Every October the AACN has a meeting in Washington, DC for deans of nursing. This year I took time out to visit the newly opened National Museum of African American History and Culture. Luckily I ordered my tickets months ago, as I understand they are now sold out until next March. And I truly understand why.

It was a museum visit unlike any other that I have experienced. It began with a view of the brown iron latticework on the outside of the building, which stands in sharp contrast to the other white pristine structures on the Mall, and is a tribute to the work of American slaves in the making of America. Once inside you begin a journey that does blend history and culture in the most engaging, at times emotional, and always educational displays.

The museum is arranged chronologically and you start three floors below street level with an exhibit called “Slavery and Freedom.” The words and deeds revealed on the walls and in cabinets give a new life to what many of us have read about in books. On this floor you see how slavery was a cruel normalcy and tied for years to the economic engine of our developing country. You see Nat Turner’s Bible and learn of his part in leading a revolt, but was ultimately hanged for doing so.

Then gently sloped ramps take you up level by level as you see the evolution and emancipation as reflected in the Point of Pines cabin brought to the Museum from Edisto Island, SC. You continue to walk and see exhibits on “Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom,” gaze up at the hanging yellow and blue training plane used by the Tuskegee Airmen in World War Two and then reflect on “A Changing America” culminating in the election of Barack Obama and the rise of Black Lives Matter.

This Museum should be visited by all of us for it is not a black museum but a museum that explores culture to better understand what it means to be an American. - Gail

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is a Smithsonian Institution museum that opened September 24, 2016, in a ceremony led by President Barack Obama. The museum’s building, designed by David Adjaye, is on the National Mall in Washington, DC. It has close to 37,000 objects in its collection related to such subjects as community, family, the arts, religion, civil rights, slavery and segregation.
D/I COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Cristina Lopez, PhD | Assistant Professor | Diversity Officer

Cristina López, PhD, has been an active member of the MUSC community for six years and joined the College of Nursing faculty as an assistant professor in 2014. Prior to moving to Charleston, López lived in Tallahassee, FL, St. Louis, MO, and her native city of Miami, FL. She received a bachelor’s degree from Washington University in St. Louis and her MS and PhD in clinical psychology from Florida State University.

As a clinical psychologist, Lopez has engaged in several research, teaching, and clinical projects that help address mental health disparities in underserved populations. She is also involved in professional development activities that help support fellow ethnic minority academics (e.g., MUSC’s Women’s Scholars Initiative and SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science).

Earlier this year Lopez replaced Tiffany Williams, DNP, as the college’s diversity officer. In this role, López meets monthly with Anton Gunn, MUSC’s chief diversity officer and other college representatives to plan activities and support respective goals. She is also a member of CON’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee and looks forward to working with the rest of the committee on the following goals:

1) Review CON’s strategic plan in order to align the group’s goals and visions with that of the university and Imagine 2020. This will include feedback from faculty and staff about the best way to serve the D/I goals and to learn successful strategies being used at peer institutions.
2) Update the Diversity and Inclusion website to facilitate communications about upcoming campus and community events.
3) Launch a brown bag series inviting attendees to read and discuss thought-provoking articles related to diversity and inclusion themes.
4) Establish additional relationships through community outreach initiatives to help build a pipeline for recruitment.
5) Continue spotlights in eCONnections and hosting social events such as CON’s holiday celebration.

WINTER CONVOCATION - DEC. 8
The College of Nursing Convocation (hooding ceremony for MSN, DNP and PhD students, and pinning ceremony for ABSN students) will be held Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., in the Charleston Music Hall (37 John St.).

Students completing degree requirements should plan to arrive by 9 a.m. Graduates will wear their graduation gown and hood, no caps. Faculty should dress in full regalia.

Carpooling is recommended. Parking is available in adjacent lots, but is limited.

This year’s speaker will be Jerry Mansfield, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, executive chief nursing officer and chief patient experience officer at MUSC Health.

The latest issue of Lifelines will be arriving in your mailbox soon!
Inside the Fall/Winter issue: Are You Living a Balanced Life? Lifelines asks CON’s faculty and staff what brings harmony to their hurried, demanding lives.
CON RECOGNITION FUND

FACULTY AND STAFF:
Please consider a contribution to the CON Recognition Fund.
Faculty: $50 | Staff: $25

These funds are used to send faculty and staff cards and flowers for births or bereavement, purchase retirement gifts, and to pay for parties and showers.

