Notes from the Dean

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Recent Faculty Publications


Faculty Presentations

Bryant, L. gave a presentation on HIV/AIDS patient care in the United States and a lecture on tobacco use among HIV positive persons to nurses and nursing student from Fudan University at Shanghai Public Health Center. He also had the opportunity to tour the Center’s AIDS ward.

Goodfellow, L. gave the keynote address entitled “2015 and Beyond” at the state respiratory therapy conference in Savannah, Ga.

Kudos

Pat Clark, professor of nursing, and eight nurse colleagues, members of the Initial Stroke Nursing Task Force received the Meritorious Achievement Award from the American Heart Association for their

Colleagues,

I hope each of you have had a wonderful summer and are rested, relaxed and recharged!

A delegation from the university traveled to Istanbul, Turkey, in late May where we visited several universities. During that time we strengthened existing relationships and developed new collaborations. Two of the universities our school visited, Koc University and Bahcesehir University, are interested in collaborating with our nursing doctoral faculty as they begin developing their doctorate programs. We will develop a summer institute at Georgia State next year to bring faculty from these schools to develop their Ph.D. program. Our goal is to advance mutually beneficial collaborations in teaching and in programs of research as well as add a study abroad program in Istanbul for our students.

While in Istanbul, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum. Because they do not allow cameras inside either the military fort or inside the museum, the only pictures I have were taken outside the fort. I’d like to thank Arzu Ari for being a wonderful tour guide and interpreter!

Dr. Catherine Gilliss, dean, vice chancellor for nursing affairs and Helene Fuld Health Trust Professor of Nursing at the Duke University School of Nursing, will be in Atlanta on Tuesday evening, September 17, for the next Health Innovations Program Symposium on Innovations in Academic Health Centers. We will announce the time and place of this event as soon as we receive it. We are honored to host Dr. Gilliss on campus the following morning, September 18, to discuss how changes in the health care system are driving change in the education of health professionals. Please plan to attend! Details will be announced shortly.

New Employees

I would like to welcome several new faculty members. Okhee Han, assistant professor of nutrition, comes to Georgia State from Pennsylvania State University. Her
efforts, including the successful annual State-of-the-Science Stroke Nursing Symposium.

Regina Cole, clinical assistant professor, recently completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Vanderbilt University.

Peggy Moloney has been selected as a Fulbright Specialist Roster Candidate. She has been added to a 5-year roster with eligibility for grant funding to visit an international university which has requested faculty with her set of skills.

Kip Slade, college facilities officer, has been appointed to the Georgia State Rehabilitation Council. His appointment is a volunteer position on the Council which assists people with disabilities. Slade previously served as the director for Georgia Project Access and as a Georgia Accessibility Community Transportation Initiative Coordinator.

Tai Wang, assistant dean and professor of physical therapy, has been selected as one of four faculty members university-wide by the Office of International Initiatives to mentor a visiting scholar, Dr. Shan-Yu Su, an associate professor specialized in Chinese Medicine from China Medical University. Dr. Su will shadow Dr. Wang for 16 weeks, observing his teaching, working with him on curriculum development. Su will also work on English language instruction skills. This professional development program is designed to strengthen the visiting Chinese scholars skills in designing curriculum and teaching in English.

Carla Huggins, clinical assistant professor, comes to Georgia State from HCA Chippenham-Johnston Willis Medical Center in Richmond, Va. Huggins will coordinate all aspects of the physical therapy clinical education. She has worked in acute care, as well as outpatient and home health clinical settings throughout her career. Huggins holds a B.S. in sports medicine from the University of Virginia, a Master of Physical Therapy and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Temple University.

Jacob Irwin joins our faculty in a unique new position. Irwin is the practice manager for our first physical therapy practice clinic. He comes to us from private practice; he founded and has operated Pro Performance Therapy for the past six years. Irwin taught part-time for our PT program and has also been a clinical instructor for other PT programs including those at Columbia, Duke and Emory universities, as well as the University of Southern California. His passion and research interests are in the study of biomechanics and injury prevention in sports through exercise-based approach to therapy. Irwin holds a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California.

Terri Summers, clinical assistant professor, joins the nursing faculty from Clayton State University. Summers has also been an advanced clinical educator and clinical nurse specialist at Grady Memorial Hospital and previously assisted Georgia State’s nursing program as a clinical faculty member in the hospital. Summers was nominated for a March of Dimes Nursing of the Year award in 2012. She holds a master’s degree in nursing from Southern University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the former Medical College of Georgia.

As we move forward in implementation of our strategic plan, there will be many changes that will have a ripple effect on how we conduct business. I know change is difficult and is not often met with open arms. However, as the old adage goes, “adapt or die” – and adapt we must – to new technologies, to new innovations in health care, how health professionals are expected to function upon entering the workforce, growing our program of research and our business practices. We will do our best to vet all changes in business practices with the appropriate individuals and be as

Announcement

The Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing would like to announce that the following programs are scheduled for an on-site evaluation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE): the Baccalaureate Degree Program in research interests include molecular iron absorption in human intestinal cells and developmental iron deficiencies and their effects. Han has completed three post doctorates in molecular nutrition at Yale University, Tufts University and Harvard School of Public Health. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in nutritional biochemistry from the University of North Carolina.
Transparency is critical in the process. We are relying on our Staff Council a great deal in this process and are pleased that everyone is engaged!

Finally, the CCNE Accreditation Team will be here September 18-20 for the review of our nursing programs. They will be using the Haverty Conference Room for their meeting space. Please give them a warm welcome!

**Employee Spotlight**

Our employee spotlight this month shines on Savannah Stephens of our research office. You will find her spotlight at [http://snhp.gsu.edu/1230.html](http://snhp.gsu.edu/1230.html).

Once again, thank you for all you do for our students and our school.

As always,
Peggy