2014 DOGPAH News & Events

October, 2014
- **Peter Scal** was awarded a 5-year Special Interest Project (SIP) grant, Youth Epilepsy Self-Management (YES), from the CDC. SIP grants are awarded to Prevention Research Centers like ours to design, test, and disseminate effective applied public health prevention research strategies. The goal of this research is to develop and test a youth focused, internet based, theoretically grounded self-management program for youth living with epilepsy.
- **Emily Borman-Shoap** and **Betsy Murray** were recognized in Minnesota Monthly's inaugural 2014 Best Doctors issue
- Tom Scott just received a Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for his advocacy on bullying prevention, marriage equality, and support for the GLBTQ community.
- A special welcome goes out to our new fellows! Check out their photos and bios [here](#).
- Fellow Emily Ruedinger and former fellow Abby Johnson have an article featured in the November AAP newsletter.

August, 2014
- Cathy Jordan will be inducted as an inaugural fellow into the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship, a new society modeled on the national academies idea. It is both honorific, and involves a life-long commitment to working with the organization to be a thought leader and to promote the advancement of community-engaged scholarship. She will be inducted at the Engagement Scholarship Conference in October in Edmonton, Canada. Congratulations, Cathy! We are proud of you!
- Kristin Teipel is quoted on the front page of the July/August edition of PULSE. Check it out [here](#)!

July, 2014
- Our Division is thrilled to welcome Amy Gower to a new role. After completing her post-doctoral IRT-CAPC fellowship in the Division next month, Amy will join us as a Research Associate. Her research interests and expertise include the development of aggression and violence throughout the lifespan and the role of policies and programs at the school, district, and state level in bullying prevention. Amy will be working with Marla Eisenberg on two new grant-funded projects: "School-based risk and protective factors and peer harassment of vulnerable youth" and "Multilevel protective factors for LGB youth in North America", as well as with the PRC on its new core research project, "Partnering for healthy student outcomes", and in mentoring PRC fellows on various aspects of research projects.
- Congratulations to **Betsy Murray** for being elected to serve on the Clinical Service Unit (CSU) Board. We are fortunate to have her expertise and voice on the Board!
- LEAH fellow Melissa Horning received a F31 National Research Service Award, which is a pre-doctoral fellowship funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health. This will fund her dissertation research focused on "Child and Parent Food Choices and Purchases: Contributions to Obesity". Congratulations, Melissa!
- Congratulations to **Nimi Singh** for being named one of *Mpls St. Paul Magazine*’s Top Doctors for 2014! Nimi has received this recognition for a decade now - a superb accomplishment!
- Welcome Cynthia Orstad to our division space in the 717 Delaware St. Building! Cynthia provides financial support and processing of payments (reimbursements, invoices, purchasing card reports,
etc.). She has a great handle on University policies and procedures, and we are so glad that her new “home” is in our division space now!

- Congratulations to Rebecca Shlafer, as she has helped turn advocacy for incarcerated pregnant women into legislation! Governor Mark Dayton signed a bill that will help address the needs of incarcerated women. Learn more
- Congratulations to Jenny Oliphant for receiving Interdisciplinary Graduate Group in Adolescent Health funding, which supports interdisciplinary training of graduate students from across all campuses of the University of Minnesota. Jenny was also awarded funds from the Office of Public Engagement to support the inclusion of community members as faculty at the 2014 Summer Institute.
- Marla Eisenberg's RO1 application, "Multilevel protective factors for LGB youth in North America" just received funding from the NICHD. The goal of this research is to broaden and deepen understanding of the family, peer, school, and community environments that protect LGB young people from harm. The study will include assessing environments in the communities surrounding 120 school districts in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and British Columbia. Congratulations, Marla!