Only checks made out to 'CON Recognition Fund' can be accepted. Drop off a check at Kathleen Cartmell’s office (Rm. 523) or her box in the 5th floor mailroom.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER
2 / CofC “MUSC Night” / 6-8 pm / CofC Science Bldg.
2 / MUSC Medical Ctr. Interview Blitz / 8 am-5 pm / CON 202
3 / ABSN Mini Orientation / 1-5 pm / CON 202
3 / MUSC Research Day / 4 pm / Drug Discovery Auditorium
4-5 / ELNEC Conference / 7 am-4 pm / CON
7 / MUSC Medical Ctr. Interview Blitz / 8 am-5 pm / CON
8 / Dr. Barbara Lutz Lecture / 10 am / CON 221
11 / Veterans Day / State Holiday / CON open
21 / CON Holiday Lunch / Noon / CON Library
21 / Faculty Assembly / 1-4 pm / CON 202
23 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 202
24-25 / Thanksgiving Holiday / State Holiday / CON closed

DECEMBER
8 / Winter Convocation / 10 am / Chas. Music Hall
8-9 / MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
19 / Faculty Assembly / 1-4 pm / CON 202
21 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 221
22-31 / CON Closed / Reopen on January 3

The MUSC Medical Center will host an “Interview Blitz” on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and Monday, Nov. 7 for ABSN students graduating in December. These students will have an opportunity to complete an application and interview for hospital positions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES
All sessions are held after Faculty Assembly from 4 - 5 pm in the same room as Faculty Assembly.

NOVEMBER 21
“Authorship” presented by Diane Angelini, Teresa Kelechi, Lynne Nemeth & Barbara Edlund

DECEMBER 19
“Resources at your fingertips” presented by Leila Fourney, SCTR/SPARC

COLLEGE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The College of Nursing will be officially closed Thursday, December 22 thru January 2, 2017. The College will re-open Tuesday, January 3.

The way the state holidays fall this year, this will equate to four days of annual leave.

If you plan to take additional time off during this time, please get approval to do so from your supervisor.
**RECENT WORK**

**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**


**POSTER PRESENTATION** *(pictured below)*

- George, T., DiCristofaro, C. (2016, October). Service learning to teach literacy with online graduate students. 8th Annual Health Literacy Research Conference, Bethesda, MD.

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**RESEARCH SUBMISSIONS**

**PI:** Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN  
**SPONSOR:** NIH/NINR  
**TITLE:** Technology Enhanced Self-Management Interventions for Fatigue and Pain: The Symptoms Self Management Center  
**GOALS:** To conduct a randomized controlled trial of three powder-based wound care therapies and to examine patient outcomes of reduction in wound pain, odor and exudate, wound distress, as well as caregiver outcomes such as reduced burden and strain. The overall goal is to provide comfort and relieve symptom burden associated with living with, and caring for a wound.

**PI:** Emily E. Johnson, PhD  
**SPONSOR:** NIH/NIMHD  
**TITLE:** Bariatric Surgery Access Among the Under-Served Diabetes Population: Factors and Implications  
**GOALS:** This application proposes a mixed-methods evaluation that initiates with analysis of secondary data to identify existing disparities in bariatric surgery, as well as facilitators and barriers to bariatric surgery access in underserved patients with obesity and diabetes. This will be complemented with key-informant interviews of patients with obesity and diabetes to identify in-depth barriers to access to care, not identifiable with quantitative analysis.

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
**-- UPCOMING NIH WEBINARS --**

**Nov. 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. | CON 513**  
8 Ways to Successfully Navigate NIH Peer Review and get a Fellowship Grant

**Dec. 1 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. | CON 513**  
8 Ways to Successfully Navigate NIH Peer Review and get an R01 Grant

**Dec. 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. | CON 513**  
NIH Peer Review Briefing for Basic Research Applicants and Reviewers

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**RESEARCH DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, the Research Day keynote speaker, Jacob Corn, PhD, had to cancel his trip to Charleston so there will be no keynote presentation this year. However, his presentation on CRISPR-Cas9 technology has already been rescheduled for March 29, 2017.

Nonetheless, all of the poster and oral presentations will go on as planned on Friday, Nov 4, as well as the vendor show on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM in the lobby of the Drug Discovery Building with the following participating vendors: VWR, Pall Life Sciences, Sartorius, ELPRO, and Corning. Please come and support these vendors. As in the past, there will be snacks and a raffle for gift cards to local businesses.
FIRST EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The College of Nursing is pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of multiple family, friends, alumni, and staff of MUSC, the James B. Edwards Endowed Nursing Scholarship was awarded for the first time this fall. The scholarship was established in memory of the late Dr. James B. Edwards, who was the president of MUSC from 1982 until 2000 and a long-time friend of the college. Prior to his tenure at MUSC, Dr. Edwards served as governor of South Carolina and secretary of energy under President Ronald Reagan.

