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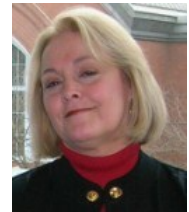
Autumn 2015 Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

Autumn quarter brings to campus new undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty and staff! At last count, we number over 160 undergrads in our BA in healthcare leadership and BSN programs and 60 in the Master of Nursing program. In addition, our collaboration around the doctoral (Ed.D.) program in educational leadership supports those students whose professional lives evolve around faculty, supervisory and administrative roles in nursing and other health science disciplines. We are fortunate in having new faculty and staff join us and share brief introductions below.

[Let us know](#) what you, too, would like to see in future updates.



Sharon Gavin Fought, RN, PH.D. Director

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

Sharon Laing, Ph.D, Assistant Professor



Sharon Laing

Sharon Laing joined the faculty as Assistant Professor in September, 2015. She has held postdoctoral fellowships at Rutgers University and University of Washington Seattle, where she is currently an affiliate research investigator. Dr. Laing is the recipient of several awards and honors including a pre-doctoral award from the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Medical Research program. Her current research focuses on utilizing mobile devices to influence healthcare decision making in low income communities.

Patsy Maloney, Ed.D, RN, Senior Lecturer

Patsy Maloney joined the faculty in September, 2015. Dr. Maloney has held clinical, educational and administrative roles. Her clinical experience includes emergency, medical-surgical, critical care and pediatric nursing. Her educational experience includes teaching nursing in graduate and undergraduate programs, directing a continuing nursing education center and administrative roles.



Patsy Maloney



Lindsey McBride

Lindsey McBride, Undergraduate Advisor for HCL and BSN students

Lindsey comes to us from the UW Bothell campus where she was the lead academic advisor for IAS. After 8 years at UW Bothell, she is excited to be returning to Tacoma where she was both born and raised. Lindsey is the Advisor/Liaison for the Partners in Action to Transform Healthcare (PATH) student organization. Lindsey is excited to be working alongside students, faculty and staff on our diverse campus.

Alumni Focus

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

Shallae Hobbs, RN, MN

Shallae Hobbs, 2014 MN alum, happily reports she recently started a position at Tacoma Public Schools as the Administrator of Health Services.

Julie Peerboom, ARNP

Julie Peerboom, 2000 BSN and 2005 MN alum, has received an "Excellence Through Insight" award for Top Performance In Oncology. Congratulations Julie! For more info, click [here](#).

Kristina Weiss, MN

Kristina Weiss, a 2012 MN alum, is at Gonzaga University completing the nurse practitioner program.

Letisha Newkirk, BSN, MN

Letisha Newkirk, 2006 BSN and 2011 MN alum, is now the CHI-Franciscan hospice division manager for territory extending into King County. Congrats!

Eileen Papale, BA

Eileen Papale, HCL alum 2015 is now working at Sound Physicians as Communications Specialist in Marketing and Communications.

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Tiffany Smith, MN, RN

Tiffany Smith, 2014 MN alum, is now working as nursing faculty at Pierce College. **Ronda**

Durano, MN, 2009 BSN and 2011 MN grad, was recently awarded tenure as well.

Congratulations to both!

Recent UWT MN graduates, **Megan Arzola, Kathleen Cuff Daman, and Yelena Watson,** along with Robin Conti and UWT Faculty, Dr. Katie Haerling, will present their work at the 16th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH 2016). Their research abstract, *Comparing the effects of virtual and manikin-based simulations: Initial findings from an ongoing multi-method study,* reflects their work on a research project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars Program.

To find out more about IMSH and the meeting, [click here.](#)

This fall, let's clear the air by retiring woodstoves

Robin Evans-Agnew, UWT Nursing & HCL and Renee Klein, Contributing writers

Dr. Robin Evans-Agnew and Renee Klein, CEO of the American Lung Association Mountain Pacific, combined their expertise and became "contributing writers" to the News Tribune. Their op-ed appeared in the September 25th edition of the paper. To read the publication, [click here.](#)



Joane Mocerri begins tenure as Dean of University of Portland School of Nursing

Joane Mocerri, BSN and MN alum, and former UWT faculty, accepted an appointment as Dean at the School of Nursing at University of Portland. Joane had originally joined UP 2012 and began service as the associate dean for the undergraduate nursing program in May 2013.

For more information, [click here.](#)

Susan Johnson, Assistant Professor for Nursing and Healthcare Leadership was honored this year with a 2015 Eddie Award Nomination. For more than 20 years, the Eddie & Ozzie Awards have recognized excellence in magazine editorial and design across all sectors of the industry. Susan was nominated for her publication "Creating Effective Anti-Bullying Policies" under the 'Single Article Healthcare/Medical/Nursing' category. It originally was published in the May 2015 issue of Nursing Management. Congratulations Susan on your nomination!

HIGHLIGHTS!

Congratulations to our 2015 graduating class!

Healthcare Leadership graduates: 29

BSN graduates: 83

MN graduates: 26



2015 Annual Award Recipients

MN Outstanding Scholar Award: Hanahlyn Park, MN 2014

Alumni Award: Donna Biederman, RN, Ph.D., BSN 2004, MN 2006

Community Partner Award: Medical Reserve Corps

To learn more about the annual awards, criteria and nomination processes, [click here.](#)

BABY NEWS! Congratulations to Assistant Professor Katie Haerling and her husband Joel on their joyous arrival of Adam Haerling, born September 16, 2015.

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