

eCONnections

AUGUST 2018



A Message from Dean Weglicki

This past month has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your dean. I've been amazed by the enthusiasm and welcoming nature here at MUSC – among the administrators, leaders, faculty, staff, and students. Over the next several months, my mission is to discover and learn how I can support and strengthen the college's priorities. I believe that open communication and cooperation throughout our faculty and staff is needed for an effective implementation of positive change whatever form that may take. Teamwork also is essential - not only among faculty, but also among staff, and of course the students. I believe that, together, we will collaboratively build upon the college's many past achievements and its current outstanding reputation. In developing our vision for the future, we will support the university's mission to improve health and maximize quality of life through education, research, and patient care.



Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN
Dean



NEWS & NOTES

Faculty Promotions // The following faculty who were promoted last month. **Berry Anderson, PhD, RN; Tatiana Davidson, PhD; Cathy Durham, DNP, APRN; Terri Fowler, DNP, APRN; Joy Lauerer, DNP, RN; and Cristina Lopez, PhD,** were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor and **Elizabeth Harmon, DNP, APRN,** was promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

Introductions // In June, **Felesia Bowen, PhD, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC,** joined the college as the new undergraduate program director. Bowen will oversee the curriculum development and implementation in the RN to BSN and the ABSN programs. **Kasey Jordan, PhD, MSN, RN,** has joined the college as an instructor. She will teach in the undergraduate program. **Kim Witte, MHA, CIA,** is the college's new assistant dean for finance and administration. Witte is responsible for all the business functions in the college. She replaces Lynn Shull who retired in June. **Adam Taylor** was hired in May to replace Joanne Langdale who also recently retired. As an administrative manager, Taylor oversees all personnel functions for the college.

Impressive Teachers // Twelve faculty members were identified as highly effective teachers at MUSC. Scored by students, their scores were used to determine which faculty are consistently high performing on this outcome. Based on the last five years of data, each consistently performed very high on the index of teaching effectiveness and averaged a score of four or greater for at least four of the past five years. Congratulations to **Kathleen Cartmell, PhD, MPH; Ruth Conner, PhD, RN; Carrie Cormack, DNP, APRN; Claire DeCristofaro, Barbara Edlund (Ret.), PhD, RN; Terri Fowler, DNP, APRN; Elizabeth Harmon, DNP, APRN; Joy Lauerer, DNP, RN; Susan D. Newman, PhD, RN; Sandra K. Overstake, Joy Vess, DNP, APRN; and Amy Williams, DNP, APRN.**

Comfort Specialists // **Carrie Cormack, DNP, APRN,** and **Shannon D'Alton, MSN, APRN,** recently completed and passed the Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Certification exam. As pediatric palliative care APRNs, both will continue their practices (along with their faculty responsibilities) that specialize in treating children with serious and chronic illnesses and their families through Hands of Hope, a pediatric palliative and hospice care organization.

Advancing Innovation // The South Carolina Nursing Education Simulation Alliance (SCNESA) held its first conference at the Trident Technical College Center on July 13. Topics ranged from regulatory processes to virtual reality, and the conference was extremely well received by the attendees from across the state. This alliance was formed in response to the need for the promotion of best practices in simulation and to promote collaboration among the nursing colleges/universities throughout the state. Support was provided through a grant from the Promise of Nursing South Carolina and the National Student Nurses Foundation. **Melanie Cason, PhD, RN,** director of the simulation program, is the project director and chair of the steering committee. The group's steering committee includes Jean Ellen Zavertrnik, DNP, RN (Clemson University), Kay Lawrence, MSN, RN (USC-Aiken), Barbara Nickles, MN, BSN, RN (Greenville Technical College), and Crystal Graham, PhD, RN (USC-Columbia).

Seeking Nurse Heroes // Nominate a nurse you admire or any MUSC Health care team member as a Health Care Hero. The Charleston Regional Business Journal hosts this annual event that honors individuals and organizations that have a passion for health care and patients. There are nine nomination categories, including first responder, nurse, physician, and health care researcher. [Nominations](#) are open now through September 7 at 5 p.m.



AUGUST

August 3 / 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

August 4 / 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tax Free Weekend at Innovation Station

Colbert Library - 1st floor

August 8 / Noon

DOTS (Diversity & Openness Talking Series)
CON 221

August 9 - 10

Skill Building for Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care

CON - 2nd floor

August 15 / 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Fetter Health Care Network Grand Opening of Summerville II
[130 Varnfield Dr.](#)

August 16 / 1:30 - 2:30 pm

RN to BSN Project Showcase
CON 221

August 16 / 4:00 pm

RN to BSN Pinning
[St. Luke's Chapel](#) (Ashley Ave.)