May, 2014

- Congratulations to Michael Resnick, whose landmark paper that he first-authored, "Protecting adolescents from harm: Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health," published in JAMA in 1997, is one of 26 papers authored by current Medical School faculty that have been cited more than 1000 times. Dr. Resnick's paper will be placed on a plaque in the Philips-Wangensteen Building on the new Medical School Wall of Science, which recognizes the value and impact of research and scholarship.
- Michael Resnick, Barb McMorris, and Paul Snyder are the recipients of a Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry, and Scholarship (GIA),"Partnering for Healthy Student Outcomes" from the UMN Office of the Vice President for Research. This award provides bridge funding for the transition to another 5 years of funding for the Healthy Youth Development Prevention Research Center.
- Naomi Duke received the 2014 Don Martindale Scholarship in Sociology last month. The Martindale is a capstone award to recognize excellence in graduate scholarship and achievement throughout the sociology graduate student career. As many of you know, Naomi is completing her PhD in Sociology, a particularly incredible accomplishment for a full-time faculty member!
- Congratulations again to Paul Snyder who received the Sandy Kiernat Community Service Award from the Wilder Foundation. This award recognizes and celebrates outstanding volunteers. Check out a photo and video at http://www.wilder.org.

April 9, 2014
Rebecca Shlafer speaks about her research on the cable show hosted by the Minnesota Commissioner of Health.

April 9, 2014
Marla Eisenberg just received word from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau that her R40 grant, "School-based risk and protective factors and peer harassment of vulnerable youth" was funded. This secondary data analysis project will use 2013 data from the Minnesota Student Survey to examine:
1. School characteristics associated with physical, relational, cyber and prejudice-driven harassment
2. Harassment experiences of particularly vulnerable youth populations, including those who identify as gay, lesbian or bisexual (GLB), are overweight, or have a physical or mental disability, and how school characteristics are associated with this experience
3. If the well-established relationship between harassment and emotional well-being (depressive symptoms, self-harm, suicide) is modified by school-level characteristics or membership in a vulnerable group

A hearty congratulations to Marla and team (Barb McMorris, Amy Gower, and Glynis Shea)!

March 10, 2014
Fellow Emily Ruedinger, MD, has received two awards:

1. The Herz Teaching Development Award - awarded by the University of Minnesota Medical School. Emily and a colleague will be using the funds to attend the "Principles of Medical Education" conference in Boston and then use this knowledge to deliver faculty development through the U of MN Medical Educator Development and Scholarship (MEDS) Program.
2. Selected as an Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Clinical Care Innovation site. Together with a colleague, Emily will receive a $10k award, based on their pediatric/medicine-pediatric resident cognitive error curriculum. They have started rolling out the curriculum and thus far it has been very well received. This award will help take the project to the next level in terms of implementing the curriculum and the scholarship/exposure that comes out of the project.

March 8, 2014
The University of Minnesota’s Alumni Association recently featured a great story on postdoctoral fellow Chelsey Thul and her colleagues’ amazing work with Somali youth.

February 27, 2014
James Afriyie was awarded a Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) Board of Directors 2014 Building for the Future Award. The award provides registration support for his attendance at the upcoming SAHM Annual Meeting. Congratulations, James!

February 10, 2014
John Andrews, MD, Associate Head for Education, talks to MPR about the limited number of medical residencies in Minnesota and what this means for future University of Minnesota medical students.

February 7, 2014
Rebecca Shlafer just received word that she was selected as a Spring 2014 UMN CTSI KL2 Scholar. This r-year career development award will provide support for Rebecca to continue her work with children and families affected by incarceration. Congratulations, Rebecca, on this outstanding achievement! Click here to read a recent article about Rebecca’s work with this prison doula project.
February 6, 2014

New pediatric reproductive health clinic at the Discovery Clinic, 3rd Floor, 2515 Riverside. Third year adolescent medicine fellow Emily Ruedinger, MD, will see patients under the supervision of Dr. Nimi Singh. They will see non-surgical and adolescent patients who require specialized care for reproductive health concerns. More information (PDF)

Department of Pediatrics Faculty Member Visits White House

Dr. Rebecca Shlafer visited the White House for the announcement of a new Sesame Street campaign to help children who have parents who are incarcerated. Rebecca will present this project at a Center for Health Equality Work in Progress seminar in June.

Resnick Named to Board of Directors of Guttmacher Institute

Michael Resnick, PhD, FSAHM, Professor of Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, was named to the Board of Directors of the Guttmacher Institute in New York City. Guttmacher provides an interrelated program of research, policy analysis, and public education designed to encourage enlightened public debate and advance sound programs and policies that promote optimal sexual and reproductive health for all people worldwide.