The scholarship was established for students in the DNP program, and because Dr. Edwards devoted much of his life to public service, applicants must also demonstrate leadership qualities in order to qualify for the scholarship.

Joseph Stocking, a first-year DNP student who graduated from the college’s ABSN program in December 2015, is the first recipient of the Edwards Scholarship.

“I’m so grateful to everyone who has made this scholarship possible,” said Mrs. Ann Edwards, wife of the late James B. Edwards. “It’s the perfect way to honor Jim’s legacy and his commitment to the College of Nursing.”

To learn more about establishing a scholarship or planned gift, please contact Laurie Scott, development director, at scotlk@musc.edu or (843) 792-8421.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK FUNDRAISER

The 9th Annual Out of the Darkness Community walk was held on Oct. 16 to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention and support survivors of a loss due to suicide. The walk was held in Hampton Park in perfect weather conditions. More than 500 participants raised nearly $28,290. Proceeds will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and will be used to research causes of suicide. In addition, money raised will help develop programs focused on suicide prevention such as videos for middle and high schools and web-based assessment tools for depression in college students.

Thanks to all who made the Charleston Out of the Darkness Walk in Hampton Park a success. The College of Nursing’s SNA team was lead by team captain Bernadette Gaffney and raised $580. Joy Lauerer, DNP, assistant professor, organized the team of 34 nursing students (listed below) who walked in support of suicide prevention and mental health.

Heather Morrison
Parag Raychoudhury
Susannah Rogers
Connie Bradley
Holly Typrak
Mimi Pacheco
Michael Simeone
Bernadette Gaffney
Emily Denneade
Kathryn Seitz
Caillian Dennin
Whitney Pasquini
Kathryn Reeves
Holly Lynch
Erin Hall
Scott Howard
Sanura O’Reilly
Emily Kaufman
Alex Kaufman
Jay Cooley
Olivia Odette
Mackenzie Wilson
Zoisha Molden
Maria Lopez
Kimberly Mansfield
Maggie Meadors
Chloe Goodgame
Stephanie Miller
Joy Himmelsbach
Elena Rivers
Emily Spicer
Stevi Dunlap
Allye Pratner
Blair Cody

MINI-ORIENTATION FOR ABSN CLASS OF MAY 2018

A mini-orientation will be held Nov. 3 from 1 - 5 p.m. in CON 202 for students admitted into the ABSN Class of May 2018. Students who have been recently admitted are invited to attend this workshop to help prepare them for their January 2017 start date. For details, contact Mardi Long at longm@musc.edu.
PREPARING FOR ELECTION DAY  BY AMY WILLIAMS, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC

With election day nearly upon us, we are witnessing a general election where healthcare has taken center stage. If you have not done so already (and it is not too late), in the short time between now and election day on November 8, we ask nurses to thoroughly research candidates in national, state and local elections and consider if they will be able to advance our profession and improve the lives of our patients. The Office of Practice offers a glance at this to inform our nursing audience on key stances that stand to affect health care in our country. In addition, we should pay close attention to Zika funding, APRNs and the VA, Title VIII funding for nurse education and changes in Medicare regulations on the national landscape.

Briefly, in the race for president, Hillary Clinton has made a commitment to “universal, quality, affordable health care for everyone in America.” Donald Trump has committed to “broaden healthcare access, make health care more affordable and improve the quality of the care available to all Americans.” While these two platforms sound essentially similar, the two major candidates have very different plans for how to get to these desired outcomes. The table below represents a side-by-side comparison of the two major presidential candidates on health care.

In addition, you can access their websites here: [Hillary Clinton](https://www.hillaryclinton.com), [Donald Trump](https://www.donaldjtrump.com), and third party candidates that on all the ballots in 20 states: [Darrell Castle](https://www.castleforpresident.com) of the Constitution Party, [Gary Johnson](https://www.garyjohnson.com) with the Libertarian Party, and [Jill Stein](https://www.jillstein.com) of the Green Party.

### Table: Comparison of Major Presidential Candidates on Health Care

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<td>&quot;Expand access to rural Americans who often have difficulty finding quality, affordable health care” (<em>Of note, Secretary Clinton references expanding telehealth reimbursement under Medicare, federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.</em>)</td>
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END OF LIFE NURSING EDUCATION CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE - NOV. 4-5

The College of Nursing is hosting an ELNEC conference Nov. 4-5. The two day conference will be held in the CON 202 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lunch provided both days. The cost is $45 for MUSC employees. Polly Mazanec, PhD, ACNP, AOCN, FPCN, will be leading an educator breakout for nursing faculty to discuss the CARES document, the online ELNEC undergraduate curriculum and strategies to integrate the competencies into CON’s program. The two-hour session is open to all interested faculty and will be held on Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. Mazanec is co-investigator for the Cambia Health Foundation grant-funded education project, a research professor at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University and National ELNEC faculty. For more information, contact Carrie Cormack at cormackc@musc.edu or click here.
AWARDS & HONORS: On Oct. 22, Gayenell Magwood, PhD, RN, professor, and Debbie Bryant, DNP, RN, clinical assistant professor, were inducted into the American Academy of Nursing’s 2016 class of fellows at the academy’s annual conference in Washington, D.C. AAN fellows are recognized for their contributions to nursing and health care. Congratulations to you both!

