Dr. Susan Tsivitse Arthur and Dr. Carl DeMoor have joined the editorial board of *Drugs in Context*. The Editorial Board works to ensure that the journal has editorial integrity and it seeks to ensure that *Drugs in Context* is scientifically valid and credible, and that it is free from bias. The Editorial Board ensures that the journal is supported by a rigorous peer review.

**Publications**


**New Awards**


**Academy Updates (No regular summer meetings scheduled)**

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**HINORA**

The Health Informatics and Outcomes Research Academy met as scheduled on May 22nd 2014. Dr. Christopher Blanchette led the discussions which revolved around data identification, acquisition and use. It was proposed that at the next meeting, more detailed discussions will continue along the same topic. One of the outcomes of this meeting was the development of the data warehouse.

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**Project Mosaic Summer 2014 Workshop**

Level: Introductory - June 18, 2014, 12-15pm-5:45pm Fretwell 418

SAS Basics and Applications in Statistical Analysis - Rachel Deng, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

SAS (Statistical Analysis Software) is an analytic software suite that has the largest market share and is becoming increasingly popular in academics in recent years. SAS offers one-stop solution from data management to advanced analytics, and its "procedure based" language let users focus less on programming details but more on analysis and modeling. This workshop will introduce basic SAS syntax of Data Step and Procedures, and fundamental data skills, including reading, writing, subsetting, merging (join), concatenating (stacking, union), etc. In addition, this workshop will introduce how to use SAS procedures to conduct statistical analysis, including statistical tests, ANOVA, and linear regression models. Examples will be used for demonstration. This workshop will include lecture and intensive hands-on exercises.
Monday, June 2, 1:00pm ET
VIREC Database and Methods Seminar
Applying Comorbidity Measures Using VA and Medicare Data - by James Burgess, Ph.D.

Tuesday, June 3, 11:00am ET
Spotlight on Pain Management
Turning the Tide of Chronic Opioid Therapy - by William Becker, M.D.

Wednesday, June 4, 2:00pm ET
HERC Cost Effectiveness Analysis Course
Estimating Transition Probabilities for a Model - by Risha Gidwani, Dr.P.H.

Thursday, June 5, 2:00pm ET
Timely Topics of Interest
A New Survey for Assessing the Primary Care Experience for Homeless Patients, the PCQ-H - by Stefan Kertesz, MD MSc

Tuesday, June 10, 11:00am ET
Spotlight on Women's Health
Gender Differences in Psychopharmacologic Treatment among Veterans Diagnosed with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) - by Nancy Bernardy, PhD

Tuesday, June 10, 1:00pm ET
QUERI Implementation Seminar
Developing Effective Partnerships for Implementation Research and Evaluations of Quality Improvement

Programs - by Christian Helfrich, PhD, MPH
Amanda Midboe, PhD

Wednesday, June 11, 2:00pm ET
HERC Cost Effectiveness Analysis Course
Evidence Synthesis to Derive Model Transition Probabilities - by Risha Gidwani, Dr.P.H.

Thursday, June 12, 12:00pm ET
Spotlight on Women's Health
Counseling of Female Veterans about Risks of Medication-Induced Birth Defects - by Eleanor Schwarz, MD, MS

Wednesday, June 18, 2:00pm ET
HERC Health Economics Seminar
Implications of the Affordable Care Act for Use of VA Primary Care: Lessons from the Massachusetts Health Reform - by Edwin Wong, Ph.D., MA

Tuesday, June 24, 2:00pm ET
Mild TBI Diagnosis and Management Strategies
Diagnosis, Mechanism and Management of Fatigue in Mild Traumatic Brain Injury - by Dawn Schiehser, PhD

Our programs - by Risha Gidwani, Dr.P.H.
In the future, we would like to add your new publications when they occur and other research activities, speaking engagements, etc. to this weekly newsletter. Please forward this information to Vikki or Elizabeth for addition to the next edition.

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