

Harris Manchester Summer Research Institute Visiting Fellows Selected

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Amy Sullivan, Department of Social and Behavioral Health, Dr. Cliff Edwards, School of World Studies, and Dr. Cindy Munro, School of Nursing as the VCU participants in Oxford's Harris Manchester College 2008 Summer Research Institute.

Dr. Amy Sullivan's research focuses on *Enhancing Clinician Communication with Imminently Dying Hospitalized African American Cancer Patients and their Families*. While at the summer research institute, she will meet and study with experts in palliative care at the Oxford University Medical School, and observe clinical and teaching practice in their palliative care service. Dr. Sullivan will use her learning to develop a curriculum for teaching end-of-life communication skills to clinicians.

Dr. Cliff Edwards, a noted scholar in the area of religion and the arts, will use his time at the Summer Research Institute to conduct research using collections in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford as well as those in nearby museums. His work will be focused on examining the spiritual development of Van Gogh for a volume he is writing for a prestigious collection called "Classics of Western Spirituality."

Dr. Cindy Munro has been actively involved in critical care research for more than 10 years, and has continued an interest in the issue of consent of critical care patients. During her time at Harris-Manchester College in Oxford, Dr. Munro will examine the responsible conduct of research in the area of obtaining consent in critically ill subjects, examining and comparing legislation and attitudes of the United States to those of other countries. Dr. Munro has been an IRB member since 1993 and is currently a member of IRB Panel A.

The Harris Manchester College Summer Research Institute draws scholars with diverse interests from many U.S. universities, to study and write while in residence at the week-long institute at Oxford. Details about this opportunity are available on the Office of Research website at: <http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/harris.htm>.