

# eCONNECTIONS

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## Telling Our Story

By Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

In New Mexico there is a clay storyteller figurine made by the Pueblo Indians. The figure is surrounded by children who represent all those who listen to the storyteller. The telling of stories is an ancient and intimate tradition between the storyteller and the listener. The storyteller reveals, and thus shares, him/herself through the telling, and listeners reveal and share themselves through their reception of the story.

Storytelling creates a personal bond with the teller and the listeners and leaves a powerful impression on the listener. I am sure each of us can remember a story that personally moved us and perhaps changed our perceptions of life.

We in nursing have powerful stories to tell. Our stories start with how we interface with patients, families and communities. For example, in **December 2017, Gallup News announced that for the 16th consecutive year, Americans ranked nurses as having the highest level of honesty and ethical standards among 22 top occupations.** More than eight in 10 Americans (82 percent) describe nurses' ethics as "very high" or "high." In fact, nurses have surpassed all other professions every year but one since Gallup first asked about them in 1999. That year was 2001 and we all understand why firemen were selected that year given the tragedy of 9/11.

But sadly that "news" about nursing gets very little media coverage. So we need to move beyond data to telling our story. Part of our story includes what drew each of us into the field of nursing and what motivated us to engage in this physically and psychologically challenging profession. Often



it was because we were inspired by nurses who cared for our own loved ones.

And then we have the stories of those for whom we have cared. We have narratives of their amazing journeys as they navigated the health care system and the ways in which we fortified their strengths and buffered their vulnerabilities. We have had quiet moments holding hands, wiping tears, celebrating successes, and always comforting them with the hope of a better tomorrow.

Every story has an impact. I hope that we can begin to share our stories with others. So what's your story? If you let us know we can begin sharing them. For example, we could highlight one of our "Nurse's Story" each month on our website. Maybe you have other ideas as well. Let me know what you think. I am interested in your story and others will be too. — Gail

## College Earns Top Ranking for Fifth Consecutive Year

The *U.S. News & World Report* has once again named the MUSC College of Nursing among the nation's



best online graduate nursing schools. The college ranks No. 3 overall, No. 2 among public universities, and No. 1 for veterans in the publication's [2018 U.S. News Best Online Programs Rankings](#).

In recent years, online learning has become an innovative way for students to learn instruction at some of the top nursing schools in the U.S. In a rapidly growing and competitive market, this is the fifth year in a row that the school has been ranked in the top three.

"As one of the first nursing schools to forge into online instruction, this top ranking again illustrates our commitment to promote innovative learning and practice to nurses across the country," said **Dean Gail Stuart, PhD**.

## MUSC on Forbes List of Best Employers for Diversity

MUSC has been ranked No. 53 out of 250 organizations on the [Forbes 2018 list of America's Best Employers for Diversity](#). In addition, MUSC ranked No. 6 among the 20 institutions listed in the education category.

*Forbes* asked 30,000 employees working for large U.S. companies and organizations to evaluate their employers on issues of diversity in the workplace. Participation in the survey was voluntary, and respondents were recruited from thousands of sources to maximize reach and representation of the U.S. workforce. A company's score is determined by four parts: direct employee recommendations, a public perception score, percentage share of women who fill top executive and board positions, and an index of objective and publicly available diversity key performance indicators.

"We take great pride in this recognition from *Forbes* because it acknowledges noteworthy progress toward achieving one of the five goals of our strategy for the future – to embrace diversity and inclusion," said MUSC President David Cole, MD, FACS.

## 2018 Alumni Award Winners

We are ecstatic about the colleges' upcoming 135th Anniversary Gala that will celebrate our remarkable 135 year journey and honor four outstanding individuals for their support and dedication to the nursing profession. We were blown away by the response and level of interest for this event as tickets quickly sold-out in January. We look forward to celebrating with those who will be in attendance but will miss those unable to be with us. Please look for coverage and photos in the next issue of *Lifelines*.

### Exemplary Recent Graduate Award



Dr. Michelle Mollica  
PhD | Class of 2014

### Distinguished Alumna Award



Maj. Gen. Dorothy Hogg  
MSN | Class of 1997

### Honorary Alumnus Award



Dr. David Garr  
Physician

### Outstanding Service Award



Mrs. Mary Watcher Swain  
BSN | Class of 1980

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*Thanks to the individuals who have generously supported the 135th Anniversary Gala: Mary Swain and Arnold Nemirow*

February 7 / 9:00 AM  
**NP/CNM Lobby Day**  
 SC Statehouse, Columbia

February 8 - 9  
**MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 Colcock Hall

