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Vets Chat & Chew - A Program for Women Veterans

On Monday, January 27th, twelve women veterans gathered at the Alumni House on Kean University's East campus for an evening of cooking, conversation, and camaraderie. This was the first weekly session of the Vets Chat and Chew pilot project, which has a unique mission, to improve the lives of female veterans. Vets Chat & Chew places emphasis upon increasing opportunities for women veterans to connect with each other in a safe group setting and expand their interests by building trust and social support among them. Dr. Barry Mascari, Chair of Counselor Education department, is the Project Director.

Vets Chat & Chew features a new form of networking intervention and social support that has as its goal to create a nurturing community for these women veterans. Each week, the participants in the project learn to cook a meal with the direction of a professional chef and then share the meal. Sharing a meal creates positive associations and reduces stress and anxiety. The practice of commensality, or fellowship at the table, helps foster a sense of community. Each participant also receives a "goodie bag" of ingredients from that particular meal so that they can go home and make the meal again themselves.

Each week a theme related to increasing emotional well-being and reducing emotional distress is introduced. Stress reduction information and socialization skills are woven into the meal sharing activities through this weekly theme and discussion of one of the protective factors: safety, resilience, trust, social support, reconnection, and empowerment. A Licensed Professional Counselor provides assistance and support at each session and serves as a responder should a participant require additional services or referral.

Three six-week sessions, each with 12 female veterans participating, will be held throughout the spring. The closing plenary session will bring all three cohorts together and allow for tabling events on VA services, job training & opportunities, clinical services and furthering education.

The Vets Chat & Chew program at Kean University is made possible by funding from three foundations: ASBMA Star Foundation, Butterfly Circle of Friends, and the Anne J. Caudal Foundation. The Kean University Alumni Association has generously allowed the use of the Alumni House for this program.

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Dr. Barry Mascari

Research Compliance Matters

IRB Extensions and Audits

Approvals granted by the Kean University Institutional Review Board are good for a one year (12 month) time period. It is the responsibility of the researcher to seek an extension before the time limit runs out on their study. Note that once the one year time period is up, the approval expires and the researcher is no longer able to collect data. They must seek an extension at that time. Extension forms can be found on the ORSP webpage.

Any research protocol approved by the Kean University IRB is subject to an audit review by the committee at any point during the approval period. Researchers selected for an audit will be notified and given more information about the process at that time. They will have to fill out a brief form providing information about the progress of their study as well as some basic questions about participant recruitment and data storage and security.

Researchers and their faculty advisors (if applicable) will then be asked to schedule a meeting with the IRB administrator and committee chairperson to discuss their study and how things are progressing up to this point.

Contact Dr. Joseph Cronin jcronin@kean.edu or ext 73464 for questions and guidance related to research compliance.

Grant Administration

Requisition Approval for Externally Funded Grants and Contracts

The approvals and dollar thresholds required to convert a requisition to a purchase order for an externally funded project is as follows:
PI/PD (as Cost Center Director) approval on all requisitions.

GRANT approval for all requisitions.

ORSP approval if requisition is \$500 or more.

JETONEY (VPAA) approval for requisitions between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

PCONNELL (Exec. VP Operations) for requisitions over \$10,000.

Requisitions exceeding the state bid threshold (currently \$30,700) must follow the State competitive bidding process.

OCIS approval is need when using object code 5077 (computer equipment) and 5034 (computer software).

Contact Brenda Dunlop bdunlop@kean.edu or ext. 73345 for questions and guidance relating to grant administration.



Deadlines & Reminders

Save the date! Kean Research Days April 29—30, 2014



Thursday, February 27

Reaching a Broader Audience Workshop

Monday, March 3

IRB Applications Due

Monday, March 3

Research Awards Nominations deadline

Tuesday, March 4

Overview: Science Research Funding Workshop

Student Spotlight

Kean History Students Accepted for "Posters on the Hill" Event



From Left: Anthony MacFarlane, Christina Leedy, Stephanie Valente, Michael Collins

A team of four Kean University student researchers has been accepted to participate in this year's "Posters on the Hill" event in Washington, DC. The Kean students will present their project, "Remember Me To...The Newark State Teachers College World War II Letter Collection," in Washington on April 28 and 29, 2014.

Michael Collins, Christina Leedy, Anthony MacFarlane and Stephanie Valente have been transcribing and annotating former Newark State Teacher's College librarian Nancy Thompson's collection of WWII letters as their Honors Thesis Project. The collection of more than 400 letters written by Newark State Teachers College students during World War II documents the lives and experiences of

these men and women in all theaters of the war from its beginning through the surrender of Germany and Japan.

The Council on Undergraduate Research has hosted "Posters on the Hill" annually since 1996. The event is intended to help members of Congress understand the importance of undergraduate research by giving them the opportunity to talk directly with students. About 60 participants were selected from among the over 600 applications received.

Council on Undergraduate Research
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ORSP News

Research Days — April 29 & 30

Keynote Speaker - Rachel Louise Snyder



Author of *Fugitive Denim: A Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of Global Trade*

Corporate Social Responsibility and the Supply Chain

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 AM - SCHWARTZ LECTURE HALL - STEM

Author Rachel Louise Snyder published a book that looked at the world's first sweatshop-free developing country: Cambodia. Could the country survive in the cutthroat world of global trade and bottom dollar profits? By most accounts, the sweatshop-free experiment was a huge success. After living in the country for six years, Snyder prepared to leave Cambodia. But in the weeks leading up to her departure, she learned about a very different experiment in the country. The Phnom Penh women's prison had hired its inmates to begin sewing for one of the largest factories in town for \$2.50 a month. The women talked of their exploitation freely, but also begged outsiders not to publicize their plight—because without the work, they were never allowed out of their cells. And, as is the case with many developing country women's prisons, many had their children in jail with them. Snyder found herself in a modern-day ethical quandary.

As a journalist, she felt she had to tell. As a humanist, however, how could she condemn innocent children to 23 hours a day in prison cells with their mothers? She decided that while she didn't have the answers, industry experts should. What would a multinational corporation do in such a predicament?

What followed was a fascinating conversation with the vice president of corporate social responsibility at GAP, Inc. about what they—or any multinational brand—could and should do in such a situation. Using clips from her interview with GAP, alongside photos from manufacturing plants around the world, Snyder spells out such ethical and cultural quandaries as the women in the Phnom Penh prison, in what she calls today's "post-globalization" world.

Government Grant Opportunities

Opportunity Title	Due Date
NEH - Summer Seminars and Institutes	3/4/2014
NEH - Landmarks of American History	3/4/2014
US Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences - Unsolicited Grant Opportunities	3/4/2014
US Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women - Technical Assistance	3/16/2014
US Department of Justice - Research on Gangs and Gang Violence	4/25/2014
US Department of Justice - Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence	4/25/2014

Foundations and Corporations

Opportunity Title	Due Date
American Society for Theatre Research - Awards to Support Scholarship in Theatre	March 2014
American Society for Theatre Research - Awards to Support Scholarship in Theatre	March 2014
American Cancer Society - Institutional Research Grants	4/1/2014

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