August 20 - 23

ABSN Orientation
(for students beginning Fall 2018)
MUSC Campus

August 21 / 4:30 pm

Faculty Convocation
Drug Discovery Auditorium

August 23 / 4:00 pm

Stethoscope Ceremony
Drug Discovery Auditorium

August 29 / 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Guest Lecture and Book Signing with Tim Boyce
Basic Sciences Auditorium

SEPTEMBER

September 3

Labor Day Holiday
CON Closed

September 12 / Noon

DOTS (Diversity & Openness Talking Series)
CON 221

September 17 / 1:00 pm

Faculty & Staff Assembly
CON 221

AUGUST 9 - 10, 2018

Skill Building for Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care

Gain new insight and skills to enhance your practice. With 1.5 days of education and networking with behavioral health experts, we will address today's challenging issues in primary care and provide opportunities for breakout sessions.

Earn up to 11 CEUs and 5.0 pharm credits!

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Presented by the MUSC College of Nursing and the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.



Please join us for Timothy Boyce's presentation, *Day by Day Resilience: What Holocaust Narratives Teach Us about Changing What's Possible in Research, Education, and Collaboration.*

Wednesday, August 29
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Basic Science Building Auditorium

Timothy Boyce practiced law for many years, most recently serving as the managing partner of the Charlotte, NC office of Dechert LLP, a global law firm. He holds an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of Finance, and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He received a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Boyce retired in 2014 to devote full time to writing.

RN to BSN Program News – Summer '18

MUSC's RN-BSN program is unique in many ways as we strive to individualize the learning experiences to build on previous knowledge and to increase the scope of practice for each learner. During the third (and final) semester, students develop a QI project, working collaboratively with other students, faculty, practice partners, and community stakeholders. These projects are the culmination of the learning and professional growth that has occurred over the previous semesters. Led by **Elaine Amella, PhD, RN**, **Brantlee Broome, PhD, RN**, and **Tese Stephens, PhD, RN**, 42 students worked diligently over the summer to develop five projects that show great potential to improve the quality and safety of practice. These projects were recently on display at the Nursing Showcase, held on June 27 on MUSC's Greenway, as part of MUSC's Nursing Shared Governance Council.

Three groups of students worked on the Imagine U: Building Well-Being Together employee wellness program, as part of MUSC's Imagine 2020 initiative to build healthier communities. Students designed and implemented mobile screenings as part of their QI project. Working from the perspective of process improvement, RN-BSN students, along with faculty and ABSN students, conducted three mobile screenings on June 26, resulting in a wealth of data that will inform future Imagine U initiatives. Not only did they provide health screenings to over 70 MUSC employees, the faculty and students from the CON had the opportunity to collaborate with Imagine U key personnel and to interact with employees from across campus. As we strive to Change What's Possible, our RN-BSN program is prioritizing compassion, integrity, respect, collaboration, and innovation.



Students Visit Ronald McDonald House

ABSN students visited the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) on July 12 for a legacy building family event. Students used their clinical experiences that focused on hospice and palliative care to facilitate legacy work for 10 RMH families who have critically or chronically ill children at the the MUSC Children's Hospital. Legacy work in palliative care involves loved ones making connections and sharing precious moments while providing health and comfort to the patient.



On July 17, 12 DNP students presented their doctoral defense. Congratulations to **Tara Belcher**, **Aminah Fraser-Rahim**, **Brandon Gates**, **Carolyn Ann Gentles**, **Leslie Justice**, **Mary Mitchell**, **Michelle Mejia**, **Megan Moreno**, **Bradley Reeder**, **Daisy Smith**, **Megan White**, and **Lelia Wilson** who were all successful in their defense and will graduate in December.

Funded Grant

PI: Susan D. Newman, PhD, RN, CRRN

Sponsor: Sigma Theta Tau International

Project Period: November 1, 2018 – May 1, 2020

Amount: \$10,000

Title: A Qualitative Exploration of Peer Mentoring after Spinal Cord Injury in Delhi, India

Goal: To gain an in-depth understanding of the community-based peer mentoring experience after spinal cord injury in India. Results will guide future efforts with our Indian collaborators to develop and implement a structured, community-based, peer supported, spinal cord injury self-management intervention.

Grant Submissions

PI: Kenneth Ruggiero, PhD

Sponsors: Sub. Boston University/National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Title: Optimizing Efforts to Restore Psychiatric and Social Function After a Major Hurricane

Goal: To study of the effects of Hurricane Harvey-related exposures on mental health, social, and economic outcomes using a pre-, peri-, and post-hurricane framework.

PI: Shannon Phillips, PhD, RN

Sponsor: NIH/National Institute for Nursing Research

Title: SMYLS: A Self-Management Program for Youth Living with Sickle Cell Disease

Goal: To address symptoms self-management for adolescents with sickle cell disease through an mHealth intervention with a focus on providing tools and resources to improve the transition to self-management.