February 9 / 1:00 - 2:30 PM  
**Exam & Quiz Writing Workshop**  
 CON 202

February 12 / 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
**Research Think Tank**  
 CON 513

February 12 / Noon  
**Dean's Dialogue**  
 CON 413

February 14 / Noon  
**DOTS**  
 CON 221

February 14 / Noon - 1:00 PM  
**Post Review Session:**  
**Julie Barroso's R01 grant**  
 CON 513

February 19 / Noon  
**Professional Development:**  
**Authorship and Getting Published**  
 CON 202

February 19 / 1:00 PM  
**Faculty & Staff Assembly**  
 CON 202

February 20 / Noon - 1:00 PM  
**Brainstorming Session:**  
**Emily Johnson's R21 grant**  
 CON 513

February 23  
**CON Alumni Awards / 6:30 PM**  
**135th Anniversary Gala / 7:00 PM**  
 SC Aquarium

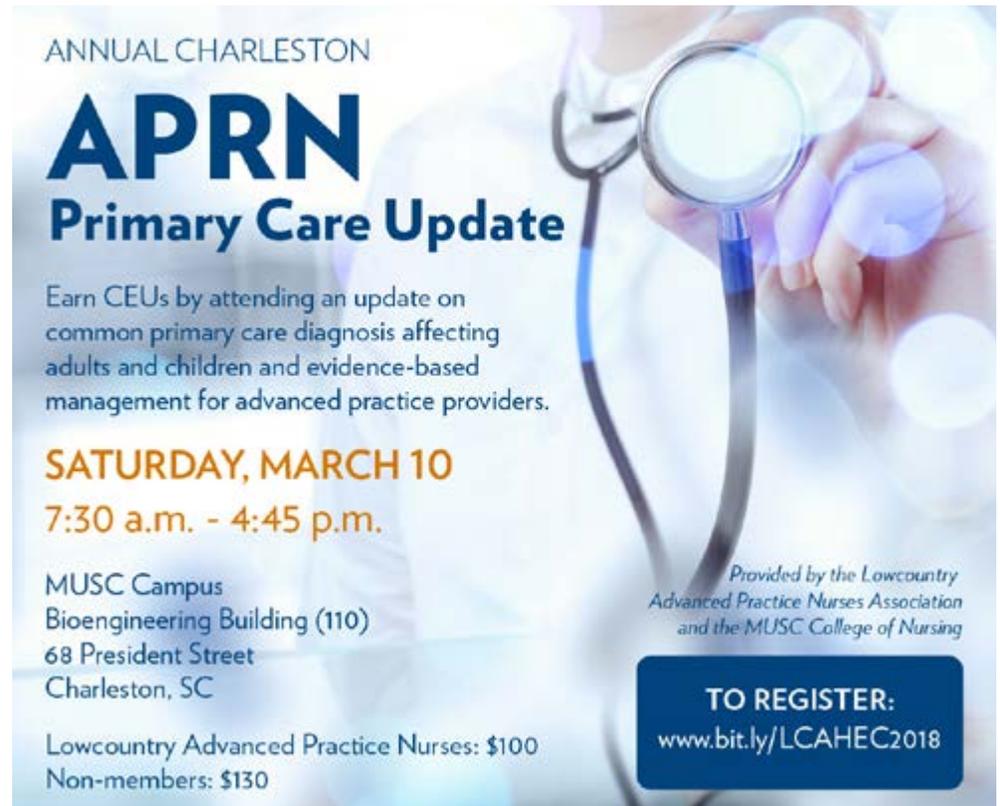
February 28 / Noon - 1:00 PM  
**Brainstorming Session: Potential**  
**areas for research in education**  
 CON 513

March 10 - 18  
**Spring Break**

March 10 / 7:30 AM - 4:45 PM  
**APRN Primary Care Update**  
 BEB 110

March 14 / Noon  
**DOTS**  
 CON 221

March 29 / 1:00 PM  
**Faculty & Staff Assembly**  
 CON 202



ANNUAL CHARLESTON

# APRN Primary Care Update

Earn CEUs by attending an update on common primary care diagnosis affecting adults and children and evidence-based management for advanced practice providers.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**  
**7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

MUSC Campus  
 Bioengineering Building (110)  
 68 President Street  
 Charleston, SC

*Provided by the Lowcountry  
 Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
 and the MUSC College of Nursing*

**TO REGISTER:**  
[www.bit.ly/LCAHEC2018](http://www.bit.ly/LCAHEC2018)

Lowcountry Advanced Practice Nurses: \$100  
 Non-members: \$130



2ND ANNUAL

# QUALITATIVE RESEARCH INTENSIVE

Join us for a week-long series of classes for researchers and others who wish to learn how to develop and implement a qualitative research project.

