OBSERVATIONS FROM THE UK  
By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

So this past month Dr. Terri Fowler and I had the opportunity to present our Virtual Interprofessional Learning program at an international meeting in Oxford, England. In addition to networking at the conference, I love to observe the different nuances of the countries I visit. So I thought this month I would share with you some of my observations about England.

> Smoking is prevalent all over the country. I was surprised to see how many people smoked and how it permeated so many venues. I’m glad that they have socialized health care because they will definitely need it.

> People honor street signs. I did not see pedestrians darting across the street, ignoring signs and streetlights. Now this makes for good preventive health care.

> Tipping for services is at a minimal. This was such a welcome change from this country where we can tip as many as five people a day for various services when traveling. And when you do tip, 10 percent is considered generous.

> Oxford University actually consists of 19 separate colleges all within walking distance of each other. And these colleges offer many of the same majors with very small classes. Makes one wonder about efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Still students from the UK only pay $4,000 a year for tuition while international students (50 percent of their student body) pay $40,000 a year. Guess we know who is supporting whom.

> Their use of technology in academics is not pervasive. Both Terri and I were struck by how much of their routine processes were based on paper and pencil. They even register for their final examination by filling out a form with the defense date posted on a piece of paper on a bulletin board!

So another country visited and new insights gained informing how I view the world. A final note is that the countryside is truly lovely, and a visit to Shakespeare’s birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon was a true highlight of our time in the UK. - Gail
OCTOBER BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES
To many the month of October brings new colors to see, new football players to root for, or new films to watch. For the College of Nursing Diversity & Inclusion Committee October means meeting new faces and participating in new opportunities and activities around campus.

October also brings new leadership to the committee. This year new D/I members include Carrie Cormack, instructor (chair), Tyra Dingle, research grant assistant, Kimbi Marenakos, instructor, Thomas Connelly, director of undergraduate programs and Elizabeth Kreuze, PhD student. They join Tina Lopez, diversity officer, Carolyn Page, director of student services, Jessica Williams, clinical education coordinator and Sonya Smalls, data analyst.

This month the committee is encouraging attendance to one of the following programs MUSC is offering during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Come on out and show your support.

October 5
Noon-1 p.m. | BEB112
Hispanic American Heritage Month Lecture Series

October 12
11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Horseshoe Portico
FIESTA LATINA

In the meantime, if you have ideas or suggestions about diversity and inclusion at the college or university level, do not hesitate to contact Cristina Lopez, diversity officer, at lopezcm@musc.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

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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.

Thank you for your support!

FREE FLU SHOTS
Oct. 19 and 20  |  7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Colbert Library Portico

Flu vaccine is available for MUHA, MUSC, UMA, Crothall, Sodexo employees and volunteers. You must bring your MUSC ID badge. Updates and other flu satellites will be posted on their webpage.

NOVEMBER
3 / MUSC Research Day / 4 p.m. / Drug Discovery Auditorium
4-5 / ELNEC Conference / 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. / CON bldg.
11 / Veterans Day / State Holiday / CON open
21 / Faculty Assembly / 1-4 pm / CON 202
23 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 202
24-25 / Thanksgiving Holiday / State Holiday / CON closed

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 17
President Cole to visit to CON after FA (no scheduled session)

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

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

JANUARY 16, 2017
“Negotiation, preparation and resolution” presented by Ron Acierno

FEBRUARY 20, 2017
“Mindfulness and stress management” presented by Alyssa Rheingold

Topics for the remaining months are still being finalized but include: conflict management, building a national reputation, and leadership skills.
FUNDEN GRANTS
PI: Ken Ruggiero, PhD
SPONSOR: Department of Homeland Security
TITLE: A Peer-Education Approach to Support the Behavioral Health Needs of Fire Service Professionals
GOAL: To use an evidence supported peer education approach to address stigma head on without cost to firefighters, their families and friends, and fire service organizations.

