

UTMB School of Nursing—Accolades

Funded Grants

Kyungeh An, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been awarded a UTMB SON Biobehavioral Seed Grant, “Effects of acupuncture on autonomic and pro-inflammatory responses to an acute stress.”

Patricia Crane, Ph.D., RNC, WHNP, assistant professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been awarded a UTMB SON Biobehavioral Seed Grant, “Abuse Assessment and the Feasibility of Home-collection of Salivary Cortisol.”

Robin Fleschler, Ph.D., RNC, CNS, NP, assistant professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been awarded a UTMB SON Biobehavioral Seed Grant, Serotonin Transporter Polymorphisms in Individuals with ED.

Kathleen Nash, Ph.D., RNC, FNP, associate professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been awarded a UTMB SON Biobehavioral Seed Grant, “Developing an Appropriate Syndromic Algorithm for Diagnosis of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia in Women in Rural Nicaragua

Patricia “Trish” Richard, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor and associate dean for education technology in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been awarded a Nursing Innovations Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in the amount of \$222,318 for her proposal, “Statewide Collaborations in Clinical Placement.”

New Faculty Members

Martina Gallagher, Ph.D., R.N., assistant professor, Master’s Program

Sandra Petersen, D.N.P., APRN, GNP-C, associate professor, Master’s Program

Honors and Achievements

Karen Brykczynski, D.N.Sc., RN, CS, FNP, associate professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was inducted in to the UTMB Academy of Master Teachers on December 7, 2007.

Heather Dahmer, SNNP, a student in the UTMB SON Master’s Program and Capt. in the USAF, has been appointed to a 3-year terms as *Military Consultant to the Surgeon General for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing*.

Ernestine “Tina” Cuellar Ph.D., RN, CNS, BC, WHNP, BC, assistant professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been selected as the first Alice Stubblefield Term Professor of Nursing. This new professorship has been established as a faculty development professorship for junior faculty. Dr. Cuellar will hold the professorship for 5 years, after which, a new holder of the professorship will be selected.

Susan Grinslade, Ph.D., R.N., APRN, BC, assistant professor and baccalaureate nursing program director, has been invited to be a Scientific Reviewer for the Congressionally Directed Medical

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Research Program in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

An article by UTMB's John Koloen featuring **Julie Lindsay, M.S.N., R.N. PNP**, instructor in the UTMB School of Nursing, and the students in her Pediatric End-of-life lecture appeared in the October, November, December, 2007 issue of *Texas Nursing Voice*.

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 98.02% for the 4th quarter of 2007.

Linda Rounds, Ph.D. RN, professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, is now the holder of the Betty Lee Evans Nursing Distinguished Professorship. Through the generosity of Dr E. Burke Evans who established the professorship, it was recently raised to the level of a Distinguished Professorship.

R. Jeanne Ruiz, Ph.D., R.N., WHNP, associate professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been named "Researcher of the Month" for February 2008 by UTMB Research Services.

Lindsey Waldrep, a senior UTMB SON undergraduate, was recently awarded a \$2500 scholarship from the Texas Emergency Nurses Association.

Publications (indicates former UTMB SON affiliation)*

Bjarnason, D. (2007). Concept analysis of religiosity. *Home Health Care Management & Practice*, 19, 350-355.

Eldridge, C. R. (2007). *Evidence-based falls prevention: A study guide for nurses*, (2nd ed.). Marblehead, MA: HCPro.

Martin, C. (2007). The legacy of Nazi medicine and the Nuremberg Code. *Medical Journal Houston*, 5(8), pp.14, 19.

Davila, Y., Reifsnider, E., & Pecina, I. (2007). Addressing the challenge of Hepatitis C among Hispanics. *TPHA Journal*, 59(2), 48-51.

Ruiz, R. J., Stowe, R. P., *Goluszko, E., *Clark, M. C., & Tan, A. (2007). The relationships among acculturation, body mass index, depression, and interleukin 1-receptor antagonist in Hispanic pregnant women. *Ethnicity and Disease*, 17(2), 338-343.

Presentations

Reifsnider, E., & Gallagher, M. (2008, January). *Cultural competency for public health nurses*. Nursing and Social Work Conference. Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County, Houston, Texas.