A warm welcome to all faculty and staff to Academic Year 2009-2010!

This fall, we are fortunate to have many new faculty members who joined, and re-joined, the Acute Nursing Department faculty. We are so pleased to have each of them on board. Our new faculty, at the time of this printing are:

James Cleveland, MSN, RN, CNS
Christie Harper, MSN, RN, CCNS
Heidi Benavides, MSN, RN
Pam Smith, MSN, RN, CCRN, ACNP-BC
Tom Vorpahl, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
Catherine White, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC
Wesley Richardson, MSN, RN
Isabell Stoltz, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS
Cynthia Allison, MSN, RN
Herlinda Zamora, MSN, RN

Do you remember your first year as a faculty or staff member in the School of Nursing? Dean Breslin and Dr. Nuri Robins asked us a year ago to line up at the retreat in order of our first year of UTHSCSA service. You probably remember where you stood in that long, winding line.

My first year of service with UTHSCSA was 2001. I can recall having many questions and feeling that I did not have Maslow’s sense of security yet. Questions like these arose in my mind in September 2001 – but I sometimes hesitated to ask for fear others would know I didn’t know. How do all the activities and structures of the school fit together? What are departments? What meetings should I, or could I, attend? What information will I need to effectively advise students? How do I work with PeopleSoft? e-CV? Who are my “go to” faculty colleagues?

The first year is the period of on-boarding. On-boarding is a triple time of welcoming, orienting, and coaching. Welcoming differs from orienting. Welcoming is making the new employees feel included and lending a hand as they step in the facility those first few days.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM NEWS

CLINICAL NURSE LEADER presentation at Nurse Executive Forum—Community nurse executives and HSC faculty and Students on the CNL journey.

Dr. Mary Heye introduced Dr. Robert Scaer, who presented “The Trauma Spectrum: Sensory Processing Disorder and Trauma” at the School of Nursing on August 13th., co-sponsored by the Department of Acute Nursing Care, the Health & Healing Consortium and the Foundation for Human Enrichment.

ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE STUDENTS EVENT

Dr. Mickey Parsons hosted the Administration Graduate Students event on August 24th. Doctoral student Evelyn Swenson-Britt, MSN, RN Director of Clinical Research and Magnet Coordinator, University Health System gave a short presentation. Nearly 25 students attended this annual connection event.
Former faculty member of the Acute Nursing Care Department, Ada Tapper, is proud of her son who wrote this article about his father which was published in the July issue of the “Welcome Home” monthly publication distributed to the residents of the Encino Park area.

Donovan Tapper
Recognized By Son, Zane Tapper

Zane Tapper is seven years old in the area who has a definite hero in his life. Rather than looking to the many television or comic book good guys, he has has to go very far or imagine very hard in order to find his superhero. Zane’s father, Donovan Tapper, may be far away now, serving our country in Iraq, but Zane has a multitude of memories to look back on, and the phone calls and letters to look forward to. His father’s presence in his life is never very far away, even if he remains physically distant. “He is a Lieutenant Colonel and surgeon in the Air Force, and I am nominating him because he is a very good dad and doctor. He can fix anything and anything. It doesn’t matter what it is he can fix broken ribs, arms, and can operate on your stomach,” Zane exclaims. “He can also fix important things like my pencil sharpener to sharpen my only pencil or can fix a broken game system so that my brother and I can play.”

Donovan’s boys respect what he does and recognize the good he brings to the world through his job in the military. And when he’s home, they’re twice as much fun to make up for lost time! “My dad comes to my football games and cheers me on, and if we lose, he still gives me compliments on the things I did good and tips on how to do better. If he wins, he says ‘good job’ and gives me a hug. My dad is the best dad ever!”

Retirement of Sandy Berrigan, VA Chief Nurse

Best Wishes to
Sandra Berrigan!

Wesley Richardson, our VA Health Science Center faculty member, attended Ms. Berrigan’s retirement ceremony.
By Dr. Nancy Girard

I just got back from a conference, the International Association of Nurse Editors (InAne), in Chicago, Ill (July 25-28). I presented on "Publishing Research in a Clinical Journal" and also served on the planning committee.

