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Funded Grants

Karen Brykczynski, D.N.Sc., RN, CS, FNP, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has received a \$5,000 award for her research grant proposal, “Articulating the Nursing Dimensions of Nurse Practitioner Education,” from the National League for Nursing at its annual nursing education summit in Phoenix, Arizona on October 9, 2007.

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 \$298,389 award for the second year of her Department of Education grant, “Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need.”

Kathleen T. Lucke, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Administration, Associate Professor, and holder of the Florence Thelma Hall Distinguished Professorship, received an award of \$65,653 for the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships (AENT) from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

R. Jeanne Ruiz, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, received a \$549,886 award for her R56 grant proposal, “Psychoneuroimmunology: Preterm Birth in Hispanics.” The National Institute for Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health funds this one-year bridging study.

Pamela G. Watson, Sc.D., RN, Dean and Professor, Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair, and **Patricia “Trish” Richard, Ph.D., R.N.**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for, Education Technology, recently announced that the UTMB School of Nursing has been awarded \$500,000 for the proposal, “Expansion of the UTMB School of Nursing–Nursing Simulation Center,” through the University of Texas System’s Enrich Nursing Through Exceptional Recruitment (ENTER) program.

New Faculty Members

Cherry Beckworth, Ph.D., R.N., Assistant Professor, Baccalaureate Program

Sheryl Bishop, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biostatistician, Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation.

Leigh Ann Cates, M.S.N., RNC, NNP, RRT-NPS, Instructor, Master’s Program

Carole R. Eldridge, D.N.P., R.N., CNAA, BC, Associate Professor and Director, Nursing Leadership Master’s Program

Kathryn “Kate” Fiandt, D.N.S., APRN, FAANP, Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Holder of the Mary Strasburger Cade Chair in honor of Lena Finke

Lisa Hill, R.N., M.S.N., Instructor, Baccalaureate Program

Patricia Lea, R.N., M.S.Ed., CCRN, Instructor, Baccalaureate Program

Ann Lovric, R.N., M.S.N., Instructor, Baccalaureate Program

Honors and Achievements

Eugenia Blomstrom, M.S.N., R.N., doctoral student in the UTMB School of Nursing, was one of the nine student poster winners for her poster “The Essence of the Experience of Polypharmacy in

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the Life-World of Community Dwelling Elders,” in the Allied Health/ Clinical Sciences/ Minority Aging Research category.

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 elected a Senior Fellow of the Sealy Center on Aging at UTMB.

Susan Grinslade, Ph.D., R.N., APRN, BC, has been asked by the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) to serve the organization in two roles: one is a two-year appointment to serve on the organization’s Research Committee. The other role is to serve on a panel of experts to examine the evidence on the AADE 7 self-care behaviors for the purpose of developing an assessment measure / research instrument that can be used in practice as well as in research.

Susan Grinslade, Ph.D., R.N., APRN, BC, has been asked to be a manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Public Health Nursing*.

Julie Lindsay, M.S.N., R.N., Instructor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was interviewed for the article “Experiencing the Death of a Child,” which appeared this fall on the website Stressed Out nurses.com. http://www.stressedoutnurses.com/content/76204/topic/WS_SON_1cc.html
A news story on this subject also appeared in the *Galveston Daily News*, <http://news.galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=21e9729b7fce0b24>

Kathleen T. Lucke, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Administration, Associate Professor, and holder of the Florence Thelma Hall Distinguished Professorship, recently announced that the UTMB School of Nursing that the UTMB School of Nursing pass rate for the NCLEX was 100% for the 3rd quarter of 2007.

Darlene “Cheyenne” Martin, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, and member of the lecture series steering committee, announced that the University of Texas Medical Branch is collaborating with the Holocaust Museum of Houston to telecast a lecture series titled “Medical Ethics and the Holocaust” to University of Texas System campuses, including UTMB. The telecasts are free and open to the public. In Galveston, they will be shown in the Levin Hall South auditorium, 10th and Market streets. The telecasts are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 18 through Dec. 11.

Elnora “Nonie” Mendias, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was an invited reviewer for the AHRQ-sponsored Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) for the RFA, entitled, “Ambulatory Safety and Quality: Enabling Patient Centered Care through HIT” (<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-07-007.html>), June 14-15, 2007.

Elnora “Nonie” Mendias, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, served as a reviewer for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Advanced Practice (APRN) Emergency Preparedness and All-Hazards Response Education draft content, May 2007.

Linda L. Rath, Ph.D., RNC, NNP, Assistant Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing has been named Director of the school’s Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program.

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Elizabeth Reifsnider, Ph.D., WHNP, APRN, BC, Constance Brewer Koomey Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the UTMB School of Nursing, was interviewed along with other UTMB faculty for the article, “Is Breastfeeding for Public?” The article appeared in the October 7, 2007 edition of the *Galveston County Daily News*.

Lena Rippstein, M.S.N., R.N., Doctoral Student in the UTMB School of Nursing, was one of the nine student poster winners for her poster “If Walls Could Talk: The Lived Experience Of Witnessing Verbal Abuse Toward Residents In LTC Facilities,” in the Allied Health/ Clinical Sciences/ Minority Aging Research category.

Kay Sandor, Ph.D., R.N., LPC, AHN-BC, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was recently appointed a Faculty Associate in the UTMB Institute of Medical Humanities.

Kay Sandor, Ph.D., R.N., LPC, AHN-BC, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was interviewed for the article, “The Best Zen for your Personality,” by Heather Lee for the August 2007 issue of *Prevention*.

Publications

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Presentations

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Nash, K., Boodley, C., Bray, C., Leonard, J. (2007, April) *A faculty precepting program: Using scarce resources to maximum efficiency*. A poster presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties in Denver, CO.

Heliker, D. (2007, October). *Enriching relationships in long-term care through story-sharing*. Eleventh Annual Forum on Aging Poster Session, Sealy Center on Aging, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

Rippstein, L. (2007, October). *If walls could talk: The lived experience of witnessing verbal abuse toward residents in LTC facilities*. Eleventh Annual Forum on Aging Poster Session, Sealy Center on Aging, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

Sandor, M. K. (2007, June). *Mind, body, and spirit: A comparison of the effects of a labyrinth walking program with a track walking program on post-menopausal women*. A podium presentation to the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) 27th Annual Conference, Lake Tahoe, CA.

Sandor, M. K. (2007, August). *Walking the Labyrinth: Effects on mind, body, and spirit*. Second International Congress on Stress Research, Budapest, Hungary.