PI: Tracy Stecker, PhD

Sponsor: University of Rochester/Military Suicide Research Consortium

Title: Brief Phone Interventions to Improve Treatment Utilization Among At-Risk Military Personnel

Goal: To test the effectiveness of an evidence-based cognitive-behavioral intervention to improve treatment initiation vs. the combination of this evidence-based intervention and a two-session CBT-Insomnia treatment 'primer' in military members and veterans at-risk for suicide who are resistant to initiating mental health treatment.

PI: Amy Williams, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC

Sponsor: Sub PASOs/W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Title: Improving Opportunities for Latino Children in S.C.

Goal: To extract developmental milestones data from medical charts. The data will provide insight into the on-the-ground implementation at the clinic level and the process for showing outcomes via the medical records combined with PASOs data.

Recent Work

Lauerer, J., Marenakos, K.G., Gaffney, K., Ketron, C., Huncik, K. (2018). Integrating behavioral health in the pediatric medical home. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*. doi/10.1111/jcap.12195

Lawrence, K., Messias, D.K.H., Cason, M.L. (2018). Practice of high fidelity simulation use in baccalaureate nursing programs. *Nursing Forum*, 1-7. doi: 10.1111/nuf.12279.

Sarah Fath Screws, MSN, RN, presented, "Mass

Casualty Incident Disaster Design and Implementation for a Small Space with Limited Resources,"

in June at the 2018 International Nursing Association for Simulation and Clinical Learning in Toronto, Canada.



The Elder Abuse Training & Treatment Program hosted a community resource fair in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15. The event



(L-R) CON's Jordan Hardy, Melba Hernandez-Tejada and Mara Steedley were on hand to answer questions at the resource fair.

highlighted services that provide social support to older adults, which is a major factor in preventing elder abuse and neglect. Twenty-four organizations including Meals on Wheels, YMCA, My Sister's House, Trident United Way and others were on hand to educate the community about their services.

Two graduates of the CON's PhD program, **Rebecca Freeman, PhD '13, RN, PMP**, and **Dru Riddle, PhD '15, DNP, CRNA**, will be inducted in the American Academy of Nursing. The organization selected 195 Academy fellows to represent the 2018 class. Inductees will be honored at a ceremony in November at the Academy's annual policy conference, Transforming Health, Driving Policy, in Washington, D.C in November.



Freeman



Riddle

Desiree Bertrand, PhD '18, RN, a 2016 American Academy of Nursing Jonas Policy Scholar, has co-authored two papers in *Nursing Outlook*.

- Perez, G.A., Rose, K.M., Caceres, B.A., Spurlock, W., Bowers, B., Lutz, B., Arslanian-Engoren, C., Reuter-Rice, K., Bressler, T., Wicks, M., Taylor, D., Johnson-Mallard, V., Kostas-Polston, E., Hagan, T., **Bertrand, D.**, Reinhard, S.C. (2018). Position statement: Policies to support family caregivers. *Nursing Outlook*, 66 (3), 337-340. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.outlook.2018.04.009>.
- Wicks, M.N., Alejandro, J., **Bertrand, D.**, Boyd, C.J., Coleman, C.L., Haozous, E., Meade, C.D., Meek, P.M. (2018). Achieving advance care planning in diverse, underserved populations. *Nursing Outlook*, 66 (3), 311-315. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.outlook.2018.04.001>.

Attn: New Graduates | MUSC student email accounts will remain active for 60 days after a student's conferred graduation date in the Colleague Student Information System. MUSC allows for this amount of time so that new graduates can transfer their MUSC student emails and other important files to a new non-MUSC email account. Nevertheless, for security purposes, students cannot set up automatic forwarding from their MUSC student email account to a non-MUSC email account. Graduates must manually forward any emails/files to a new email account before the 60-day post-graduation deadline.

As a courtesy to our alumni, MUSC Alumni Affairs developed an e-mail forwarding system that allows you to set up a special permanent e-mail address that you may use no matter how often you change e-mail providers or employers. However, current messages in an MUSC student account **will not** automatically transfer to their new [MUSC alumni email account](#). Graduates must sign-up for this account and it is clearly communicated that this is independent of their MUSC student email accounts on the [Email for Life website](#). While this forwarding address does not eliminate the need for you to have your own e-mail account, friends and colleagues will always be able to reach you through a permanent e-mail address, even if you've not been in touch for some time. Just be sure to keep your "forward to provider address"

Planned Giving 101: Did You Know?

A gift of life insurance is an easy way to support the College of Nursing. You can either make MUSC the owner of your policy or name us as a beneficiary of the policy.

Making MUSC the owner of the policy allows for an immediate income tax charitable deduction for the policy value and no change in your cash flow.

Making MUSC the policy's beneficiary may be beneficial to you because the death benefit of your policy will not be included in your estate, which may save estate tax if your estate exceeds the applicable exemption amount. Also, there will be no change in your cash flow.

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