It was an excellent meeting. Some of the other topics were 'A futuristic look at publications', 'Impact factors', 'journal rankings and quality', 'quality of peer review', 'Working with international authors', and 'Ethical issues in publishing'. There were 115 editors there, representing nursing journals in the US, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Kuwait, Belgium, and New Zealand. One of the hot topics was "do we, should we, publish pilot studies?" Another was the problem every journal is having with duplicate submissions (manuscripts submitted to more than one journal at the same time or submission of research findings that basically have only a few minor things changed, but is the same as the study published in another journal). The editors agreed to continue to communicate with each other closely and will contact one another if they think duplication is occurring. Some journals have agreed not to publish anything else by experienced authors who do this intentionally. If it is a novice writer or isn't done with intention, then other strategies will be used.

Editor’s note: Additionally, Dr. Girard has served as a nursing journal editor over the years for 3 different journals, serving over 17 years as such. Her present journal is one of the Elsevier clinic series: Perioperative Nursing Clinics.

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Dr. Mickey Parsons has been selected by the Faculty Senate to receive the 2009 Faculty Leadership Award. Congratulations, Dr. Parsons!

The NIH selected Dr. Barbara Owens as a 2009-2010 Genetic/Genomic Faculty Champion. Dr. Owens will complete assessments and receive professional development in diffusing this substantive area into nursing curricula.
HEALTH OBSERVANCE AND RECOGNITION DAYS

September

Healthy Aging Month. [http://healthyaging.net/](http://healthyaging.net/)

Leukemia, lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month. [http://www.lls.org/hm_lls](http://www.lls.org/hm_lls)


WEEK


October


WEEK

1-8 Gerontological Nurses Week (National). [https://www.ngna.org/](https://www.ngna.org/)

11-17 Emergency Nurses Week. [http://www.ena.org/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ena.org/Pages/default.aspx)

November


Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. [http://www.pancan.org/](http://www.pancan.org/)

WEEK


2010 Pulse Publication Dates

January 20

April 20

August 20

2010 News Input Due Dates

January 10

April 10

August 10
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

September
20-23  The Nursing Leadership Summit. Boston, MA
24-25  9th Annual Nursing Leadership Conference of Texas Nurses Association. Austin, TX

October
1-2    7th Annual Update in Medical-Surgical Nursing. Seattle, WA
14-16  The 2009 International Nursing Administration Research Conference. Baltimore, MD
28-31  Pacific Northwest 32nd Annual National Conference Advanced Practice in Primary & Acute Care, Seattle, WA

November
5-7    American Academy of Nursing 36th Annual Meeting & Conference. Atlanta, GA
12-13  Continuing Nursing Education; Wound Management Update 2009. Seattle, WA

American Association of Colleges Nurses upcoming conferences
http://www.aacn.nche.edu/conferences/confsche.htm

2009 State Employee Charitable Campaign is Here!

Dear All: The State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) has kicked off for 2009! As the Acute Nursing Care Department Coordinator, I am so very proud to mention that the ANC Department has maintained a **100% participation** for **eight+ consecutive years**! It is each of you that has made this possible and thank you again for your SECC participation efforts to this great cause. Let’s continue the 100% participation trend for our department as a team who continues to contribute towards the SECC mission of 100% participation.

All ANC participants will receive incentives such as rulers and Domino cards and more! Additionally, ANC participant’s who contribute a minimum of $20.00 will have their names entered into a drawing for some wonderful prizes and Paul is working with a campus-wide fund raiser for additional great prizes! Drawing and winners will be announced at the end of the campaign October 2nd.

This year’s SECC theme is, “Everyone Matters.” The 2009 Directory of Charities booklets are available. If you wish to use the booklet, please let me know or you may contribute online


Thank you!

