

UTMB School of Nursing—Accolades

Funded Grants

Alice Hill, Ph.D., RN, professor and director of the Nursing Ph.D. program at the UTMB School of Nursing and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and holder of the John P. McGovern Professorship, received a \$100,000 award for her R03 grant proposal, “Feeding of the ELBW and VLBW Preterm Infants after Hospital Discharge.” This two-year study is funded by the National Institute for Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health.

Pamela G. Watson, Sc.D., RN, Dean and Professor, Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair, and **Kathleen T. Lucke, Ph.D., R.N.**, Associate Professor and holder of the Florence Thelma Hall Distinguished Professorship, recently announced that the UTMB School of Nursing has been awarded \$500,000 for the proposal “Multipurpose Interdisciplinary Research Activities” through the University of Texas System’s Enrich Nursing Through Exceptional Recruitment (ENTER) program.

Honors and Achievements

Karen Brykczynski, D.N.Sc., RN, CS, FNP, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been honored by her alma mater, the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, as a distinguished alumnus. As part of its centennial celebration, the university is honoring 100 of its graduates for their contributions to the profession in their Wall of Fame. Karen has been recognized for her many leadership contributions and achievements.

Ernestine “Tina” Cuellar Ph.D., RN, CNS, BC, WHCNP, BC, Assistant Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was selected by the American Public Health Association as a manuscript reviewer for 2006-2007.

The article “Going the Distance: An Interview with **E. Tina Cuellar, Major, USAFR, PhD, NC, RN,**” appeared in the April/May issue of *ARN Network* (Association of Rehabilitation Nurses).

Judith C. Drew, Ph.D., RN, Professor, and holder of the Joseph B and Mary Alice Collerain Professorship in Nursing at the UTMB School of Nursing, has been appointed as a reviewer for the National Alzheimer's Association.

Judith C. Drew, Ph.D., RN, Professor, and holder of the Joseph B and Mary Alice Collerain Professorship, and **Darlene "Cheyenne" Martin, Ph.D., RN**, Associate Professor in Nursing at the UTMB School of Nursing, have been selected for membership in the University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education for 2007.

Robin Fleschler, Ph.D., RNC, CNS, NP, assistant professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been selected as a grant reviewer for the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In addition, Robin is currently attending the National Institute for Nursing Research’s Summer Genetics Institute (SGI). This prestigious program provides a 2-month, full-time summer research training program targeted at faculty, graduate students, and advanced practice nurses.

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Marilyn Haupt, M.S.N., RN, Doctoral Student in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been invited to be a member of the Center for Addiction Research (CAR) at UTMB, which includes conceptual, technical, and financial support for pilot studies in addiction science.

Elnora “Nonie” Mendias, Ph.D., RN, FNP, BC, Jesse and Alicia Dunn Professor of Nursing, and **Linda Rounds, Ph.D. RN**, holder of the Betty Lee Evans Nursing Professorship in the UTMB School of Nursing, have been selected as inaugural members of the UTMB Academy of Master Teachers. The Academy is an honorary service organization recently established at UTMB to embrace a set of standards for excellence in teaching and scholarship in education, to recognize master educators, and to provide guidance and mentorship in teaching skills to interested faculty members.

Elizabeth Reifsnider, Ph.D., WHNP, APRN, BC, Constance Brewer Koomey Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been named a reviewer for the Health and Behavior, Special Emphasis Panel for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; the Southern Nursing Research Society’s most recent Small Grants competition; and for the *Journal of Human Lactation*.

Trish Richard, Ph.D., RN, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Education Technology, was recently appointed to the UTMB Information Technology Advisory Council.

The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing recently received a commendation from the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners for an NCLEX pass rate of 93.85% for 2006.

Pamela G. Watson, Sc.D., RN, Dean and Professor, Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair, was recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at UTMB.

Carol M. Wiggs, M.S., RN, CNM, Assistant Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been selected as a peer reviewer for the “Art of Nursing” section in the *American Journal of Nursing*.

Presentations

The **UTMB School of Nursing** had **55** presentations at *The 2007 Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference* held in Galveston in February. This total included **37** that were authored or co-authored by UTMB SON faculty, and **22** that were authored or co-authored by UTMB SON students.

Brykczynski, K. (2006, December). *Transforming a family and health promotion course to engage FNP students*. A paper presentation at Listening and Responding: Innovative Approaches for Transforming Practice Education. An International, Inter-professional Conference, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand.

Cuellar, E. (2007). *Resiliency of military nurses in theater*. A poster presentation at the 10th Annual Federal Nurses Association Symposium, Washington, DC.

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- Drew, J. C., & Fain, N. M.** (2007, June). *Complementary therapies and quality of life relationships and differences among residents in a specialized dementia care unit*. Paper presentation at the 9th International Alzheimer's Prevention and Treatment Conference, Washington, DC.
- Haupt, M.** (2007, April). *Crank, crystal, it's a meth out there*. A paper presented at the 12th Annual Psychiatric Update and the Titus Harris Society 47th Annual Meeting, Galveston, Texas.
- Lindsey, J.** (2007, April). *Pediatric end of life simulation*. A poster presentation at the 2007 Hot Issues Conference, Stepping Up to Clinical Simulation, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Denver, Colorado.
- McCauley, M., & **Brooke, V.** (May, 2007). *Improving perceptions of patient care of nursing clinicians and nursing faculty: Implementing the Model of Relationship Based Care*. UTMB, Galveston, Texas.
- Sierpina, V. S., Levine, R., **Sandor, M. K.**, Marion, R., & Vanderpool, H. (2007, January). *Using team based learning for an interdisciplinary course in spirituality and clinical care*. A paper presentation to the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM), 33rd Annual Pre-doctoral Education Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Publications* (* denotes formerly with UTMB SON)
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