

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CP RTP?

2013 Summer Research Program

8 Students Joined CP RTP for our 4th Summer Research Experience

Through our NCI-funded R25E “Cancer Prevention Education: Student Research Experiences” (R25E CA056452), we were able to create this program to bring in students for a short-term research experience. These students include undergraduates and students entering graduate and medical school.

This summer we have a total of 8 students of which 3 are funded by the NCI R25E and the remaining students are funded by other sources. Each student was paired with a faculty mentor within the institution for a short term research experience. We were honored to have these students join the Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences (DCPPS) for the 10-week summer installment of this special education program.

Upcoming Events, Trainee Accolades & Other News

The Cancer Prevention Research Training Program: Summer Student Research Exposition was held on **Thursday, August 8, 2013** from **9:30am to 11:00am** in Dan Duncan Building (CPB), 8th Floor, Rooms 7 and 8. This special event featured 90-second elevator speeches and posters from the CP RTP Undergraduate and Graduate Summer Students. We also had a raffle for a cupcake tower again this year! All Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences faculty, staff and trainees were invited.

The Summer Experience Presentations and Awards Ceremony took place on **Friday, August 9, 2013** from **1:00 to 4:00pm** in Pickens Academic Tower, FCT3.4167 Rooms 1,2,6 & 7. Awards were presented for the video, poster and elevator speech competitions, respectively. Faculty who have been active in the program presented awards, including Dr. Carrie Cameron of the Cancer Prevention and Research Program, and Dr. Vickie Shannon, who facilitated the 1st Year Medical School Students. /li>

Topics in Cancer Prevention II began on **Friday, August 30, 2013** from **10:00am to Noon** in CPB 8 Room 6. All remaining classes were held at various locations within Mays Clinic (ACB) and Dan Duncan Building (CPB).

Faith Fletcher, PhD launched her career early and accepted an Assistant Professor faculty position at the University of Illinois Chicago, School of Public Health.

Shelly Hovick, PhD completed her R25T postdoctoral training on May 1, 2013 and has accepted an Assistant Professor faculty position at Ohio State University in the School of Communication.

- **Diana Stewart, PhD** completed her R25T postdoctoral training on May 31, 2013 and has accepted a position as a Duncan Family Institute Mentored Junior Faculty Fellow at MD Anderson Cancer
- Applications are currently being accepted for the **Duncan Family Institute Mentored Junior Faculty Fellowship in Cancer Prevention Research**. Applications are due **Monday, October 14, 2013**. Click the link above to visit the DFI website for application announcements, instructions and additional information.

Congratulations to Dr. Carrie Cameron



On July 10, the UT System Board of Regents awarded its prestigious Outstanding Teaching Awards to educators from the system's six health-related institutions. The winners are selected by a committee composed of members of the UT Academy of Health Science Education. MD Anderson faculty garnered five of the awards, the maximum number allowed for our institution, including CP RTP Associate Director and Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, **Dr. Carrie Cameron**.

Dr. Cameron has designed several innovative teaching programs and demonstrated leadership skills in the field of scientific communication, both within and outside the institution. Her passion and commitment to improving the scientific communication skills of educational trainees, specifically international trainees, is found in the curriculum she developed, “Scientific English,” for non-native speakers of English. She has been recognized twice as a finalist for the Robert M. Chamberlain Distinguished Mentor Award and is the only non-principal investigator to receive this distinction. Congratulations Dr. Cameron!

Meet our new CPRTP Employees!



Cheryl Anderson, Ph.D. joined CPRTP in February 2013 as our Sr. Research Scientist. Dr. Anderson was a former CPRTP R25T Postdoctoral fellow (1996 - 1998), along with CPRTP Director, Dr. Shine Chang. She completed her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Houston in 1995, with minors in Quantitative Analysis and Health & Human Performance. Until 2010, she was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and consulted on CPRTP projects. In her spare time, Cheryl enjoys antiques, shopping and spending time with her grandchildren, Henry (18 mos) and Georgia (4 mos). She is also an avid cyclist and participates in rides throughout Texas, such as the "Hotter 'n Hell Hundred" and "Lance Armstrong's Ride for the Roses".



Alicia Bibbs has been apart of MDACC since 2011 and joined CPRTP in June of 2013. Alicia hails from Oklahoma and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Clark Atlanta University and a Master's Degree in Education from Lesly University. She is passionate about service and community and has volunteered in Prostate Cancer research and Sickle Cell cure laboratories. After graduation, Alicia was selected as an AmeriCorps National Teaching Fellow with Citizen Schools where she promoted the significance of science education in economically disadvantaged communities in Boston, Albuquerque, and Houston. Alicia decided to leave the education sector and pursue a career in research administration after joining MD Anderson in 2011. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and 14 year old dog.



Hwa Young Lee, Ph.D. received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 2012. Her area of expertise is psychometrics and statistics. She enjoys making valid assessments and working with datasets and feels that it's "so exciting to see statistical results!" Hwa Young is a mother of a seven year old daughter and wife of a wonderful man. She spends most of her free time with her daughter and loves to volunteer or teach children in various subject areas.

Welcome to CPRTP Ladies!