

UT Arlington PhD in Nursing News

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Expertise Recognized by National Organization

The American Association of Critical Care Nurses has selected **John Dixon** to be a member of the national task force to review and update the Acute and Critical Care Nursing Scope & Standards.

Speaking on characteristics of healthy work environments, John delivered the keynote address for the Advocate Christ Medical Center's Critical Care Symposium in Oaklawn, Illinois. Congratulations, John!

Kyba Fellowship Endowment Award

Friends and colleagues of Ferne Kyba established an endowment as a tribute to her career contributions. The Ferne C. Newman Kyba Fellowship recognizes her contributions to improve the quality of health care for older adults and the status and conditions of practice for professional nurses. She served the School of Nursing as a faculty and the Director of the RN to BSN program. Applicants for the award will be PhD candidates ready to conduct their dissertation studies. Preference will be given to applicants who are graduates from Texas schools, intend to practice in Texas, and are the first in their families to earn a graduate degree. Other preference criteria include work experience in geriatrics, hospice, or palliative care or service on an institutional ethics committee. Kyba Fellowships will be awarded based on available funds. Funds are currently available and applications are due **March 19, 2007**. An application will be sent to students who are currently PhD candidates.

Open House for Potential Students April 20

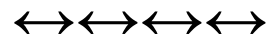
Please invite potential students to join us that day for breakfast, classes, and an early evening reception.

The Mary Lou Bond Fellowship

Dr. Mary Lou Bond has been recognized by her friends and colleagues for her many contributions during her career through the establishment of a fellowship in her honor. Dr. Bond's research has focused on acculturation, health beliefs, and health promotion of immigrant Mexican women as well as barriers and supports for Hispanic students. Dr. Bond was the Assistant Dean of the Undergraduate Program, Founding Associate Dean of the PhD Program, and Founding Co-Director of the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health. Applicants for the award will be PhD candidates ready to conduct their dissertation studies. Preference will be given to applicants that are from an underrepresented minority group or who are the first in their family to achieve a graduate degree. Other preferences include intent to pursue a career focusing on Hispanic health care and having previous work experience with underrepresented and/or vulnerable populations. The fellowship will be awarded based on available funds.

Congratulations to Wendy Barr!

Dr. Wendy Barr has been appointed as Co-Director of the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health. Dr. Barr has made several trips to Mexico for the Travel, Study, and Learn Program and serves as the UT Bridges Coordinator for the Bridges to the Doctorate Program. She is also the School of Nursing's coordinator for the Honors College. She has taught at UT Arlington in the undergraduate program since 1986.



Presentations

Kathy Daniel has had a paper and a poster abstract accepted on the topic of estimating glomerular filtration rates in the elderly. The paper will appear in the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*. The poster will be presented at the 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society.

Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in Galveston provided plenty of fog, intellectual stimulation, seafood, and professional networking. Despite some bad weather getting back, we had fun! We had 13 students, one mentor (Dr. Andrea Smith), and 6 faculty members who attended. Posters were presented as follows:

Susan Baxley, Mary Lou Bond, Carolyn Cason, Jennifer Gray, and **Linda Denke**: Perceived barriers and needs of Hispanic students in baccalaureate nursing programs: Are we listening?

Gloria Carr: Empowerment: A strategy to develop advocacy in African American grandmother caregivers.

Mary Cazzell, Carolyn Cason, and Mary Mancini: The effects of different CPR training upon the adequacy of chest compression.

Kathryn Daniel and Carolyn Cason: Dietary protein consumption by nursing home residents.

Linda Denke and Jennifer Gray: Secondary analysis of pain in patients living with HIV.

Marygrace Hernandez-Leveille: Hypertension and pre-menopausal Hispanic women.

Catherine Jones: Prevention of exacerbations of illness in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Michelle Hand-Villegas: What is the role of the acute care nurse as the care environment moves into the community in times of a disaster?

Robin Lockhart and Kathleen Roberts: Developing a competency transcript.

Tami Wright: Exploring older adults' barriers to diabetes self care.

Other doctoral students who attended were Lisa Bashore, Glenda Daniels, and Kristina Ibitayo. Two University of Incarnate Word masters' students who participate in the Bridges to the Doctorate Program presented posters as well. Valerie Maldonado presented her pilot study of "Asthma Health Knowledge, Management, and Acculturation among Hispanic mothers with school-aged children." Elesha Davis-Roberts presented her study entitled "Improving the health of the elderly: Does spirituality and prayer have an effect on blood pressure?"

Brown Bags

March 2

How do you do it?

March 23

How much stress?

News on Campus

Need a venue for a different night out? Someplace you can take your family on a doctoral student's budget? Check out the UT Arlington Planetarium. As a student, you can see a show for \$2 and other adults are \$5. Current shows include the "Stars of the Pharaohs," "Honey, I Shrunk the Solar System," and "Rock Hall of Fame 2." Details are available on the UTA website.