Cecelia Dornfield, SECC Dept. Coordinator
Dr. William Ellos, S.J., Ph.D. is an adjunct associate professor in acute care nursing. In the 1970’s he founded one of the early nursing ethics programs at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Shortly after he accepted positions in the departments of philosophy, medicine and nursing at Loyola University Chicago where he co-founded both a masters and a doctoral program in health care ethics. While there he authored numerous articles and two books on the subject. Sixteen and a half years ago he moved to San Antonio where at Saint Mary’s University he held the Charles Miller professorship in health care ethics. At that time he also became involved in the medical ethics program at the Health Science center as a clinical professor in the department of medicine.

He has team taught in the acute care nursing department a doctoral level course preparing students to write their dissertations. He is very interested in narrative ethics as a way of understanding complex nursing and medical cases. For many years Dr. Ellos served on both the ethics committee and institutional review board at Santa Rosa hospital. He currently serves as he has for many years on the University Hospital ethics committee. He is a member of the Methodist Health Care System’s institutional review board here in San Antonio. Dr. Ellos also has been active in business ethics for a time serving as consultant for Motorola Corporation. He has lectured widely in the United States, Europe and Asia on both health care and financial matters. He is an associate of Saint Edmunds College, Cambridge University and an active life fellow of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago.

Paula Gray, GNP joined our department in March to serve as part-time clinical instructor for course 3802. Paula unexpectedly departed from the HSC as she embraced the opportunity to accept a nurse practitioner position elsewhere. She left the following message, “I am elated that after 18 months of looking for a nurse practitioner position, I have finally found what seems to be an ideal fit. Words cannot express the deepest regret that I feel as I tender my resignation from the part time clinical instructor role. I felt so welcomed and I don’t believe you can appreciate how indebted I feel to you and your staff to helping me through a most difficult time.” We wish Paula the best on her new and exciting journey.

Phyllis Gordon is the President Elect of the Society for Vascular Nursing.

Kathleen Reeves is the immediate Past President of The Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses.

Please provide Dr. Reineck any information/ideas that you may want to have published in the January 2010 issue of the Acute Pulse no later than January 10, 2010.
Due to the opening of the new **Spectrum facility** some adjustments in parking near this facility will need to be made until a new parking lot is constructed in front of the facility. Beginning Wednesday morning at 6:00 am on June 3rd, 2009 the non-reserved parking spaces in Lot #3 near the tennis courts (see attached map) will be converted to parking for Spectrum employees. UTHSCSA permit holders will need to park where their permits allow them to during university work days (6:00 am – 6:00 pm).

In addition, beginning Monday, June 1st, 2009 Entry Control Station #4 (off Merton Minter—across from the Audie Murphy VA Hospital) will be open 24/7.

Anyone needing assistance with parking may stop by Entry Control Station #4 and additional officers will be in the area to assist on Wednesday, June 3rd.

Please feel free to contact Capt. Ron Davidson at 210-567-0643 or you may email him at davidsonr@uthscsa.edu with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Robert K. Bratten, MPO
Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety

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**MESSAGE FROM JANIS RICE, MSN, RN, CS AND DR. LYDA AREVALO**

Dear Colleagues,

Dr. Lyda Arevalo and I will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the 2010 International Elective to Guatemala by having a garage sale this Fall on **Saturday, October 24th**. The money raised will be used to help students with the costs associated with international service learning.

*If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring to Janis Rice’s office by October 22, 2009.* Items not purchased will be donated to Goodwill Industries.
MAY 2009

**DAY**

30-31  Dr. Brenda Jackson  Texas Board of Nursing Meeting. Austin, TX

17-21  Dr. Kathleen Stevens  Team STEPPS Nat’l Advisory Panel/Patient Safety Conference, Washington, DC

24-29  Dr. Mickey Parsons  Board of Directors Int’l Association Human Caring. St. Louis, MO

JUNE 2009

10-13  Ms. Janis Rice  Annual International Nursing Simulation/Learning Conf. St. Louis, MO

11-14  Ms. Jennie Shaw  American Holistic Nurses Association 29th Annual Conference. Madison, WI

15-19  Dr. Cheryl Lehman  2009 Institute in Aging Education. San Antonio, TX.

