

**Lesley Cottrell, PHD honored with 1
Women in Science & Health Mid-Career Excellence Award**

Lesley E. Cottrell, PHD has been honored with the 2015 WVU HSC Women in Science and Health Mid-Career Excellence Award. This new award recognizes the career achievements of mid-career women faculty/staff in the WVU Health Sciences Center who demonstrate excellence in mentorship, leadership, diversity service, research and education. Dr. Cottrell is an Associate Professor/ Vice Chair for Research, WVU SOM Department of Pediatrics and is also Co-Director of the WVU School of Public Health's Prevention Research Center. . She completed her master's degree in Child Clinical Psychology and a doctorate in Developmental Psychology from WVU.

Dr. Cottrell is currently the Principal Investigator for the National Children's Study Location in Marion County, West Virginia. She has ongoing funded research for the Cardiovascular Risk Detection Screening Program for Children in Underserved, Rural Areas: The CARDIAC Project. Her research activities examine parental influences on child and adolescent health risk decision making and behaviors. Her own research specifically examines parental monitoring with regard to the development of child and adolescent risk behaviors. This research endeavor has produced a comprehensive parental monitoring inventory as well as a parent-adolescent monitoring program. Other WVU SOM/SOP activities include faculty research mentorship, medical student training and Vice Chair of the WVU Institutional Review Board-Gold Team.

A reception to honor the WISH Mid-Career and Advanced Career awardees will be scheduled during the Fall 2015 semester at the HSC.

Gibson Honored with Fifth Annual Women in Science & Health Excellence Award

Laura Fowler Gibson, PhD, Associate Center Director for Translational Research, Osborn Distinguished Professor, Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, was honored with the Women in Science and Health Excellence Award. This award recognizes the career achievements of women in the Health Sciences Center who demonstrate excellence in mentorship, leadership, service, research and education.

Laura F. Gibson, PhD is the Deputy Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, Co-Leader of the Osborn Hematopoietic Malignancy and Transplantation Program of the MBRCC, Osborn Distinguished Professor in Hematological Malignancies Research, and Professor of Microbiology. Her research interests include studies focused on the tumor microenvironment, influences on therapeutic response, and chemotherapy induced alterations of the marrow microenvironment as it relates to efficiency of hematopoietic recovery post-transplantation. She has a sustained history in mentoring basic and physician scientists in her laboratory and has trained several residents as well as over 20 undergraduate and pre-doctoral students, who have moved on to diverse positions in academic settings as well industry. She participates in training efforts in the Cancer Cell Biology Program as both a faculty advisor and member of several graduate student advisory committees. She serves a PI on the WVU CoBRE Signal Transduction in Cancer (RR016440), a recent ARRA supplement to establish a statewide tumor banking network with the PI, Dr. Richard Niles at Marshall University, as well as 2 NIH R01 grants awarded by NHLBI and NCI. Under her leadership and mentorship during the current CoBRE funding cycle (2006-2011) 5 investigators have gone on to receive independent investigator awards (4 NCI R01 grants – Drs. Stahlik, Agazie, Guo and Pugacheva; and an ACS investigator grant – Dr. Liu). Dr. Gibson serves as a regular member of the NIH Tumor Microenvironment Study Section, special emphasis panels, and previously on the Experimental Therapeutics (ET-2) study section.

(This is from 2010.)