

eCONNECTIONS

JULY 2018

A Message from Dean Weglicki

I am writing to say hello and introduce myself as your new dean of the MUSC College of Nursing – a role I began just one month ago. During my first few weeks on campus, I was struck by the profound sense of community here at MUSC – among the faculty, staff, and students. My singular focus for the next few months will be learning how I can support and enhance the priorities, strengths, and work in all areas of the college. As I am new to the Charleston area, I bring to my role in the College of Nursing and my work with you, new ideas and perspectives viewed through a different lens, from which to build upon and set the direction for the future. The MUSC College of Nursing has such a long history and rich tradition of prominence and excellence, led by outstanding faculty and staff and talented, diverse, and high performing students. I believe together we can collectively and collaboratively build upon the many past successes in order to shape our vision and achieve our mission for the future of the college and that supports the discipline.

I was born and raised in Michigan, where I completed my nursing education, began a clinical practice, taught for 20 years, and developed a research program in health promotion and risk reduction working with urban at-risk populations.

In 2008, I moved to Maryland after I accepted a position at the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research (NIH/NINR) as a health scientist administrator. It was here that I developed and implemented research opportunities focused on health promotion and wellness grant- and contract-supported research activities designed to meet the nation's health needs and NINR science priorities in the areas of women, infant, child, and family health.

Three years later, I was appointed the chief of the Office of Extramural Programs (OEP), of NINR's Division of Extramural Activities. In this role, I managed NINR's extramural scientific portfolio and served as the primary point of contact for the OEP and the extramural community – including networking and mentoring leading nurse scientists and investigators who were advancing nursing science.

In 2014, I moved to Florida and accepted the position of professor and Schmidt Family Foundation Distinguished Professor and associate dean of nursing research and scholarship and Ph.D. studies in the College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University. In this role my priority was devoted to faculty and doctoral student mentorship and in enhancing a culture of research and research productivity to support the research mission of the college and university. *(Continued on next page)*



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*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old, but building the new.*

— Socrates

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Dean Weglicki...*cont. from p. 1*

Over the years, I have mentored many students from undergraduate honors students to post-doctorates and faculty from very young to seasoned researchers, and together we published in a variety of interdisciplinary journals. My publications and professional research presentations have included studies of risky behavior in youth and young adults, eHealth applications to promote health among older adults, and environmental risks associated with air pollution. I am an advocate of interdisciplinary research collaborations and partnerships to promote team science and translational research.

I received my BSN and MSN degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and my Ph.D. in nursing (health promotion/risk reduction/prevention) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. My research has focused on health promotion in ethnically diverse urban populations and included collaborations with international researchers, with the findings relevant for clinicians and researchers alike.

My husband, Larry, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and has extensive experience in internal controls/auditing. He continues to work in Florida for the Miami-Dade County Office of The Inspector General. He previously held positions at the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Internal Revenue Service, General Motors Corporation, The Detroit Edison Company, and Chrysler Corporation. We have two adult children. Our son, David, is a radiologist, who lives in Illinois, and our daughter, Michelle, is a tax analyst, who recently moved to Mt. Pleasant from Florida. In addition to my professional interests, I enjoy gardening and cooking. My family is the center of my universe, they are my heart and soul, and they keep me grounded as well as motivate me to be true to myself and have always supported me in pursuing my professional goals.

As a new dean, I know that I have a steep learning curve and I will need your assistance. I will look to the faculty and staff to help me navigate this amazing new journey – a journey we will travel together. I also look forward to connecting with the college's alumni community and making personal connections. I encourage all graduates to reach out. I welcome your thoughts, reflections, and ideas as we move forward to achieve a shared vision for the future of South Carolina's premier nursing college. Once again, I am honored to have been selected to serve as the next dean of the College of Nursing, and I look forward to becoming part of the MUSC family. Respectfully, Linda

JANELLE OTHERSEN VISITING PROFESSORSHIP LECTURE

« — Promoting Areas of Distinction:
Navigating Challenges and Opportunities Collaboratively — »

Presented by

Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN

Dean and Professor of the MUSC College of Nursing

Wednesday, July 18

4:00 p.m. (reception to follow)



 MUSC Drug Discovery Auditorium
70 President Street, Charleston, SC

RSVP to
schwarsa@musc.edu

JULY

July 4

Independence Day Holiday

CON closed

July 4 / 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

SNA Event: One80 Place Cookout

35 Walnut St.

July 11

DOTS

CON 202

July 10 / 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Imagine U Celebration

