

Palliative Care Chat - News & Updates

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Virtual Information Sessions

The Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program hosts information sessions throughout the year. Click [here](#) to register for one of our next sessions - **May 17 and June 13**.

Palliative Care Chat Podcast

[Listen](#) to our latest podcasts! In this episode of Palliative Care Chat, titled "No One Dies Alone," program director [Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD](#) interviews Chaplain Karuna Thompson,

MA, and current MS in Palliative Care student Marty Crittenden. Chaplain Thompson is with the Oregon State Penitentiary and Marty Crittenden works as a volunteer training hospice inmates inside the prison.



Student Testimonial

"These past two weeks in the MS in Palliative Care program have flown by pretty quickly. As I reflect, I am amazed at the wealth of knowledge at my fingertips. I am in a class with people from various professions and from all over the world. Hearing about everyone's roles helps me to understand how they contribute to the care of the patient and makes me appreciate what they do. I thought I had a basic knowledge of palliative and hospice care, but I am learning new information and still have a lot to learn.

I am still trying to organize my work/school balance. Working during the week and trying to get all the school work completed throughout the week has required a few late nights. I was in an online Master's program at GWU over 10 years ago, but I obviously forgot how much time is needed (or how much time I require to get things done). I am starting to get settled into a routine thankfully.

During these past two weeks, there has been some excitement in the Baker household. My daughter got engaged, and I was promoted to palliative care senior nurse navigator. I started my new role last week. I can't wait to see what's in store for me these next six weeks.

I wish everyone a happy spring."

Dawn Baker, Class of 2020
Baltimore Washing Medical Center

Brag Book

We always say we have the **MOST** amazing faculty and students in the universe.

Read on to see where they've spoken, what they've published and what they're doing.



Jon Furuno, PhD, FSHEA (PALC 616)

- Poster: Ku I, Noble BN, Kadoyama KL, **Furuno, JP., McPherson ML**. Medication Changes on Discharge from Acute Care to Hospice Care. OSHP Annual, 2018. Gleneden Beach, OR. April 2018.

- Award: **McPherson ML**. Cardinal Health Generation Rx Champions Award (for a pharmacist who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to raising awareness of the dangers of prescription drug abuse among the general public and among the pharmacy community). Maryland Pharmacists Association. 2018.
- Poster: Ku I, Noble BN, Kadoyama KL, **McPherson ML**, **Furuno JP**. Medication Changes on Discharge from Acute Care to Hospice Care. OSHP Annual, 2018. Gleneden Beach, OR. April 2018.
- Presentation: Felten N, Maxwell T, **McPherson ML**. "Medical Marijuana and its Use in Hospice and Palliative Care." National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization National Management and Leadership Conference and Advocacy Intensive 2018, Washington, DC, April 2018.
- Presentation: **McPherson ML**. "Taking Care of Business with Losing the Business: There's a Drug for That!" National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization National Management and Leadership Conference and Advocacy Intensive 2018, Washington, DC, April 2018.
- Presentation: **McPherson ML**. "Supporting, Empowering, and Training Informal Caregivers in Medication Management." Houston Medication Safety Symposium 2018. UTHealth McGovern Medical School, University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Houston, TX, April 2018.

Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C (PALC 603)

- Research Project: 2018-2020 Principal Investigator/Project Lead: Transforming Care by Engaging Patients as Palliative Care Ambassadors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award, Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (\$249,975 Award).
- Research Project: 2017-2018 Senior Stakeholder Consultant: Optimizing Palliative Care for Patients with Brain Cancer & Their Families, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Tier A, Cycle 1, Pipeline to Proposal Award, Liz Salmi and Bethany Kwan, PhD, MSPH, Co-Project Leads (\$49,999 Award).
- Publication: **Otis-Green, S.** (2017). Book Review: "Spirituality at End of Life: The Role of Hospice Social Work" (Spirituality and Hospice Social Work, edited by A.M. Callahan). *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, vol. 36, no. 1, pp. 132-133.
- Presentation: Duncan, L., **Otis-Green, S.**, "Let's Talk 2: Promoting and Engaging in Advance Care Planning." Partnership Healthplan of California Workshop. February 2018, Eureka, CA.
- Presentation: **Otis-Green, S.**, "Advance Care Planning: The Foundation for Personalized Care." National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization-National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals Spiritual Caregivers Section. February 2018, National Webinar.
- Presentation: **Otis-Green, S.**, et al. "Upstreaming Palliative Care: Identifying Core Competencies for Generalist Social Work." Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network General Assembly Symposium. March 2018, Boston MA.
- Presentation: Duncan, L., **Otis-Green, S.** "Let's Talk: Promoting and Engaging in Advance Care Planning." El Camino Hospital Workshop. March 2018, Mountain View, CA.
- Presentation: Duncan, L., **Otis-Green, S.** "Let's Talk: Promoting and Engaging in Advance Care Planning." Hospital Association of Southern California Workshop, April 2018, Industry, CA.
- Presentation: **Otis-Green, S.** "Transformative Social Work Leadership: Changing the Culture of Caring." Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers Conference, April 2018, Austin TX. Closing Keynote.
- Presentation: **Otis-Green, S.** et al. "UCLA Health System Advance Care Planning and Services Program." Coalition for Compassionate Care of California Summit, Poster Session. April 2018, Garden Grove, CA.

Elisabeth Smith, RN (Class of 2020)

- Was promoted to director of quality and education at Hospice of the Chesapeake. Congratulations Liz!

Natisha Waites, RN (Class of 2020)

- Passed the Canadian Nurses Association Certification Program exam and earned her certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing. Congratulations Natisha!

Anne Goldsborough, RN (Class of 2020)
Welcomes baby Adger Bear (class of 2043) on April 20, 2018 at 10:31 p.m.!

He weighed 8 lb 11.2 oz and measured 21 5/8 inches. Welcome Adger!



Beth Marchitelli, DVM (Class of 2019)
on vacation on the Rhine River.



The fall 2018 semester is right around the corner!
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