- **DISCUSS** when a qualitative approach is appropriate
- **DISCOVER** how to frame your research purpose and questions
- **DETERMINE** which qualitative approach to use
- **DEVISE** data collection options, including focus group strategies and interview question development, and data analysis

**JUNE 4 - 8, 2018**

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 of South Carolina

## Submitted Grants

**PI:** Tracy Stecker, PhD

**Sponsor:** University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/NIH/NCCIH

**Title:** A randomized trial of a peer-delivered CBT intervention to improve engagement with and outcomes of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

**Goal:** To examine the impact of behavioral interventions that is based on cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques but delivered by peers to help individuals with opioid use disorder seek treatment. This intervention may help patients overcome their self-imposed barriers to seeking care and will include a peer helping the patient make an appointment and “handing off” the patient to a peer specialist located in the treatment clinic.

**PI:** Martina Mueller, PhD

**Sponsor:** McLean Hospital/NIH/NIA

**Title:** A Randomized Controlled Trial of Electroconvulsive Therapy versus Usual Care for the Acute Management of Severe Agitation in Alzheimer’s Dementia (ECT-AD)

**Goal:** MUSC’s ECT-AD Data Center will provide independent oversight and management of data collection, data flow, data entry, data quality assurance, and data analysis activities.

## Publications & Presentations

- Publication

Sieverdes, J.C., Bergamin, M., Chandler, J., Noltemeyer, Z., Moore, T.L., Baliga, P.K., Ruggiero, K.J., Campbell, R.C., Nemeth, L.S., Treiber, F.A., Juergens, K. and Jenkins, C.H. (2017) Lifestyle intervention for transplant success (LIFTS) mobile health wellness program for kidney wait listed patients: Development and design. *International Archives of Nursing and Health Care*, 3(4).

[doi.org/10.23937/2469-5823/1510086](https://doi.org/10.23937/2469-5823/1510086)

- Poster Presentation

Durham, C., Smith, G., Lauerer, J. (Jan. 2018) Building Competence in Behavioral Health Concepts for Nurse Practitioner Students from Simple to Complex. American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Doctoral Education Conference, Naples FL.

## Grant Proposal Reviews

- Post Review Session: Dr. Julie Barroso’s R01 grant: “A multi-site RCT of a stigma reduction intervention for HIV-infected women”  
Feb. 14 | Noon - 1 pm | CON 513
- Brainstorming Session: Dr. Emily Johnson’s R21 grant: “Bariatric surgery access among the under-served diabetes population: Factors and implications”  
Feb. 20 | Noon - 1 pm | CON 513
- Brainstorming Session: Potential Areas for Research in Education  
Feb. 28 | Noon - 1 pm | CON 513

## Research Think Tank

A Research Think Tank will be held on February 12 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in CON 513. Leigh Ridings, PhD, a post-doc working with Ken Ruggiero, PhD, plans to submit a K23 application to NIH (NICHD or NIMH) in June to support training and research around development, testing, and dissemination of technology-enhanced intervention models to address the needs of families affected by pediatric traumatic injury. If you are experienced or interested in any of these areas please come and contribute to a lively discussion. Note: We will have the conference phone available. To participate from a distance please call the conference line at 843-876-1080 (passcode: 102714).

## Lowcountry Nursing Research Conference: Call for abstracts

The Nursing Research Councils of Roper St. Francis and MUSC will be hosting their third joint nursing research conference in conjunction with the Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. The conference will focus on bridging the gap between clinical practices and nursing research while building relationships among community partners in nursing excellence.

When: Friday, April 27, 2018

Where: Roper St. Francis Office Park  
(8536 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy, Ladson, SC 29456)

All abstracts must be [submitted online](#) by February 15.

## CNN Commentator to Keynote FHCN 50th Anniversary Luncheon



Bakari Sellers, CNN Political Commentator and former member of the SC House of Representatives will be the keynote speaker at Fetter Health Care Network's 50th Anniversary Luncheon, Feb. 24, noon at Trident Technical College. A Silent Auction will proceed the luncheon at 11:00 AM.

"Representative Sellers is a strong supporter of Fetter's 50 year mission to provide access to quality, affordable health care to our underserved and low-income neighbors in the Lowcountry," said **Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, RN**, associate professor in the MUSC College of Nursing and chair of Fetter's Board of Directors, "We are delighted that he will be our keynote speaker and will also participate in a question and answer session with audience participation."