MUSC Horseshoe

July 12

SNA Percent Night @ Revelry Brewing

10 Conroy Street

July 16 - 20

PhD Orientation

CON

July 16 / 1:00 pm

Faculty & Staff Assembly

CON 202

July 18 - 19

DNP Orientation

CON

July 18 / 4:00 pm

Janelle Othersen Lecture

Drug Discovery Auditorium

AUGUST

August 16 / 4:00 pm

RN to BSN Pinning

St. Luke's Chapel

August 20 / 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Faculty Retreat

Mt. Pleasant Waterfront Park

August 20 - 23

ABSN Orientation for student 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



Lisa K. Saladin, PT, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
requests the honor of your presence at

FACULTY CONVOCATION

to celebrate the new academic year and
honor faculty award recipients

Tuesday, August 21

4:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Teresa Stephens, Ph.D., MSN, RN
College of Nursing

Drug Discover Building
Room 110



Imagine U

Building Well-being Together

Imagine U Celebration

Beach-inspired well-being activities, refreshments,
information and more!

Tuesday, July 10 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
in the Horseshoe

Please email Jo Sullivan (sullivan@musc.edu) to
enter the healthy dessert bake-off contest. The first
10 people to enter will be eligible for the contest.



Changing What's Possible

Nursing Students Help MUSC Employees Know Their Health Info

One of several employee worksite health screenings took place June 26 in the CON building. Blood pressure readings and basic labs were provided as part of the Office of Health Promotion's "Know Your Numbers" campaign. The College of Nursing teamed up with the Office of Health Promotion so that nursing students could perform the screenings as part of a class project for the RN to BSN Summer Practicum course. Students measured blood pressure, total cholesterol, fasting glucose, height and weight.

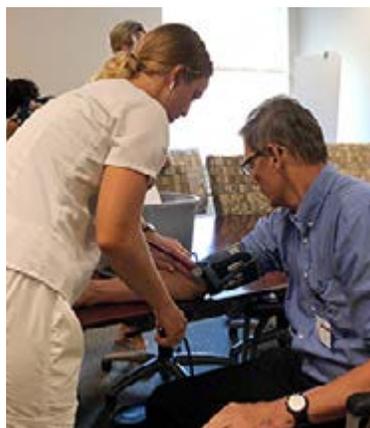
Employees will use the information collected to complete MUSC's Imagine U Health Risk Assessment. Imagine U is a healthy lifestyle initiative developed by Susan L. Johnson, Ph.D., director of the Office of Health Promotion, and ties in with the MUSC strategic plan Imagine 2020 goal of building healthy communities. The health risk assessment is completely anonymous and data is only available to MUSC as a compilation. The university will use the aggregate data to establish outcome metrics.

In a five-minute walk-up visit, MUSC employees were able to gather their vital health information. Using their own health risk assessment info, employees will set personal goals. The idea is that better personal health will translate into a healthier MUSC community. "Over the course of the program, there will be self-checks, competitions, and some pretty cool prizes," said Johnson. "It's really about getting baseline data to see, after we implement all these tactics, how we can improve the health of the people at MUSC," said **Andrea Coyle, RN**, clinical instructor and Magnet program director.

"It is worthwhile to get random blood draws," said **Elaine Amella, PhD, RN, FAAN**, professor and former nurse practitioner. "Nobody can consume enough calories to push their blood glucose up to 400," she said.

A high non-fasting glucose reading would indicate an underlying issue. Employee well-being is important to MUSC Health. It all starts with the first step: employees participating in mobile health screenings.

(Catherine Smith, The Catalyst, contributed to this article.)



ABSN Students Get Oriented to MUSC

On June 8, Student Services hosted a mini-orientation session for incoming ABSN students. More than 60 students braved a rainy afternoon in preparation for the start of classes in August. The ABSN Class of December 2019 had the opportunity to meet one another, as well as the Student Services staff. New students were presented with a program overview, time management tips, how to calculate tuition and fees and other essential guidelines and policies. Presentations from organizations around campus included Student Health, the Interprofessional Office, and Financial Aid. New students also had the chance to speak with current students about the advantages and challenges in the ABSN program. Students also highlighted leadership opportunities and after-hours fun that can be found in College of Nursing. An in-depth orientation will begin August 20 with a campus-wide orientation and will conclude August 23 with the Stethoscope Ceremony at 4:30 PM for all new ABSN students and their family and friends.

