *Lung* for their article “Transforming and Simplifying the Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism: ‘Safe Dose’ Thrombolysis Plus New Oral Anticoagulants.”

Thomas Van Vleck, MA, counselor, ATSU, attended the Masters World Championship for the traditional Scottish Highland Games held Sept. 12-14, 2014, in Inverness, Scotland. He won the weight over bar event and participated in the Guinness World Record caber toss.

Ryan Yontanza, desktop analyst, information technology services, ATSU, received the 2015 Arizona campus Distinguished Service Award.