21-July 3 Dr. Carol Reineck  International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing Biennial meeting and International Council of Nurses Interna’l Conference. Durban, South Africa

JULY 2009

8-11  Dr. Cheryl Lehman  UTHSCSA Summer Institute on Evidence based Practice. San Antonio, TX

Ms. Theresa Villarreal  UTHSCSA Summer Institute on Evidence based Practice. San Antonio, TX

Ms. Beverly Wheeler  UTHSCSA Summer Institute on Evidence based Practice. San Antonio, TX

Dr. Mickey Parsons  UTHSCSA Summer Institute on Evidence based Practice. San Antonio, TX

Ms. Vicky Dittmar  UTHSCSA Summer Institute on Evidence based Practice. San Antonio, TX

12-17  Dr. Lyda Arevalo  NY University Hartford Geriatric Research Scholar Program. New York, NY

11-23  Ms. Janis Rice  International Elective Special Topic. El Quiche, Uspantan Guatemala

17  Dr. Cheryl Lehman  Baylor University Regional ARN Chapter

20-21  Dr. Cheryl Lehman  Strong Star Meeting Research Project. San Antonio, TX

24-27  Dr. Carol Reineck  AONE Quarterly Board Meeting. San Francisco, CA

27-29  Dr. Denise Miner-Williams  International Association for Human Caring. St. Louis, MO

29-31  Mr. Paul Summers  UT System Employee Advisory Council meeting. Austin, TX
Durban South Africa—Dr. Reineck represented the School of Nursing, at Dean Breslin’s request at the International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing Biennial meeting, June 24-25 and she presented a paper at the International Council of Nurses International conference, June 26-July 2.

Pictured from left to right:
Dr. Leanna Uys, RN, Vice-Chancellor, ZULU-NATAL UNIVERSITY
INDEN Faculty and Students
Dr. Carol Reineck and student at ICN
Message from the Chair (Continued from pg. 1)

Having a place for personal belongings. Knowing where to find a soft drink or find parking. Orienting, on the other hand is giving overviews, tours, showing the way. We can think of it in a clinical sense as orienting to person, place, and time. Who are the people the new faculty member need to meet? Where are the places they will go and how do they get there? When, and in what sequence are tasks accomplished for students, faculty, staff, courses, curricula, and the school?

Coaching is providing that step by step guidance to show the way; giving friendly specific, feedback in private; and encouraging the heart.

Thank you for welcoming, orienting, and coaching our new and returning faculty members.

I’d also like to convey some new roles among our faculty members. These roles demonstrate profound faculty expertise, dedication, and flexibility.

Dr. Lyda Arevalo assumes her Clair Fagin Fellowship on a full-time basis, studying the science of caregiving and preparing grants.

Ms. Lark Ford assumes the role of NURS 3802 Course Coordinator. Lark will also begin her doctoral program and is Chair, Faculty Assembly. Lark is also precepting a graduate student.

Ms. Shannon Billingsley assumes the role as lead faculty for the Critical Care CNS courses and clinical preceptorships, as well as clinical faculty in the ACNP Program. Shannon is exploring an application for doctoral study this year.

Ms. Joyce Borgfeld will be taking an active role developing simulation for the first semester students in NURS 3802. Sandy Keith will be contributing her expertise as well.

Ms. Vicky Dittmar will be Course Coordinator for the NURS 3209 course, with 110 first semester students; Vicky’s co-teacher is Dr. Barbara Owens.

Dr. Brenda Jackson is spearheading graduate curriculum development for the nursing administration and nursing executive leadership curricula. She is also teaching in the graduate program.

Dr. Paula Clutter is taking an active role with the Clinical Nurse Leader curriculum as well as serving as Course Coordinator NURS 4410, and this year’s COUS Chair.

Dr. Sharon Lewis has moved to the DFW area, but continues her joint appointment with the VA and HSC. We regret that Sharon’s brother passed away recently.