Friends and family
of the
BSN Class of 2019
are invited to the

Stethoscope Ceremony

August 23
4:30 PM

Drug Discovery
Auditorium

Funded Grant

PI: Gigi Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC

Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration

Project Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Title: Nurse Faculty Loan Program

Goal: This competing continuation application is for financial loan support for students enrolled in the PhD or the DNP degree programs in the College of Nursing.

Grant Submissions

PI: Kenneth Ruggiero, PhD

Sponsors: Sub. Boston University/National Institutes of Health

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, drawing on both original and existing data, and including simulations or in silico experiments that will shed light on the potential benefits and the comparative treatment- and cost-effectiveness of candidate interventions. Overall, this study aims to help elucidate the interplay between individual-level and community-level factors on multiple dimensions of health in post-disaster settings – data that is urgently needed and that can be used to inform prevention, identification of risk, and treatment planning at individual and community levels.

PI: Ron Acierno, PhD

Sponsor: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities - NIH

Title: Treatment of Bereavement in American Indians After Motor Vehicle Crash

Goal: To leverage relationships with American Indian Community partners to culturally refine and subsequently evaluate an individual treatment for complicated grief, delivered by community based paraprofessional, following motor vehicle crashes, which are the leading cause of death in American Indians age 0 to 44.

PI: Emily Johnson, PhD

Sponsor: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities - NIH

Title: Understanding Multi-Level Facilitators and Barriers to Bariatric Surgery for Underserved Populations

Goal: 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 two main stakeholder groups; patients with obesity and diabetes and primary care physicians, to identify in-depth barriers to access to care, not identifiable with quantitative analysis.

PI: Kenneth Ruggiero, PhD

Sponsor: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities - NIH

Title: Bounce Back Now: A Low-Cost Intervention to Facilitate Post-Disaster Recovery – Administrative Supplement

Goal: To capitalize on unforeseeable events from the 2017 hurricane season to extend the mental health disparities foci of the parent grant. The supplement fits the recent call for such supplements by the NIMH by developing and validating Spanish language content of the existing intervention and addressing important and novel scientific questions addressing the utility of a scalable resource that has potential to reduce mental health access and outcome disparities.

PI: Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN

Sponsor: National Institute of Nursing Research - NIH

Title: Symptoms Clusters: Psychological, Physical, Microbial and Inflammatory Factors Associated with Chronic Venous Leg Ulcers

Goal: To establish whether symptoms cluster around wound and psychosocial symptoms within certain wound characteristics, in adults aged 18 and above with different ages of chronic leg ulcers of venous origin. Pain, physical activity and quality of life are study outcomes.

PI: Frank A. Treiber, PhD

Sponsor: Sub. USC/National Institutes of Health

Title: Genetic Pathways Influence Motivational Interventions for Obesity

Goal: To use underlying genetic predisposition to better identify youth most likely to benefit from a particular motivational intervention for obesity prevention. Specifically, apply a precision behavioral medicine approach by identifying genetic variants and pathways predisposing for responsiveness to interventions.

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Grant Submissions...*cont. from p. 5*

PI: Leigh Ridings, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - NIH

Title: A Scalable mHealth Resource to Facilitate Behavioral and Emotional Recovery after Pediatric Traumatic Injury

Goal: To develop, systematically evaluate, and test an mHealth intervention for pediatric traumatic injury (PTI) patients (ages 0-11) that will be delivered to caregivers to target caregivers' and children's emotional and behavioral recovery.

PI: Kathleen Cartmell, PhD, MPH

Sponsor: National Cancer Institute - NIH

Title: Feasibility and Acceptability of Electronic Standing Orders for Adolescent Vaccination as a Strategy to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates

Goal: To implement and evaluate a health system level intervention for using electronic standing orders for adolescent vaccination, coupled with clinical team training on adolescent vaccination (with a focus on HPV vaccination), strong provider recommendation and education for adolescent patients and their parents, vaccine reminders for patients and providers, and performance feedback as a strategy to dramatically improve HPV vaccination rates.

CON Honors Five Retirees

On June 18, the college honored five women each who have given many years of non-stop work to MUSC. With a combined service of more than 130 years, **Barbara Edlund, Joanne Langdale, Lynn Shull, Gail Stuart** and **Deborah Williamson** leave an indelible mark on MUSC and the College of Nursing. Once their long lists of to-dos, books to read, and lands to explore is exhausted, perhaps we will see these remarkable ladies pursuing a yet-to-be-determined second act. Until then we wish them well.

