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Dr. Tami Wyatt Is Our Newest Associate Professor

Congratulations go to Dr. Wyatt. She has been granted tenure and was promoted to the academic rank of Associate Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee. The picture of Tami was taken at King Tut's Grill. Doctoral students and faculty relaxed and enjoyed dinner after our Doctoral Colloquium in June. It was a great evening together. This has been a great year for Tami. She is an outstanding scholar and a highly valued faculty member.

HRSA Funds Nurse Anesthesia Program

It is official!! Dr. Don Bell received official notification that the University of Tennessee College of Nursing has been funded for three years. This additional funding will allow the College to employ additional faculty and increase enrollment from 15 to 30 students for the 3-year period of the grant funding. Our congratulations go to Dr. Bell, and our gratitude goes to all who worked on this proposal to make it a success.

Fourth Annual Community of Scholars Summer Research Retreat

The College of Nursing hosted the Summer Research Retreat at Club Leconte on July 21, 2010. Forty doctoral students and faculty attended this year's retreat. The focus of the workshop was mixed methods research. Our speakers were Dr. R. Burke Johnson, Professor at the University of South Alabama, Dr. Edith Morris, Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati, and Karen Burkett, MSN, Doctoral Student at the University of Cincinnati.

Hanover Grants

The College of Nursing has contracted with Hanover Grants, a professional grant writing firm. Dr. Jeffrey Hensley, the Chief Grants Officer from Hanover met with administrators from the College and the University and with faculty interested in writing grant proposals on July 22, 2010. We are looking forward to a productive working relationship with Hanover. They have already begun the process of helping us to find funding and to write competitive proposals.

Dr. Susan Speraw to Give Keynote Address

Dr. Speraw has been invited to give the keynote address at the Dorothy Waffarn Memorial Lecture at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), in January, 2011. This annual lectureship is a joint effort of the Program in Nursing Science and the Department of Pediatrics at UCI. This annual lecture features prominent speakers from nursing and medicine who have expertise in issues related to improving outcomes for children and their families. Susan has been asked to speak about disaster preparedness for children and families, children with disabilities, and children with special healthcare needs.

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Dr. Brad Fenwick, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement at UTK, has notified me that the Center for Health Science Research will receive continued funding for 2010-2011. In his letter, Dr. Fenwick said, "the proposal was ranked as an outstanding example of what the ORU funding mechanism was meant to support. The CHSR has made excellent progress and has a bright future."

Dr. Linda Mefford

An abstract submitted by Dr. Mefford and her colleagues has been accepted by the *Mayo Spiritual Care Research Conference.* She will present her research in the conference which will be held November, 4-5, 2010. The title of the presentation is "Religiousness and Spirituality as Predictors of Anger Management." Other authors are: Dr. Bonnie Callen, Dr. Maureen Groër, and Dr. Sandra Thomas.

Dr. Sandy Mixer

Dr. Mixer provided cultural competence training at Children's Hospital on July 14th. She will be collaborating with staff of Children's on two research projects to describe the experience of cultural care of Hispanic families and the experience of cultureal care of financially and educationally disadvantaged families.

Faculty First 2010 Program

Faculty in the College of Nursing have been selected for Innovative Technology Consulting's Faculty First 2010 Program. Dr. Maureen Nalle and Laurie Acred-Natelson will develop modules on teamwork and collaboration for three courses: N311, N331, and N451. Teamwork and collaboration are competencies proposed by the Quality and Safety Education Network (QSEN). Dr. Gary Ramsey, Dr. Maureen Nalle, and Allie Brown will develop a learning module titled, Online RN-BSN Orientation. This module will provide information about the online learning process and online resources.

Faculty Workshop, Monday, August 16, 2010

Dr. Linda Norman, from Vanderbilt University, will be conducting a faculty workshop on Monday, August 16, 2010 from 1-4 PM to introduce the Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN) initiative. Vanderbilt was one of the pilot QSEN programs and Dr. Norman was instrumental in the curricular integration of QSEN competencies. Her presentation will include a discussion of QSEN background and implementation with a focus on faculty role and curriculum strategies.

Hong Liu

Hong Liu is now a certified network engineer. She was certified by the CompTIA Network+. She is planning to take the CompTIA Security+ examination this year. We are very proud of her accomplishment and the excellent technical support she provides for our college.

Dr. Marian Roman

Dr. Roman has been elected President of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses' Association for 2010-2011. Congratulations, Marian. It is good to see our tenured faculty members taking leadership roles in our professional organizations. Dr. Roman continues as an editor, columnist of the monthly Psychotherapeutics Column in *Issues in Mental Health Nursing.* Her abstract has been accepted for the Annual National Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses' Association.

Dr. Carole Myers

Dr. Myers has been selected to serve on the Workforce Goal Team for the development of the State of Tennessee Health Plan. Additionally, she will Chair the Library Committee of the Faculty Senate this coming year. Carole is being recognized for leadership abilities.

Recent Publications

Beebe, L. H. & Smith, K. (2010). Informed consent to research in persons with schizophrenia spectrum disorders. *Nursing Ethics, 17,* 425-434.

George, S. R., & Thomas, S. P. (2010). Lived experience of diabetes among older, rural people. *Journal of Advanced Nursing, 66,* 1092-1100.

Roman, M. W. (2010). Newly approved once-daily formulations of medications for the treatment of attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder (ADHD) in children and adolescents. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing, 31,* 548-549.

Publications in Press

Busby, S., Witucki-Brown, J. (In press). Situational awareness in multi-causality incidents. Theory and development from the field. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Callen, B. L. Mefford, L. Groër, M. & Thomas, S. P. (In press). Relationships among stress, infectious illness, and religiousness/spirituality in community dwelling elderly. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*

Callen, B. L. (In press). Nutritional risk factors as predictors of weight loss in Community-dwelling older adults. *International Journal of Older People Nursing.*

Callen, B., Block, D., Lutz, J., Brown-Schott, N., Smith, C. (2010). The essentials of baccalaureate education for entry level community health nursing. *Public Health Nursing, 27*(4), 371-382.

Hall, J. M. (In press) Narrative methods in a study of trauma recovery. *Qualitative Health Research.*

Lee, D., Paulus, T. M., Loboda, I., Phipps, G., Wyatt, T., Myers, C. & Mixer, S. (In press). Instructional design portfolio: A faculty development program for nurse educators learning to teach online. *TechTrends.*

Mountain, B, Wyatt, T.H. Smithson, L. & Cramolini, M. & Newman, M. (In press). Dexmedetomidine as a pediatric anesthetic pre-medication to reduce anxiety and to deter emergence delirium. *American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Journal.*

Phillippi, J. & Wyatt, T. H. (In Press). Smartphones in Nursing Education. *Computers, Informatics, Nursing*.

Rivers, F., Speraw, S., Phillips, K. D., and Lee, J. (In press). A review of nurses in disaster preparedness and response; Military and civilian collaboration. *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.*

Srikan, P., Callen, B. L., Witucki-Brown, J., Chen, S.L, Brown, A., & Mefford., L. (In Press). Health perception, physical activity and coping strategies to health limitations of older adults volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. *Active Aging Today.*

Thomas, S. P. (In press). Conceptual debates and empirical evidence about the peer review process for scholarly journals. *Journal of Professional Nursing.*

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