FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS

Angela Chia-Chen Chen, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC – Associate Professor. Research Interests: Adolescent risky sexual behavior.

Barbara Ainsworth, PhD, MPH, FACSM, FNAK – Professor and Associate Director, Health Promotion Programs. Research Interests: Assessment of physical activity, physical activity and public health, physical activity in women.

Bronwynne C. Evans, PhD, RN, FAAN – Professor and PhD Program Director. Research Interests: Design and testing of interdisciplinary interventions that influence well-being of culturally and ethnically diverse populations.

Colleen S. Keller, PhD, FAHA, FAAN – Regents’ Professor, Foundation Professor in Women’s Health, Director of the Center for Healthy Outcomes in Aging. Research Interests: Diet and physical exercise for vulnerable populations.

David W. Coon, PhD – Associate Vice Provost for Research Collaborations and Professor. Research Interests: Design, evaluation, and translation of effective psychosocial interventions for midlife and older adults facing chronic illness and their family caregivers.

Elizabeth Reifsnider PhD, RN, WHNP, PHCNS-BC, FAAN – Associate Dean for Research and Nancy Melvin Professor of Pediatric Nursing. Research Interests: Public health nursing interventions to improve the nutrition and growth of pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Gabriel Q. Shaibi, PhD, PT – Assistant Professor. Research Interests: Research focuses on cardiovascular and metabolic disease risk in overweight populations.

Karen Dorman Marek, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN – Bernita “B” Steffl Professor of Geriatric Nursing. Research Interests: Community-based care models, cost effectiveness, care coordination, older adults, quality evaluation, medication management, home-based technology.

Linda Larkey, PhD, CRTT – Scottsdale Healthcare Professor of Biobehavioral Oncology Research. Research Interests: Testing theory-based methods of communicating health messages to underserved/low-income populations.

Punam Ohri-Vachaspati, PhD, RD – Associate Professor. Research Interests: Understanding social-ecological determinants of obesity; specifically the role of environments and policies in influencing consumption behaviors and health outcomes; and study of nutrition interventions in community settings.

Rebecca Lee, PhD – Professor. Research Interests: incorporating social cohesion, ameliorating social injustices, capitalizing on innovations in technology and improving the quality of neighborhood environments with populations of color.

Sonia Vega-López, PhD, FAHA – Assistant Professor. Research Interests: Evaluation of the effects of diet and lifestyle modifications on chronic disease risk factors, obesity, the metabolic disease and diabetes management.

Steven P. Hooker, PhD, FACSM – Assistant Director of Research and Professor. Research Interests: Physical activity and primary and disease prevention.