

## Equity and CURE Research Poster Presentations



The Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) invites the OHSU community to the research poster presentation of our summer interns who have been working alongside clinical and research faculty in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Research. Twenty-two interns were paired with research mentors as part of the Summer Equity and Ted R. Lilley Cancer Continuing Umbrella of Research Education (CURE) Program. Many thanks to the faculty and research mentors who worked with each intern to provide opportunities for academic advising and clinical shadowing. Interns gained hands-on laboratory experience, attended weekly seminars, lectures and participated in many enrichment opportunities.

Everyone is welcome to attend the research poster presentation, which starts at 1:30pm on Friday, August 9, at the BICC Gallery. CDI will begin recruitment for the 2014 group of interns later this year. Read more about this year's cohort of [Equity research](#) and [CURE interns](#).

## August 15: Celebrating the Sam Jackson Accessibility Project

Join the [Physical Access Committee](#) in celebrating the [Sam Jackson Accessibility Project](#), the latest accessibility improvement to OHSU's campus. The ribbon-cutting event will be held from 12-1pm on Thursday, August 15 at the Sam Jackson Roundabout, located between Sam Jackson Hall and OHSU Main Hospital. The main features of the new construction include a raised, level pathway that minimizes the steep slope, widens the path, and adds a new handrail to protect those using the pathway from stepping into automobile traffic. For questions or event accommodations, please contact Brittany Krake at (503) 494-2491 or [pac@ohsu.edu](mailto:pac@ohsu.edu).

## August 17: Soul Stroll Wellness Walk

The [African American Health Coalition](#) invites the community to its 11th annual "Soul Stroll" wellness walk. The 5K and 2.4K loop starts at 8:30am on Saturday, August 17 at Wilshire Park, NE 33rd Ave and Skidmore streets. The walk emphasizes the importance of active community involvement to address health disparities in the African American community. Stay after the walk to take part in a health information fair, music, food and dancing. CDI is sponsoring an OHSU team of 10 to participate in the walk. To reserve your spot on the OHSU team, contact [Ebony Lawrence](#) by August 7. You may also sign up for the walk [here](#).

## August 21: OHSU Hosts Say Hey!

OHSU and Partners in Diversity will host the quarterly "Say Hey!" meetup at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 21 at the Center for Health and Healing lawn, in the South Waterfront. The event honors diverse professionals who have recently relocated to Oregon and southwest Washington. The goal is to help newcomers to connect with our area's diverse and multicultural communities. Business, community and public sector leaders attend Say Hey! to welcome honorees and make connections in their new community.

An important part of each Say Hey! event is introductions: each diverse newcomer is highlighted in the event program, and formally introduced to Say Hey! guests. If you are new professional to Oregon, this is a great way for the community to learn about your background, skill set and expertise. To be recognized at the Say Hey! event, [click here](#). Even if you've been in Oregon for a long time, we hope to see you at Say Hey! Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no cost for attendees. [Sign up to attend](#).

## Disability Employee Resource Group

The Disability Employee Resource Group (DERG) has finalized a charter and is planning events to increase awareness of issues for persons with disabilities. The mission of the DERG is to serve as a resource to bring individuals with disabilities together with their allies to create a safe place to voice concerns and to provide peer support. The group seeks to continuously improve accessibility at OHSU and to create a culture of inclusion. It is committed to advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities and to educate and nurture awareness of the strengths they bring to the OHSU community. Upcoming activities include participating in the annual "Night for Networking" and lectures to commemorate the National Disability Awareness Month in October. To get involved with DERG, contact [Lina Reiss](#), Ph.D., Oregon Hearing Research Center, or 503.494.2917 or [Matthew Millard](#), HR Organizational Effectiveness 503.494.0827.

## August 2013

### COMING UP

**August 11: Arab Festival 11am-7pm**  
Portland Community College Sylvania Campus. Hosted by the [Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon](#), this family-friendly event showcases the arts and traditions of Oregon's Arab-Americans.

**August 16: Latinos Unidos Organization 12-1pm** Kohler Pavilion 14000D. Join the employee resource group for Latino employees and friends. Everyone is welcome. Contact [Gabe Flores](#) or [Daisy Alva](#) to learn more.

**September 15: Gay Fair on the Square 1-5:30pm** at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Visit the OHSU resource booth at the event hosted by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus.

**September 22: AIDS Walk** Join the [OHSU/Partnership Project](#) to raise funds for services to people living with HIV/AIDS. [Sign up to join the walk](#).

**September 27: Dancing in the Square 12-7pm** at Pioneer Square, hosted by the [Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board](#)

**October 11: AAPI Appreciation Awards & Banquet 5:30-9:30pm** at Portland Hilton Hotel. Honoring organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the Asian Pacific American community.

**October 16: Passion to Action 5:30-7pm**, Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel. Join the [Connecting Communities Coalition](#) in celebrating Portland's vibrant disability community.