The Faculty Senate selected Dr. Mickey Parsons as The 2009 Faculty Leadership Award recipient. She will receive her award September 9, at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Senate. She is promoted to full professor on September 1, 2009. We extend our warmest congratulations.

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Ms. Judy Maltas taught not only the summer emergency nursing elective, but also covered the responsibilities for the Critical Care CNS Skills Course. Judy is also a leader with the ATI. Judy continues as faculty in 4614/4410.

Dr. Cheryl Lehman is pending entry into a contract arrangement with the VA to provide partial time rehabilitation nursing expertise as the new VA Polytrauma Institute is underway.

Mr. Wesley Richardson assumes the VA/HSC partnership appointment for teaching in the 3rd and 4th semesters, as the ambassador from the VA. Wes, a doctoral candidate, is preparing his dissertation proposal for approval this fall, in the area of near misses.

Ms. Deborah Forman-Lindsay re-joins us this fall in 3802 clinical as a gift from University Hospital.

Mr. Leo Corona and Mr. Michael Thille-Vega, both new faculty in AY 2008-2009, as well as seasoned faculty Ms. Martha Tuller and Ms. Stacey Ward, continue their faculty roles in the 3rd and 4th semesters.

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams is preparing a number of grants for external agencies and offers her lecture expertise in spirituality.

Ms. Jennie Shaw’s summer elective in alternative therapies was again exceptionally well received; Jennie continues as a valued expert in curriculum development for this next year and is the HSC pioneer clinical faculty at NC Baptist Hospital.

Dr. Margaret Bell provides expertise in building the undergraduate and graduate curricula and teaches NURS 4212 in Fall.

Dr. Mary Heye completed her year as chair of the architect group during which time the foundation for numerous new graduate courses and programs was laid. She continues as Program Director, CNS Program and teaches in the doctoral program this fall.

Ms. Phyllis Gordon and Dr. Jackson completely revised every detail of the the Blackboard platform for Pathophysiology this summer.

Dr. Girard, Dr. Clutter, and Dr. Johnson will revise the Blackboard NURS 5226 Financial Management and teach two sections this fall. Business planning has been added.

Dr. Barbara Owens will continue teaching in both graduate and undergraduate programs. She recently was selected as an NIH Faculty Champion in Genetics/Genomics.

Dr. Leslie Payne continues as Program Coordinator, ACNP Program, and is involved in the DNP development in trauma.

Ms. Kathleen Reeves, now past President of AMSN, continues as Course Coordinator, NURS 4614, and chair-elect, Faculty Assembly. Kathy is also precepting a student from UTMB.
Ms. Janis Rice and Dr. Lyda Arevalo both led student groups into Central and South America again this summer. The student learning was beyond words. They are invited speakers for our department meeting September 25. Ms. Rice is promoted to Associate Professor Clinical on September 1, 2009.

Dr. Joe Schmelz continues as a member of our department and is Director, IRB. Dr. Schmelz is also working with the DNP trauma group.

Ms. Theresa Villareal, is now a full-time faculty member, and taught the past full academic year for Acute Department as well as all summer long for Chronic Department!

Ms. Beverly Wheeler will again this fall be lending her expertise by teaching not only in 4614/4410 but also in graduate Health Assessment.

Dr. Linda Porter-Wenzlaff joins the Acute Nursing Care Department officially in January 2010, and lends her expertise for the Admin major.

Dr. Kathleen Stevens, Director, ACE, is spearheading the development of a city-wide Team STEPPS effort to promote team performance and reduce medical errors. Also, she developed a new EBP elective for Spring 2010.

My very best wishes for a rewarding year.
WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR OPINION!

The Pulse Newsletter made its debut in Jan. 2008 and we are interested in your thoughts about it so far. Please take a moment to share what you like, like least, and any ideas you may want to share. Your comments are appreciated and can be anonymous if you choose. There will be a secured comment box in the ANC office for comments available until September 30th. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts!

1. What is your level of interest in The Pulse?
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   ◊ Medium interest (skim for articles only)
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   ◊ Somewhat dissatisfied
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   ◊ Dissatisfied
   ◊ Undecided

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