Suparna Qanungo, PhD, has been selected as one of President Cole’s Values in Action Award recipient for the enterprise value of collaboration for MUSC. Qanungo and her sponsor, Julie Barroso, PhD, RN, will attend a luncheon along with Dr. and Mrs. Cole and other winners.

Claire DeCristofaro, MD, clinical assistant professor in the DNP program, received an award for her exemplary teaching from Ashford University.

Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN, has been selected to serve on MUSC’s Blue Ribbon Panel. This group is charged with completing a comprehensive review of the MUSC Honor Council policies and procedures.

WELCOME: The College of Nursing would like to welcome the following new College of Nursing team members. Lorena Cervantes has been hired as a program assistant who will be working with Amy Williams and Virginia Vedilago. Tonya Hazeldon, Olivia Eilers and Novette Prosper join the college as program coordinators working with several investigators on grant projects and Brianna Stepney will begin Nov. 7 as a program assistant for Tina Lopez.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT: A career development program focused on helping faculty prepare a promotion or tenure package is now open for applications. This half-day workshop, open to both women and men faculty, is sponsored by the Women Scholars Initiative and the COM Center for ARROWS. The program will be held March 17, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Two separate sessions are planned that will be entirely focused on promotion or tenure for faculty who are planning to submit their applications in the next two years. This program is open to faculty in all ranks and tracks in all colleges.

The goal of the 2017 program is to provide faculty with personalized feedback on their drafted promotion OR tenure application package. Morning sessions will include a panel discussion with recently promoted faculty and general information sessions on the promotion and tenure process. Small group college-specific break-out sessions will follow, in which faculty will discuss college-specific criteria and receive personalized feedback on their drafted promotion or tenure materials. To participate, you will be required to submit an updated CV and drafted personal statement six weeks prior to the program for review. To apply, complete the REDCap application by Nov. 14. Space is limited and faculty will be selected based on their applications. To apply, your division director, chair, or dean must agree that you have met/will meet the criteria for promotion or tenure in the next two years and that you will be released from all duties to attend the program. If you participated in this promotion program in 2015, you are not eligible to attend the 2017 program. Attendees will be selected and notified by Dec. 16. Contact Rachel Corbett at corbetra@musc.edu with any questions.

College of Nursing Alumni Awards

2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The MUSC College of Nursing Alumni Association will be hosting its Alumni Awards Social on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Charleston Country Club.

The evening will include cocktails, heavy hors d’oeuvres, award presentations and an update from the dean. More details to come soon.

To nominate a degree alumnus/a of the College of Nursing or other individual(s) who have made significant contributions to the profession of nursing, their community, and/or the College visit www.bit.ly/MUSC-CON-nominate. Please provide as much of the requested information as possible. You may be contacted directly by an alumni staff member for additional information on the nominee(s).
NOVEMBER 12TH | 2-4:30PM

HOLLINGS CANCER CENTER
Medical University of South Carolina
86 Jonathan Lucas Street, Charleston, SC

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Register for this event at communitycompass.info
or call 843-792-0878
FREE parking available at corner of Calhoun and Jonathan Lucas Street

ABOUT THE EVENT
Dialogue with our expert panelists
Dine on old favorites with a new twist
Enjoy Lowcountry theater and music
Tour the Hollings Cancer Center

FEATURING
“Joy Vandervort-Cobb grabs your attention the second she comes on stage…”
The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)

Actress, director, writer and theater professor Joy Vandervort-Cobb has performed in numerous award-winning plays and television shows from Shakespeare to August Wilson’s Fences to Army Wives.

K. Michael Cummings, PhD
Tobacco policy and control expert

Brenda Hoffman, MD
Gastroenterologist

Shantae Jenkins, MD, PhD
Chief Medical Officer, Fetter Health Care Network

Jennifer Young Pierce, MD
Gynecologic oncologist and leading HPV advocate

entertainment by
Ann Caldwell & The Magnolia Singers

For more information, please contact Dr. Debbie C. Bryant, RN at communitycompass@musc.edu