Fetter's 50th Anniversary Luncheon tickets may be purchased at

[www.FetterHealthCare.org/donate](http://www.FetterHealthCare.org/donate) or call 843-712-7319. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Known nationally as a CNN Political Commentator, Bakari Sellers was born in 1984 and raised in Denmark, SC. After earning his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College, Sellers went on to graduate from the University Of South Carolina School Of Law in 2008. Originally elected to the SC House representing the 90th District, he was one of the youngest State Representatives and the youngest black elected official in the United States. In 2014, he ran as a candidate for Lt. Governor of South Carolina.

Fetter Health Care Network, formerly known as the Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Center, was established under the auspices of the Medical University of South Carolina as a demonstration project initially funded by the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity. It was established to provide comprehensive health care services to Charleston's low-income community. It is the oldest federally-qualified, health center in South Carolina. Initial funding was secured by a group of concerned citizens including Dr. Franklin C. Fetter (former dean of the College of Medicine and the first vice-president at MUSC), Father Henry Grant (community organizer), former SC Senator Herbert U. Fielding, former U.S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings, and Mr. J. Arthur Brown (community leader).

FHCN has been a supporter of advance practice nurses and provides clinical learning opportunities for MUSC undergraduate and graduate nursing students. They have been partners on research and practice grants in the College of Nursing.

## Earl B. Higgins Leadership in Diversity Awards Nominations

[Nominations](#) are being accepted for the 2018 [Earl B. Higgins Leadership in Diversity Awards](#). Established to honor MUSC's former director of minority affairs, Dr. Earl B. Higgins, the awards acknowledge the outstanding contributions, persistence and dedication individual members of the MUSC community (students, faculty, staff and health care professionals) have made towards enhancing and advancing diversity and inclusion at MUSC.

Submissions must be received by 5:00 PM, February 5.

## Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards

Submission deadlines are approaching. Each year outstanding faculty members are recognized with university-wide awards for teaching, research, service and advising during Faculty Convocation. Deadlines for nominations for the awards given by the MUSC Foundation and the Provost are quickly approaching (see schedule below). Visit the [Faculty Awards Page](#) for details and consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty members.

### MUSC Foundation Awards

Teaching Excellence Awards - February 19, 2018

Population Health Award - March 15, 2018

Outstanding Clinician Award - March 15, 2018

Distinguished Faculty Service Award - March 15, 2018

### Provost Awards

Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award - March 15, 2018

Developing Scholar - March 15, 2018

## May Convocation and Graduation Details

It's not too early to begin planning for convocation and graduation. This year convocation, the pinning ceremony for the students earning their BSN and the hooding ceremony for the students earning a graduate degree, is scheduled for Friday, May 18 at 2:00 PM at [Charleston Music Hall](#). Graduates should arrive by 1:00 PM with group photos at 1:30 PM. Please limit the number of guests to three-four per graduate. Traffic and parking are always a challenge in Charleston, so car-pooling is advised. Parking information can be found on [Charleston Music Hall's](#) website. Valet parking is not available for this event. Convocation usually lasts 1.5 hours and should be finished by 3:30 PM.

Graduation for the entire university will be held Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 AM in the MUSC Horseshoe. **This is a change from the past when graduation was held on a Friday and convocation was held on a Thursday.** The ceremony usually lasts two hours. More details will be forthcoming from the [Office of Enrollment Management](#).

If you or guests are arriving from out-of-town, hotel reservations are important. If you are planning to go to lunch or dinner, reservations are highly suggested.

If you have questions about the degree application, contact Pat Cassano at [cassanpj@musc.edu](mailto:cassanpj@musc.edu).

## Best Health Care Jobs in 2018

Health care jobs accounted for eight of the top-10 jobs on [U.S. News' list of the top-100 best jobs in America for 2018](#), which covers all sectors. *U.S. News* notes that the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that the growth of employment in the health care sector will be "much quicker than the average for all jobs by 2026" (Knowles, Becker's Hospital Review, 1/11).

10 best jobs in health care for 2018

1. Software Developer
2. Dentist
3. Physician assistant
4. Nurse practitioner
5. Orthodontist
6. Statistician
7. Pediatrician
8. OB-GYN (tie)
8. Oral and maxillofacial surgeon (tie)
8. Physician (tie)

*Source: The Advisory Board Company*

## Critical Shortage of Blood

The Institute of Psychiatry will be hosting a blood drive March 9 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Weight Management Room on the 4th Floor of South Tower. Pizza from Andolinis and Red Cross T-shirts will be available for all donors. To schedule a donation time, email [jonesb@musc.edu](mailto:jonesb@musc.edu) or call 792-6341.

## National Wear Red Day February 2

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. Know your risk and protect your heart.



[nhlbi.nih.gov](http://nhlbi.nih.gov)



**NIH** National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



**#WearRedDay**