

# UT Arlington PhD in Nursing News

**MAY 2007**

## Summer Session is a few days away!

Be sure to register for summer courses as soon as possible. We are offering the pre-requisite statistics course with Dr. Cipher on Wednesday evenings. All of the other courses offered in the doctoral program this summer will meet on selected Fridays.

**June 4**  
PhD Graduate Forum, 6 to 7 PM

**June 7 and 14**  
Diagnostic Evaluations

**August 10 and 17**  
Orientation for New Students

**August 24**  
Ribbon Cutting for the Smart Hospital

## Congratulations to our Authors

**Glenda Daniels** (Fall 03 cohort) co-authored with Dr. Marilee Schmelzer an article entitled "Measurement Tool Requirements." The article was published in *Gastroenterology Nursing*.

**Kristina Ibitayo** (Fall 04 cohort) has had two poems accepted for publication for the *American Nurse Today*, the official ANA news publication.

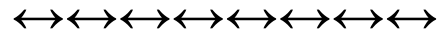
In February, **John Dixon** (Fall 03 cohort) had two articles published. The first article, "Aspire to Greatness," was coauthored with Dr. Dora Bradley and appeared in *Advances for Nursing*. He was the sole author of the second article, "Healthy Work Environment Standards- From Paper to Practice," which was published in the *AACN News*.

## Bicycle 100 miles in one day?

On June 3, **Marie Lindley** (Fall 06 cohort) plans to accomplish this feat in Lake Tahoe, NV. Marie is raising money to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is about \$1000 short of her goal of \$4200. Marie has a personal interest in blood cancers. She rides so "daughters don't have to lose their dads so soon." If you want to support her efforts, check out [www.MarieTNT.org](http://www.MarieTNT.org)

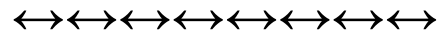
## Opportunity to Volunteer

The Special Olympics Texas 2007 Summer Games will run May 24-27 here on campus and at several community venues with 2,500 athletes from around Texas coming to compete in six sports: athletics (track & field), basketball, cycling, gymnastics, soccer, and tennis. You can be one of the 3,300 volunteers needed to make this event happen. **Renee Manworren** (Fall 04 cohort) can provide information ([rmanworren@yahoo.com](mailto:rmanworren@yahoo.com)). You can also learn more by logging on to <http://www.sotx.org/volunteer/summergames/>



## NCEMNA Mentee

**Gloria Carr** was honored as a mentee at the conference of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nursing Associations. Her mentor is Dr. Elizabeth Gonzalez at Drexel University. **Marygrace Leveille**, **Glenda Daniels**, **Maxine Adegbola**, Dr. Carolyn Cason, and Dr. Mary Lou Bond also attended the conference in March in San Antonio.



## New Graduate School Policy

The UT Arlington Graduate Assembly, comprised of graduate faculty representatives, passed a new policy this spring requiring doctoral students and their graduate advisors/ supervising professors to complete an annual evaluation of student progress. The Graduate Student Senate identified the need for the annual evaluation and forwarded the proposal to the Graduate Assembly. The student portion of the evaluation includes a list of possible scholarly activities that you can select as goals for the next academic year. On the same form, the graduate advisor indicates whether the student is making progress and reviews the student's goals. Until you have a dissertation chair, Dr. Gray will provide the annual evaluation.

## Once a Maverick, always a Maverick.

For UT Arlington, Maverick is more than the name worn on sports uniforms. Being a maverick is a way of being.

The definitions of maverick include independent thinker; trail blazer, and leader.

What is your personal definition?

## The Faculty among Us

Each of you is making a unique contribution to the profession of nursing, but in this newsletter, I wanted to highlight those of you who taught nursing students during this academic year.

This year, **Penny deCarvalho** (Fall 06 BSN-to-PhD cohort) accepted a position at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, TX.

**Michelle Villegas** (Fall 06 cohort) and **Robin Lockhart** (Fall 06 cohort) teach at the Wilson School of Nursing, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX.

**Lori Spies** (Fall 05 cohort) teaches in the family nurse practitioner program at Baylor University, Dallas, TX.

**Johnnetta Kelly** (Fall 05 cohort) is on faculty at Harding University, Searcy, AK. Her specialty is obstetrics.

**Julie Miles** (Fall 06 cohort) teaches pharmacology at Weatherford College in the ADN program.

Three of you are involved in collaborations between El Centro College ADN program and health care organizations. **Debra Logan** (Fall 04 cohort) is an employee of Texas Health Resources Corporation, implementing their collaborative program with El Centro. **Andrea Erwin** (Fall 06 cohort) and **Marie Lindley** (Fall 06 cohort) are employees of Methodist Health System and faculty for the Methodist/El Centro College ADN program.

**Tami Wright** (Fall 03 cohort) joined the UT Arlington School of Nursing faculty since becoming a PhD student here. She will be the lead teacher for the undergraduate assessment course this fall.

**Maxine Adegbola** (Fall 03 cohort) and **Gloria Carr** (Fall 03 cohort) were faculty members in other schools of nursing when they entered the program. Maxine teaches at El Centro College in Dallas, TX, and Gloria at Loewenberg School of Nursing, The University of Memphis, TN.

## Dissertation Updates

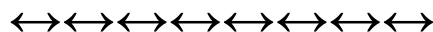
Maxine Adegbola and Gloria Carr, our first PhD candidates, are collecting data.

Susan Baxley has her proposal written and meets with her dissertation committee later this month.

Marygrace Leveille and Glenda Daniels are working with their dissertation chairs to write their proposals.

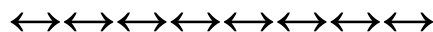
## A New Position

**Kathy Daniel** (Fall 04 cohort) has accepted the position of Director of the Adult and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner programs here at UT Arlington.



## International Presentation

**Mary Cazzell** (Fall 06 BSN-to-PhD cohort) will travel to Vienna, Austria, this summer to present findings from the CPR study along with Dr. Beth Mancini, Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program. This study is part of a group of studies funded by the American Heart Association under Dr. Cason's leadership.



## Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Dr. Jennifer Gray became a member of UT Arlington's Academy of Distinguished Teachers in April. She has been a faculty member here since January 1989 and taught courses in the pre-licensure, RN to BSN, and MSN programs prior to teaching in the PhD program.

**Submit your accomplishments to Dr. Gray by June 1 for inclusion in next month's newsletter.**