**October 22: Night for Networking 6-9pm** at Center for Health & Healing Atrium. Employment and networking opportunities for people with disabilities. Hosted by OHSU's [Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity](#) (AAEO)

### ¡BRAVO! OHSU

The [Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber](#) has named OHSU as a recipient of its 2013 ¡BRAVO! Award, recognizing people and businesses that have contributed to the economic and social advancement of Latinos in Oregon. OHSU will receive the award at the Hispanic Chamber's [Hispanic Heritage Celebration](#) on September 12.

## Honors and Recognition



**Jay Anderson, D.M.D., M.H.S.A.**, assistant professor and director of the OHSU Russell Street Clinic, has received an American Dental Education Association / Academy for Academic Leadership (ADEA/AAL) Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarship for Professional Development: ADEA/AAL Compass Program for Academic Advancement Career Development Module. Dr. Anderson is one of two recipients nationally. He will go to Atlanta in September to participate in the program. Dr. Anderson leads the School of Dentistry's [diversity committee](#).



**Dr. Gary Westbrook, M.D.**, senior scientist and co-director of The Vollum Institute, will lead a symposium on "Advances and Opportunities In Neuroscience" at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference in San Antonio in October. The symposium will summarize recent advances with an emphasis on opportunities for students who may be beginning a research career or considering a career in science. This year's SACNAS conference will focus on "Strengthening the Nation Through Diversity, Innovation and Leadership in STEM." [learn more](#)



**Winthrop B. "Bernie" Carter, D.D.S.**, assistant professor and director of the graduate residency program in periodontology, was promoted to associate professor. Dr. Carter joined the dental school in 2002. Dr. Carter was named by the American Academy of Periodontology among the 2012 honorees of the "Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award in Periodontology." He is a fellow with the International College of Dentists, and served as Captain of the United States Navy Dental Corps.

## Latino Medical Student Leaders Gather at OHSU

Members of OHSU's Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) and CDI co-hosted the regional leadership conference and summer quarterly meeting of the LMSA-West chapter. The event welcomed more than 60 medical and pre-med students from California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Utah. [Dr. George Mejicano](#), Senior Associate Dean for Education, and [Dr. John W. Saultz](#), Professor and Chairman, Department of Family Medicine, addressed the students on key topics in medical education. Students also discussed what the Affordable Care Act means to future providers, and a panel of MD students provided insight about the medical school admissions process and community service opportunities. [learn more](#)

## OHSU Delegation Visits Warm Springs



In July, School of Medicine Dean Dr. Mark Richardson led an OHSU delegation to visit the [Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs](#) to provide an update about the [OHSU M.D. Curriculum Transformation Initiative](#), and its impact on rural communities. The [Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center](#), operated by the Indian Health Service, is an OHSU preceptor site, offering future providers invaluable clinical experience in a diverse and underserved community. During the visit, OHSU leaders met with Indian health service providers and key tribal leaders and staff to offer the university's appreciation for the partnership.

With over 3,700 enrolled members, Warm Springs is made up of three main tribes: Warm Springs, Wasco, and Paiute. Parts of Jefferson, Deschutes and Wasco counties are within the reservation boundaries.

## Thanks to Our Interns



This summer, OHSU departments hosted interns who helped with a variety of office and operations tasks. The internship program is conducted through a partnership between CDI and Self Enhancement Inc., a nonprofit committed to providing urban youth and their families key opportunities in education and jobs. Majority of the interns are college students who brought their eagerness, enthusiasm and energy to gain real-world work experiences. OHSU units that participated in the program include CDI, [Healthcare Human Resources](#), [Protocol and Events](#), and the [AAEO](#). We thank SEI for the continued collaboration, and we look forward to hosting more interns next summer. Read about our [2013 interns](#).

## RESOURCES

**OHSU Nursing School Receives \$1.05 Million Federal Grant to Improve Student Diversity** Getting more diverse students into nursing school and supporting them during their educational program is [the goal](#)

**Residents who Complete Rural Rotation More Likely to Work in Rural Areas** *The Oregonian* reports on an [OHSU study](#) that analyzed data from residents at OHSU who had completed the school's year-long rural rotation. [read more](#)

**More Working Oregonians Stuck In Poverty** (*The Skanner*) In 2011, about seven out of every 10 families with children in poverty had at least one parent who worked. And more than a fifth of all Oregon families living in poverty had at least one parent who worked full time. [read more](#)

**Suicide Amongst Indian Americans: We're Stressed, Depressed, But Who's Listening?** (*India-West*) A study released by the [Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum](#) reported that a higher percentage of [South Asian Americans](#), especially between the ages of 15 to 24, tested positive for symptoms of depression.

**Study Suggests Inferior Care Makes Breast Cancer Deadlier for Black Women** (*DiversityInc*) A team of University of Pennsylvania researchers believes [it can explain why](#) breast cancer is deadlier for Black women than white women—and the study puts the blame on care, not the cancer itself.

**OHSU Interpreting Services Update** OHSU's [Interpreting Services](#) (IS) department is launching new processes to allow better and faster access to qualified interpreting services. IS has been newly remodeled to provide more confidentiality to OHSU patients who work with interpreters and to be HIPAA compliant when providing video remote interpreting services. IS will soon work with additional clinics that are interested in video remote interpreting services. For more information, contact IS Manager [Kalen Beck](#).

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