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SEPTEMBER, 2010

Dr. Carole Myers Appointed Fellow for Health Policy at the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy.

Carole R. Myers, PhD, FNP, APN has been appointed as a Fellow for Health Policy at the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee in the newly created Health Policy Program. **This is an outstanding recognition for her expertise in health policy!**

Dr. Myers is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Knoxville. She currently coordinates health policy courses for Masters and PhD students and conducts research that centers on policymaking and health services with an emphasis on public health programs, access to services, disparities, and program evaluation. Her doctoral dissertation was on the TennCare program, followed by a study on the Tennessee Safety Net and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded study on how public health programs affect the level of health care across the United States. Dr. Myers is a Family Nurse Practitioner who founded and operated a rural primary care clinic in the early 1980s. Following this, she established herself as a managed care expert developing, implementing and improving a variety of managed care initiatives throughout the United States as a business consultant to the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA), and as a founder and principal of a benefits consulting company, Risk and Performance Management.

Drs. Myers and Dr. Cheryl Stegbauer (UTHSC) are currently collaborating on the development of a state summit on the role of nurses in primary care in a reformed health care delivery system that will be held in the state capital November 4, 2010. (Adapted from a recent UTK news release). See the nice article about Dr. Myers in the August 30, 2010 edition of *The Beacon*.

Dr. Lora Beebe

Dr. Beebe will be honored at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. The alumni association will be recognizing 50 outstanding alumni and their outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing at their annual Homecoming Brunch on October 23, 2010.

Abstracts Accepted for Presentation

Ramsey, G., Brown, J., Brown, A., & Hodges, M. S. (2010, October). Meeting the challenge of health care systems through a collaborative effort between nursing education and practice: Implementing a dedicated education unit. (Poster). SREB Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing.

Speraw, S., Baksh-Griffin, M., & Boswell, S. (2010, November). "Bodies. Bodies. Bodies.": Existential crises and social media messages from Haiti earthquake survivors. (Paper). Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences 2010 Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Speraw, S., & Persell, D. (2010, October). *Unsung heroes: Disabled responders to the rescue following Hurricane Katrina*. (Paper). 16th Qualitative Health Research Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Speraw, S., Baksh-Griffin, M., & Boswell, S. (2010, October). *Phenomenological study of social media messages from under the Haitian rubble*. (Paper). 16th Qualitative Health Research Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Speraw, S., Baksh-Griffin, M., & Boswell, S. (2010, October). *Applying phenomenological methods in analysis of social networking media*. (Paper). 11th Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Speraw, S. (2010, October). *Techniques in interviewing children and the developmentally disabled*. (Paper). 11th Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Speraw, S. (2010, September). *I am very, very good: The experience of everyday life for children and adolescents with special needs*. (Poster). Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics 2010 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Thomas, S., Myers, C., Wyatt, T., Roman, M., Gunther, M., & Mixer, S. (2011, February). *Diminishing the distance in distance education*. Southern Nursing Research Society. Jacksonville, FL.

Community of Gerontological Scholars

The Community of Gerontological Scholars (COGS) will be sponsoring the Healthy Aging Symposium. At this symposium, COGS members share their research and innovative work with the local community. The symposium is free, and presentations are now being accepted. If you would like to present your work at the symposium, please contact Dr. Jan Witucki Brown. Your responses are needed by October 8, 2010. For more information about the Community of Gerontological Scholars visit the following website: <http://cogs.utk.edu/>

Student Publications in Press

Knowles, A. (In press). *Resilience among Japanese atomic bomb survivors*. *International Nursing Review*, 58(1).

Phillippi, J. (In press). *Course revision: From unidirectional knowledge to dynamic application*. *Journal of Nursing Education*. [This manuscript grew out of Julia's experiences and reflections while working on a N566: Education Practicum with Dr. Jan Lee].

External Funding

Felecia Rivers (PI) & Susan Speraw (AI) have been awarded a TriService Nursing Research Grant for the study, "U.S. Army Nurses' Reintegration and Homecoming after Iraq or Afghanistan." Major Dr. Rivers is a graduate of our PhD Program. She received a doctoral fellowship from the TriService Nursing Research Program while she was a student in our College.



The Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service has received funding from the Hope program from The Mount Rest Fund. Dr. Brown's research through the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service has been credited as being instrumental in receiving the funding.

Recent Publications

Beebe, L. H. & Smith, K. (2010). Informed consent to research in persons with schizophrenia spectrum disorders. *Nursing Ethics*, 17(4), 425-434.

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(8), 548-549.

Roman, M. W. (2010). Treatments for childhood ADHD, Part II: Non-pharmacological and novel treatments. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 31(9), 616-618.

Publications in Press

Gunther, M. & Phillips, K. (In press). Cranial electrotherapy stimulation (CES) for the treatment of depression. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*.

Gunther, M. (In press). Empathic anger in junior student nurses. *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Gunther, M. (In press). Book review: Staff Support Groups in the Helping Professions: Principles, Practice and Pitfalls. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*.

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

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