A.T. STILL RESEARCH INSTITUTE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

In order to meet the administrative requirements for building a research institute, the University has created a diverse administrative team to set goals, pursue collaborative relationships, establish the direction of the research institute, and execute action plans.

Brief biosketches of our administrative team follow:

A. DIRECTOR—A.T. STILL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND CENTER
   DIRECTOR—STILL OSTEOPATHIC RESEARCH CENTER
   ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR OSTEOPATHIC RESEARCH

Brian F. Degenhardt, DO/C-SPOMM
Director of the A. T. Still Research Institute
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Research Interests:
Dr. Degenhardt’s research experience includes osteopathic cranial manipulation to the management of recurrent Otitis Media; osteopathic clinical research on osteoarthritis of the knees; evaluating the effects of osteopathic manipulation on infant feeding; efficacy of OMT in the treatment of obstetrical back pain; efficacy of OMT to improve immune response to the influenza vaccine in elderly; and the efficacy of specific osteopathic evaluation and treatment in the management of low-back-pain patients with non-physiological sacroiliac somatic dysfunction. Dr. Degenhardt is current chairperson of the External Board of Scientific Counselors for the Texas Osteopathic Research Center, the AAO Board of Governors, and the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee.
B. CENTER DIRECTOR—HEALTHY AGING RESEARCH CENTER

Donald R. Noll, DO/FACOI
Center Director, Healthy Aging Research Center
Associate Professor and Chair, Internal Medicine/Geriatrics, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
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Research Interests:
Dr. Noll’s research interests include the application of osteopathic manipulation for clinical problems in the elderly, (e.g., pneumonia, COPD, and influenza; nutrition, and Alzheimer's disease). He is currently the PI of a groundbreaking NIH research grant entitled “Efficacy of Osteopathic Manipulation in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease” and an AOA-funded research project entitled “Immediate Efficacy of OMT on Pulmonary Function Parameters in the Elderly with Obstructive Lung Disease.” Dr. Noll is a member of the AOA and the American Geriatric Society (AGS) and became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) in 2000. In July 2001, Dr. Noll was also recognized as a guest of honor at the Federation of International Manual Medicine Conference. Dr. Noll will begin training colleagues for the grant project “The Multi-Center Osteopathic Pneumonia Study in the Elderly” in February 2004.

C. CHAIR—DIVISION OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

John T. Heard, PhD
Vice President, Research, Grants, & Information Systems, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
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Dr. Heard oversees the management of approximately 90 grant programs annually at the various schools of the University. In addition, his staff establishes and supports administrative uses for information systems University-wide. He currently serves on the Northeast Missouri Health Council Board, the ElderLynk Advisory Board, the Missouri
Rural Community Center of Excellence Advisory Board, and the Operating Board for the Missouri Area Health Education Center. Dr. Heard currently chairs the KCOM Computer Coordination Committee and co-chairs the KCOM Interdisciplinary Research Committee.

D. CHAIR—BIOSTATISTICS AND DATA MANAGEMENT CORE

Jane Johnson, MA

Director, Office of Research Support, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
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Ms. Johnson is a statistician and director of research support at ATSU with more than ten years of experience in medical research design. Prior to her employment with ATSU, she spent five years as a statistician with Integrated Technology Services (Biostatistics) at UMC and has coauthored a multitude of research/data analysis publications. Since 1999, she has directed the ATSU Office of Research Support and has been named the biostatistics/data management core director for the A.T. Still Research Institute. Within the University setting, she currently serves as an active member of the KCOM Institutional Review Board, the Interdisciplinary Research Committee, and the A.T. Still Research Institute Administrative Team, among numerous other University appointments.

E. CHAIR—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CORE Bryan Krusniak, MBA

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As Director of Information Technology & Services, Mr. Krusniak facilitates the allocation of any necessary technical resources to support the information technology
core of the Institute and will provide a solid technical foundation on which both clinical and institutional research can be completed and expanded. This foundation includes infrastructure to support local and remote data collection via the internet. Moreover, the information technology core of the Institute is regularly implementing new technologies that increasingly make access to data, analysis software, and collaboration tools available from any internet-connected device.

F. GRANT AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Gaylah Sublette, BS, MBA
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Ms. Sublette has successfully completed over 20 professional training programs in pre- and post-award grantsmanship (including NIH regional seminars) and has co-authored nearly 300 award-winning grant applications worth nearly $30 million during her 15-year tenure at ATSU. Specifically, she specializes in the development of service/educational grants and has provided comprehensive technical assistance in the development of research-related grant proposals (including PHS 398 applications). Additionally, she is ATSU’s designated single point of contact and authorized official for Federal grants. Within the University setting, she currently serves as the chief grants management official; and is an active member of the Interdisciplinary Research Committee and the A.T. Still Research Institute Administrative Team, among numerous other University appointments.