PI: Melba Hernandez-Tejada, PhD
SPONSOR: SC Dept. of Public Safety – Victims Of Crime Act
TITLE: Identifying and Intervening in Elder Abuse, Particularly in Under-served Communities: A Training Program for Healthcare Providers and Students of Health Professions
GOAL: To implement an already designed, low-cost, easily disseminated and highly sustainable elder abuse identification, intervention, and referral training program specifically designed for health care professionals already in practice, and health care professional students in training in academic settings.

PI: Wendy Muzzy, MLIS, MRA
SPONSOR: SC Dept. of Public Safety – Violence Against Women Act
TITLE: Innovative Treatment for Female Victims of Military Sexual Trauma
GOAL: To offer evidence-based counseling services tailored to female victims of military sexual trauma in an innovative context.

RECENT PUBLISHED WORK


Want to know the interests and expertise of our faculty? From the CON home page, click on ‘About’ then ‘Faculty’ for a complete list. Click on the faculty’s name to read a brief bio of their interests and activities.

TACHL QUARTERLY UPDATE
Click here for an update that includes evaluation data from a recent survey we conducted with investigators and providers who have worked closely with us over the past year.
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The SC Nurses Foundation has announced two scholarship opportunities for South Carolina’s undergraduate and graduate nursing students.

The Julia Whitten Nurse Scholarship is seeking applicants for its undergraduate scholarship who are SC residents in a baccalaureate nurse program and graduating in May 2017. There is also a graduate application for students graduating in May 2017 with a master’s degree in nursing.

BlueCross Blue Shield is seeking applicants for its BlueCross Blue Shield Scholarship. Any SC licensed registered nurse enrolled in a SC nursing doctoral program leading to a PhD or DNP who meet their criteria are encouraged to apply. Deadline for submission is December 22, 2016.

EDUCATIONAL TECH RESOURCE AVAILABLE

The University Knowledge Base is a technology support resource for students and faculty available at http://kb.musc.edu.

This site is a one-stop portal to begin a search for help, such as instructions on configuring MUSC email on a smartphone or troubleshooting login issues with Moodle. Other site features include an application support contacts page, application status page, configurable email alerts for new and updated content, and a suggestion page to guide how the site grows.

The Knowledge Base has been populated with answers to your frequently asked questions. New content will be added based on your suggestions. So if you see something missing, submit the idea in the “Suggestion Box” found within the site.

For more details contact Bernie Jansen at jansenb@musc.edu.

Knowledge Base is a database in which information is collected, organized, shared, searched, and used (in this case, related to educational technology). Knowledge bases are intended to act as a resource for users by providing answers to frequently asked questions and tutorials.

PMHNP RESIDENCY PROGRAM GRADUATES THREE

In order to address the demand for behavioral health services for veterans, and the shortage of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP) the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs funded several nurse residency programs. This transition-to-practice program (nurse residency) engages the NP residents in an interprofessional training program that allows them the opportunity to work in a variety of settings in a manner that provides them with opportunities for longitudinal patient care experiences and excellence in veteran care.

Congratulations to Doreen D’Agostino, Kristina Raykh, and Mary Valvano for completing the program.

INTERESTED IN NURSING INFORMATICS?

Daniel Gracie (DNP’12), senior Epic clinical analyst and CON clinical instructor, has arranged for any CON student or faculty to be able to have a free three month trial to the American Nursing Informatics Association with code sdMUSC0616.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY: WORKING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, MUSC Libraries and MUSC’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program are partnering in an hour-long information session, “Working with Domestic Violence Victims: An Introduction.” Attendees will learn about the Library’s resources on domestic violence as well as hear from professionals in the nursing, mental health, and social work fields about working with victims.

Thursday, October 6
Noon - 1 p.m.
MUSC Library (Room 405)

This workshop is open to students, faculty, and staff who are interested in working with victims of domestic violence.

Light refreshments will be available. Attendees will receive 0.5 Diversity and Inclusion credits.
HHI SEEKING DONATIONS FOR CLOTHING DRIVE

Sixteen new Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars (HHI) have been selected from students in the ABSN program. The 2016 fall cohort includes: Jessica Mathias, Ashley Ehlers, Lauren Klevan, Amber Devlin, Hannah Kloch, John Manna, Andrea Lavieri, Amy Jones, Yulia Romazanova, Meghan Martin, Maria Petrie, Maylin Taylor, Jamie Giangreco, Susannah Rogers, Danielle Greig, and Lila Wooten. Throughout the semester, these scholars will study the impact of culture and health beliefs on health outcomes.

