Dr. Jennifer Johnson was featured in MSU Today for receiving a $3.2 million, five-year grant award to study the Stepping Up Initiative. The national Stepping Up Initiative is helping hundreds of counties nationwide reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

Dr. Johnson has been appointed to the NIH CSR Study Section, Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (DIRH), from 7/20 – 6/24 and to the Genesee Health System (GHS) Board of Directors. GHS is the community mental health center for Genesee County, and also runs a federally qualified health center in Flint.

Congratulations, Jennifer!

Dr. Ripla Arora was selected as a recipient of the 2020 Basil O’Connor Starter Scholar Research Award from the March of Dimes.

Named for the first March of Dimes chairman and president, the award carries a $150,000 grant and is part of the nonprofit’s effort to promote actionable science that turns observations from the laboratory into interventions that support healthy moms and strong babies.

Way to go, Ripla!
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Dr. Sascha Drewlo** has been selected as the 2020 Jean P. Schultz Biomedical Research Endowment Awardee.

Congratulations, Sascha! Nicely Done!

**Ryan Marquardt** has been selected as a finalist for the Pre-doctoral Trainee Research Award: Virtual Poster Competition, for his abstract titled "Endometrial Epithelial ARID1A Loss Causes Defects of Uterine Receptivity and Endometrial Gland Function."

Ryan has also been selected as a recipient of the 2020 Trainee Travel Award from The Society for Study of Reproduction (SSR).

Congratulations, Ryan!

**PARKING**

Parking Permit charges will resume July 2020.
East Lansing parking contact: (517) 355-2221 or permitrequest@police.msu.edu
Grand Rapids parking contact: CHM.GRparking@msu.edu

**TRAVEL**

International and Domestic travel, has been suspended indefinitely.

**SEMINARS**

OBGYN RIP Series—Resumes Sept. 9, 2020
OBGYN/SHMG Visiting Professors Program—Resumes Sept. 2020
Researchers may apply for access to biospecimens and environmental samples from the National Children’s Study (NCS) Vanguard pilot through the NICHD Data and Specimen Hub (DASH), a centralized data-sharing resource for NICHD-funded studies. NCS Vanguard Study information and materials are available to support secondary research questions. Read full article here.
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