

UTMB School of Nursing—Accolades

Funded Grants

Alice Hill, Ph.D., R.N., 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, has recently received \$143,449 from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), a program in the US Department of Education (DOE), for her Congressionally-directed Grant Award project, “A Distance Education Doctoral Program.” In addition, Dr. Hill received a \$257,256 award for the third year of her grant, “Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need,” which is also funded by the DOE.

Elizabeth Reifsnider, Ph.D., WHNP, APRN, BC, Constance Brewer Koomey Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the UTMB School of Nursing, has received a Notice of Award for her training grant, “Culturally Competent Nurses in Community Health.” This three-year grant, with an award of \$803,274, is funded by the Health Resources Services Administration.

Honors and Achievements

Marilyn Haupt, Ph. D., RN, Assistant Professor, in the UTMB School of Nursing, was recently named Associate Director for Educational Initiatives in the UTMB Center for Addiction Research. In addition, she was been appointed to the City of Galveston Families, Children, and Youth Board Substance Abuse Task Force.

Kay Sandor, Ph.D., R.N., LPC, AHN-BC, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was inducted in to the UTMB Academy of Master Teachers June 26, 2008.

Yolanda R. Davila, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, was selected to participate in the UT-Austin Summer Research Institute June 16-18, 2008.

In an article about relieving stress, originally published in *Prevention* magazine, **Kay Sandor, Ph.D., R.N., LPC, AHN-BC**, Associate Professor in the UTMB School of Nursing, touts the effects of walking in labyrinths at the *Huffington Post* website.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/06/25/the-best-zen-for-your-per_n_109213.html

Pamela G. Watson, Sc.D., R.N., Dean and Professor, and Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair, was recently notified by the Texas Board of Nursing that the UTMB School of Nursing Baccalaureate Program has received a **commendation** for its pass rate of 98.02% on the 2007 NCLEX -RN® examination.

Congratulations to **Keith Chiasson**, Multimedia Lab Programmer, who is now officially a volunteer fireman in League City, Texas.

Elizabeth Reifsnider, Ph.D., WHNP, APRN, BC, Constance Brewer Koomey Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the UTMB School of Nursing, has been selected to serve on the Health, Behavior, and Context Subcommittee of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Initial Review Group, at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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Publications

- Davila, Y. R.,** Bonilla, E., Gonzalez-Ramirez, D., **Grinslade, S.,** & Villarruel, A. M. (2008). Pilot Testing HIV-IPV Prevention Modules among Spanish-Speaking Latinas *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, 19*(3), 219-224.
- Gallagher, M. R.,** Gill, S., & **Reifsnider, E.** (2008). Child health promotion and protection among Mexican mothers. *Western Journal of Nursing Research, 30*(5), 588-605.
- Leonard, J. A.** (2008). Impaired Hearing. A chapter revision for T. Buttaro et al., *Primary care: A collaborative practice*, (3rd ed.). St Louis, MO: Elsevier Co.
- Leonard, J. A.** (2008). Tympanic Membrane Rupture. A chapter revision for T. Buttaro et al., *Primary care: A collaborative practice*, (3rd ed.). St Louis, MO: Elsevier Co.
- Reifsnider, E.,** & Ritsema, M. (2008). Ecological differences in weight, length, and weight for length of Mexican American children in the WIC Program. *Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing, 13* (3), 154-167.
- Tierney-Gumaer, R., & **Reifsnider, E.** (2008). Risk factors for low birth weight infants of Hispanic, African American, and White women in Bexar county. *Public Health Nursing, 25* (5), 390-400.

Presentations

- Brykczynski, K. A., Best, M. A., Boodley, C., Nash, K., Crane, P., Leonard, J. A., Leitch, S., Rounds, L. R., & Wilder, M.** (2008, May). All work and no play makes teaching a dull job: A nurse practitioner faculty retreat on the high seas. Poster Presentation, UTMB Education Symposium, Galveston, TX.
- Crane, P. A.** (2008, July). Exploring international strategies in integrating technological advancements in dissemination of nursing care for survivors of SARA. In R. Constantino *Using complex synergistic systems as a conceptual framework in global partnership*. Symposium conducted at the 19th International Nursing Research Congress, Singapore.
- Davila, Y.R., Reifsnider, E., & Pecina, I.** (2008, March). Assessing hepatitis C risk factors among Hispanics of Galveston County. Poster presented at the Showcasing Nursing Scholarship at UTMB, Alpha Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Galveston, TX.
- Lucke, K. T.,** (2008, April). Propensity scoring: When randomization is not feasible. UTMB, Galveston, TX.
- Niebuhr, V., **Mendias, N.,** Ainsworth, M., & Szauter, K. (2008, May). *Giving and receiving peer feedback*. Workshop. UTMB Academy of Master Teachers Education Symposium, Galveston, TX.

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Rounds, L. R. & Leonard, J. A. (2008, April) *Legos: Hands on learning for teaching decision making strategies*. Poster Presentation, NONPF 34th Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY.

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Reifsnider, E., Davila, Y.R., & Pecina, I. (2008, March). Stopping the spread of hepatitis C in Galveston County. Poster presented at the Showcasing Nursing Scholarship at UTMB, Alpha Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Galveston, TX.