Following an introduction to the Charleston Hispanic community at the Ladson Flea Market, the HHI Scholars directed their attention to migrant worker community at Abbaoola Migrant Farm Worker Camp on Johns Island. With the help of Antonio Garcia, a Fetter Health Care Network Outreach employee, the students toured the migrant camp and developed a deeper understanding of the day to day struggles these workers face. In seeing the adverse conditions the workers and their families are exposed to, the students gained a greater perspective on the health challenges faced by various populations in the Charleston area.

As a result of this visit, the students were inspired to address the most basic needs of the migrant workers and organized a clothing drive. As of September 22, students have collected nine boxes of clothing and challenge the faculty and staff to beat this record amount.

Students will deliver items collected to the Migrant Farm Worker Clinics. If you have any questions contact Ashley Ehlers at ehlers@musc.edu.

SCNF NURSES WALK

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF) is having its 8th Annual Nurses Walk on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Wannemaker County Park in North Charleston at 9 a.m. A BBQ social to follow for MUSC faculty, staff, and students.

The annual walk allows the SC Nurses Foundation to continue its mission to advance the profession of nursing by funding nursing scholarships and research grants and awards to promote healthy communities throughout our state. The SCNF is a non-profit devoted to promoting the nursing profession through scholarships, grants and awards, such as its annual Palmetto Gold recognitions.

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 building 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. (location to be determined). 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.
LOOKING AHEAD: The College of Nursing will be closed December 22 through January 2 for the holidays and will reopen January 3, 2017!

UNIVERSITY WIDE

INTERPROFESSIONAL DAY: MUSC’s Interprofessional Day (IP Day) for the 2017 spring semesters for 2017 will be held on January 20.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: The MUSC University and Medical Center human resources departments have kicked off the 2016 Insurance Open Enrollment period that lasts from Oct. 1 through Oct.31. There are no changes to employee premiums this year and all plan changes will be effective January 1, 2017. Employees will be able to enroll in or drop health insurance for yourself and/or eligible dependents • Enroll in or drop the state vision plan for yourself and/or eligible dependents • Switch from Savings Plan to MUSC Health Plan • Increase Optional and/or Spouse Life Insurance with medical evidence only • Enroll/re-enroll in medical spending and dependent care accounts (required every year) • Decrease/cancel optional or spouse life insurance • Employees will be able to meet with representatives from several organizations including BlueCross BlueShield, PEBA Retirement, SC Deferred Compensation Program and other companies.

HUMANITAS SEEKING SUBMISSIONS: Humanitas is calling ALL members of the MUSC community from all colleges/departments/professions to submit their works of art and literature for the upcoming XXI volume. If you are unaware of what Humanitas is, it is a campus-wide publication that features paintings, drawings, photography, prose, poetry etc., submitted by all members of the MUSC community. Each submission is judged by a diverse editorial board whose votes ultimately decide the works that are published. Humanitas features works that are both within the realm of healthcare as well as those pertaining to many other themes or sources of inspiration. There are really no limitations to the nature of the content that we will consider for publication. The board will be accepting submissions through January 13, 2017. To submit your work click here: MUSC Humanitas Submissions 2016-2017

YAMMER BROADCAST MESSAGES GROUPS: If you’re looking to post, follow and share news that used to be part of Broadcast Messages, it’s time to search for the right Yammer Broadcast Groups. Yammer has Broadcast Groups for training/seminars/professional development, arts/entertainment/community events, employee wellness/screenings/benefits, employee perks and discounts, research volunteers, parking/service outages and more. As to how Yammer is performing and being adopted, here are some quick results from the OCIO report for July/August. Total users show as 5,901. Growth from 7/1 until 9/4 was from roughly 3,200 users to 5,900 users, so almost a 100% increase. There are 440 Yammer groups. To join the internal conversation sign up for Yammer today and have pertinent information pushed to your email address as you desire and specify.