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**Notes on the HPD Research Committee**

**Mission Statement**

The primary mission of the Research Committee of the Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division is to evaluate research risk and provide a centralized assurance of research safety for all projects involving risk to the Health Professions Division and its components. Our mission also involves assurance of scientific merit for all projects requesting research funding from Nova Southeastern University.

**Purpose**

Working with the Chancellor, Vice President of Research, and HPD Deans, coordinate all research activities within the Health Professions Division including: (1) Research Space and Equipment, (2) Research Support, and (3) Research Safety Assurance.

**Research Safety Assurance**

- Animal Use (IACUC) - Dr. Appu Rathinavelu (24325)
- Radioactivity Use - Dr. Michelle Clark (21340)
- Biosafety - Dr. Harold Laubach (21303)

**Funding Review**

All funded research, and research involving research safety assurance evaluation, must be reviewed and approved by the following person and/or group:

Extramural

HPD Research Committee Chair Approval

Intramural

- President Scholarship - HPD Research Committee Chair Approval
- Quality-of-Life - HPD Research Committee Chair Approval
- HPD Research - HPD Research Committee Approval

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- **HPD Research Committee**
- Patrick Hardigan, Ph.D., Chair
- Lloyd Chesnut, Ph.D., Pharmacy
- Patricia Dittman, Ph.D., CAH&N
- Michael Giese, Ph. D., Optometry
- Cheryl Hill, Ph.D., CAH&N
- Myron Howell, D.O., Medicine
- Harold Laubach, Ph.D., Medical Sciences
- Peter Murray, Ph.D., Dental
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**Review of Funding: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008**

College	Number of Approvals	Total Funding
Dental Medicine	17	\$58,650
Optometry	5	23,695
Osteopathic Medicine	4	18,043
Pharmacy	3	15,000
Allied Health and Nursing	3	11,000
Medical Science	2	7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$133,888</b>

Hello everyone,

**Qualitative Research Program to Start in January 2009**

I am delighted to announce that we have a new Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research offered through the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies in SHSS. This exciting new program will commence in January 2009 and is offered online. The program consists of eight three-credit hour online courses designed to prepare academics, professional research consultants, and graduate students to understand a variety of qualitative research approaches and to conduct qualitative research studies. Students may enroll full or part time.

The online certificate program presents students with an optimal configuration of learning opportunities within a reasonable duration of time to foster an effective online learning experience. The experience and knowledge gained from our school's twenty-one years of delivering quality qualitative research education along with producing *The Qualitative Report (TQR)* enables us to offer a certificate program devoted to mentoring beginning, intermediate, and advanced qualitative researchers in a learning-focused, nurturing environment delivered online and featuring an active learning approach emphasizing a "knowing by doing" style.

As you have seen from the variety of jobs sent out on our listservs, many of them emphasize research expertise. This certificate program would be enormously helpful for those interested in academic, research, evaluation and assessment, and other positions re-

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**Max Ito, Ph.D., OTR/L**

Assoc Professor Occupational Therapy  
Director, Distance Doctoral Programs

**What is your educational background?**

I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BS in Occupational Therapy (OT) and received my Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. I served in the U.S. Army for most of my professional career, to include assignments at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center as the Army OT Internship program director, and at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) in Boston as a human performance researcher. My first year at USARIEM was similar to a post-doc training, under the mentorship of exercise physiologists and a human factors psychologist, and col-

laborating with physician and physical therapy researchers. All new investigators were required to earn their Principle Investigator credentials by first assisting on several studies (primarily lab and field trials) while developing their own research. My roles at USARIEM included principle investigator, research program manager, grant officer representative, and research consultant to the Army Medical Specialist Corps. The multidisciplinary approach to studying Army research problems was a significant and positive experience for me, and certainly applicable here at NSU as we move to more collaborative education and research.

**Why did you choose to work at NSU?**

I left the military and accepted a faculty position at NSU in 2003. Academia was a natural progression from my past experiences and education, and the NSU OT department provided the opportunity to start an academic career. Other initial attractions included NSU's vision and plans for increasing research, the opportunity to be involved with doctoral-level academic programs, and plans for a new research building. I am very excited to be part of the growth here at NSU.

**What is the focus of your work at Nova Southeastern University, and how long have you been doing this type of research?**

Among my goals as OT Doctoral Programs Director has been to further develop our innovative distance Ph.D. program into a reputable program among research university programs and to grow our post-

professional advanced practice doctorate (Dr. OT) in an increasingly competitive market. One of our Ph.D. program's goals is to produce graduates who are skilled and productive researchers and scholars. This goal cannot be achieved without our talented faculty, who mentor our candidates' OT practice-based dissertation research that range from qualitative methods to experimental designs and from clinical to community-based studies. I am also actively involved on several committees related to developing and supporting research within HPD, and am very excited that the Center for Collaborative Research building and Human Performance and Perception Research Institute will be built in the near future.

My current study interests stem partly from my professional background as an OT and research work at the USARIEM labs. I am interested in assessing applied ergonomics on task performance or injury prevention, and also the studying the effects of cognitive demands (attention/distractibility) or perceptual strategies on task performance. Key measures include attention or distractibility through points of gaze and eye movement dynamics, ergonomic assessment through high-speed video task analysis, strength and motion assessments, and a variety of task performance measures. I am currently discussing collaboration with other disciplines and exploring funding sources. These are lab-based studies planned for the Human Performance and Perception Research Institute.

**Qualitative Research Program** *(continued from previous page)*

quiring higher level research skills. It would also be of benefit to those who will be conducting dissertation studies or other research studies using qualitative methods.

I am especially delighted that Dr. Ron Chenail will direct this graduate certificate program. Dr. Chenail has a wealth of experience in qualitative methods. In 1990 he founded *The Qualitative Report*, an electronic journal which focuses on qualitative research and critical inquiry. He was also named to the founding editorial board of Sage's new journal, *Qualitative Inquiry*, in 1994, and in 1999 was named as a member of the *Journal of Systemic Therapies'* inaugural board of qualitative research reviewers. He was also appointed to the inaugural board of *Qualitative Research in Psychology* in 2002 and *Counseling, Psychotherapy, and Health* in 2004 and in 2007 was selected to serve on the editorial board of *Qualitative Social Work*.

We are currently accepting applications for our winte term. Transfer of credit may be sought based on relevant graduate courses taken in qualitative methods and pursuant to our policies and guidelines. If you have questions about this exciting new program, please feel free to contact Dr. Ron Chenail at [ron@nova.edu](mailto:ron@nova.edu) or via telephone at 954-262-5389 or 800-541-6682 x 25389.

**OCTOBER HPD RESEARCH APPROVALS**

COLLEGE	INVESTIGATOR	PROTOCOL TITLE	SPONSOR	AMOUNT
Dental Medicine	Jeannette M. Pope-Ozimba	Conscious Sedation Experiences in Post Graduate Pediatric Denistry Programs: A Survey of Program Directors	NSU-HPD	\$1,800.00 For one year
Dental Medicine	Ada Y. Brincefield	Occlusal Forces, Electromyographic Muscle Activity and Bone Level Preservation of Maxillary Implant-Supported Fixed Prosthesis Occluding with Mandibular Implant-Supported Fixed Prosthesis	NSU-HPD	\$5,000.00 For two years
Dental Medicine	Taner Cem Sayin	Dental Pulp Tissue Engineering	NSU-HPD	\$5,000.00 For two years