



# NURSING and HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA  
Autumn 2014 Newsletter

## Welcome to the new Academic Year!

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We are pleased to share our newest initiative: an electronic newsletter providing a great vehicle for sharing upcoming events and news of faculty, staff, students and alumni. In this issue, we will focus on introducing our new faculty and staff and share some of our alums' achievements.

[Let us hear from you too!](#)



Sharon Gavin Fought, RN, PH.D.  
Director

## Welcome New Members to the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Program Team!



David Reyes

### David Reyes, DNP, MN, MPH, RN, APHN-BC

David Reyes joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor in August, 2014, and has held clinical, educational and leadership roles in the community and public health, acute care, home health, and perioperative nursing. His primary interests are in population health systems and leadership to improve outcomes for diverse, vulnerable and underserved populations.

### Samantha Girard, MN, RN, PHN

Samantha Girard is a new full time Lecturer and also a doctoral student at Washington State University College of Nursing. She earned a Master of Nursing from the University of Washington Bothell, a BSN from San Diego State University and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Maric College. Her interest in nursing education leadership is built upon a strong foundation of 12 years of clinical experience in emergency and public health nursing, seven years of clinical nursing instruction, and six years as a full-time lecturer.



Samantha Girard

### Sharon Hansen, MN, RN, CCRN



Sharon Hansen

Sharon Hansen is a new lecturer and also is currently a Critical Care Educator for MultiCare Health System. She began with Good Samaritan in 1988, and now develops education for ICU RNs. When Good Samaritan and MultiCare partnered, Sharon joined the MHS education team. She has taught ACLS for the Carlson Consulting Group for the past 16 years and is particularly interested in sepsis management as well as hemodynamic monitoring. She graduated from PLU in 1986 with a BSN and from University of Washington Tacoma MN program in 2014.

### Jessica Immerman—Program Coordinator

Jessica Immerman joined our staff in August 2014 and her new role includes managing BSN admissions. Jessica came to us from her position in the Nursing department with Pacific Lutheran University. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and a Bachelor's from University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

### Assistant Professor Katie Adamson Haerling selected as a 2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announced the 12 talented nursing faculty members from across the country who have been chosen to participate in its prestigious *Nurse Faculty Scholars* program this year.

The accompanying three-year, \$350,000 award will help Haerling support research which compares learning outcomes and costs associated with two high-technology, experiential student learning activities: Manikin-based simulation and virtual simulation.

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### Rea Honored for Work in Emergency Nursing



Ruth Rea, RNC, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor

UW Tacoma Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Associate Professor Ruth Rea was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing this October for her leadership and research in the field of emergency nursing. She and nine others, from around the nation and the world, will join the 110 members of the academy, all of whom have provided leadership and made significant, lasting contributions in the field of emergency nursing.

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### Alumni Focus

The University of Washington Tacoma Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Program celebrates the achievements of our alumni

- \***Donna Biederman, DRPH, MN, RN**  
Dr. Biederman joined the faculty at Duke University as an Assistant Professor. She completed a BSN in 2004 and an MN in 2006.  
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- \***Amber McAlphin, BSN alum**  
Amber earned her BSN in 2012. She happily reports that she started a position in September as an OR nurse at Harborview.  
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- \***MN alumna Jan Runbeck, MN, RN**  
Winner of the Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 2014 Community Service Award  
Jan was also featured on the Daily Show with John Stewart!  
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- \***Carol O'Neal, MN alumna, 2005**, is the new Assistant Dean for Nursing Education Programs at Grays Harbor College.  
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- \***MN alumni Lori Chudnosfsky and UW Medicine Supporting Somali Mothers in Puget Sound.**  
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- \***Vinita Singh, MN graduate, 2014**, has a new position as Manager of Cardiac at Valley Medical Center.  
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### Janet Primomo joins 2014 Washington State Nurses Association Hall of Fame

WSNA unveiled its 2014 Hall of Fame inductees, recognizing the dedication and achievements of Washington State registered nurses who have made significant lifetime accomplishments in the nursing profession.

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Janet Primomo, RN, MSN, PhD,  
Associate Professor

### Applications being accepted for Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer

The University of Washington Tacoma (UW Tacoma) is now inviting applications for multiple positions in the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Programs to begin September 16, 2015. Positions are available at the ranks of Assistant Professor (tenure-track, multi-year) or Senior Lecturer (non-tenure track, eligible for multi-year), based on qualifications and interest. These are full-time positions with a nine-month service period.

To find out more information on position requirements, and how to apply, [click here](#).



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Congratulations to our 2014 graduating class!

- Healthcare Leadership graduates: 31
- BSN graduates: 92
- MN graduates: 26



#### 2014 Annual Award Recipients

- MN Outstanding Scholar Award: Linda Gilson, MN '14
- MN Outstanding Alumni Award: Julie Peerboom, BSN '00, MN '05
- Community Partner Award: Gretchen Hansen and the Salishan Community Health Advocates

The University of Washington Tacoma Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a UW Tacoma Nursing Program alumni whose career in nursing exemplifies excellence. To learn more about the yearly annual awards, criteria and nomination process [click here](#).

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