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August 2014

AHSC Events

Tuesday, Aug. 26
3-5 p.m.

[Reception, *The Art and Work of Dave Cantrell: 30 Years of Excellence*](#)

Friday, Aug 29
Spanish: 10-11 a.m.
English: Noon-1 p.m.
[iVida! Monthly Educational Series](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

With the beginning of the fall semester, not only do we welcome our new and returning students to AHSC, we also welcome a new head of the Department of Medicine at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson: Dr. Monica Kraft, and the new director of the new Division of Population Genetics: Dr. Rick Kittles.



We are pleased to share outcomes from an AHSC study that shows a new system in designated Cardiac Receiving Centers dramatically increased the survival rate of victims of sudden cardiac arrest in Arizona.

In this edition, you also will learn about an exciting health sciences research award that will study how Latinos living in border communities can avoid or counter the risks for chronic illnesses. Read how we are rapidly moving forward with our continued commitment to better support faculty research, as well as a selection from the numerous honors and awards of our faculty members.

As you can tell, this is an exciting time for the Arizona Health Sciences Center. I hope you

Noon-1 p.m.

[The Donald K. Buffmire
Visiting Lectureship in
Medicine](#)

UA College of Medicine
– Tucson

5:30-7 p.m.

[Mini-Medical School 2.0
– Shift in Health Care
Toward Personalized
Medicine](#)

UA College of Medicine
– Phoenix

6-7:15 p.m.

[Outcomes and
Evidence on Joint
Replacement Surgery](#)

Living Healthy with
Arthritis, Tucson
Lecture Series

Thursday, Sept. 4
4 p.m.

[Town Hall with Dr. Joe
G.N. “Skip” Garcia](#)

5-7 p.m.

[The Donald K. Buffmire
Visiting Lectureship in
Medicine](#)

UA College of Medicine
– Phoenix

Friday, Sept. 5

6:30 a.m.

[3rd Annual Golf
Tournament](#)

UA College of Medicine

will join me and learn more about AHSC’s progress and bright future at the upcoming **Town Hall** on Sept. 4.

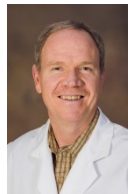
Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Interim Dean, UA College of Medicine – Tucson

**Watch Out for Bites
from ‘Invisible’ Snakes**



The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center urges anyone who feels a mysterious "sting," "pinch" or "bite" while outdoors, especially on an arm or a leg, to immediately call the center at 1-800-222-1222.

**New System in Arizona
Improves Survival from
Cardiac Arrest**



A new system that sent patients to designated Cardiac Receiving Centers dramatically increased the survival rate of victims of sudden cardiac arrest in Arizona,

**Dr. Monica Kraft
Appointed Chair of
Department of
Medicine**



Monica Kraft, MD, an internationally renowned physician-scientist who specializes in translational asthma research, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.

**CDC Awards \$4 Million
to Arizona Prevention
Research Center**



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded \$4 million to the Arizona Prevention Research

– Phoenix

8 a.m.-6 p.m.

[Women's Health
Research Symposium
on Sex and Gender
Differences](#)

Monday, Sept. 8
10-11 a.m.

[Tucson Community
Stroke Support Group](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Noon-1 p.m.

[From Person to Place
and Beyond: Achieving
Equity through
Population Health](#)

Thursday, Sept. 11
10-11 a.m.

[Green Valley Stroke
Support Group](#)

Friday, Sept. 19
[Early dinner entry
registration, 14th
annual Jim Himelic
Memorial Golf and
Dinner Classic](#)

Friday, Sept. 26
Spanish: 10-11 am
English: noon-1 pm
[YOGA for Mood
Management](#)

Every Friday
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

according to a new
study.

**Dr. Koithan Selected
for Fellowship in the
American Academy of
Nursing**



Mary S. Koithan, PhD, RN, associate professor and associate dean for professional and community engagement at the UA College of Nursing, has been selected for fellowship in the prestigious American Academy of Nursing.

**AHSC and UA College
of Medicine – Tucson
Research Offices
Combine**



In response to the recommendations of the AHSC advisory councils to bolster support for faculty research efforts, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson Research Office has combined with the new AHSC Research

Center at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health to study how people and their communities can avoid or counter the risks for chronic illnesses.

**Dean Shaver Inducted
into International Nurse
Researcher Hall of
Fame**



Joan Shaver, PhD, RN, professor and dean at the UA College of Nursing, was inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame during the 25th International Nursing Research Congress in Hong Kong.

**Dr. Kittles Appointed
Director of New
Division of Population
Genetics**



Rick Kittles, PhD, a national leader on cancer health disparities and the role of genes and environment in disease, and a pioneer in DNA

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Administration Office.

testing to trace the ancestry of African Americans, has been appointed director of the new Division of Population Genetics, part of the new Center for Applied Genetics at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

**AHSC July Research
Grant Awards**



Find a monthly listing of Arizona Health Sciences Center grant awards [here](#).

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