We are excited to share the news that our Nursing and Healthcare Leadership “Program” is now the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership. The designation of our collective academic offerings as a “program” reflected structures that were appropriate in 1992, when the BSN degree was initially offered in temporary facilities at UW Tacoma. Our designation as a “School” is consistent with our growth and development and more accurately reflects our organization today. The University of Washington Board of Regents approved this change at their May meeting; our status as a School was effective July 1, 2019.

Faculty Promotions—Johnson and Maloney

Dr. Susan Johnson is now tenured Associate Professor. A graduate of the UW School of Nursing, Dr. Johnson began as a lecturer for UW Tacoma Nursing in 2009. In 2013, she joined the School as an Assistant Professor. Her research is focused on workplace incivility.

Dr. Patsy Maloney was promoted to Principal Lecturer. Dr. Maloney has been a member of UW Tacoma faculty since 2015, following her role as Professor and Director of the Center for Continued Nursing Learning at Pacific Lutheran University. Her research focuses on nursing professional education and development.

Alumni Focus

Gloria Brigham, MN ’10, EdD ’16, is now Director of Nursing Practice with the Washington State Nurses Association.

Kate Burger, BSN ’12 and current UWT MN student, is the recipient of the Edith M. Pritchard Scholarship, via Nurses Educational Funds.

Ruby Crisostomo Tan, BSN ’16, has been elected to the Washington State Nurses Association’s Cabinet on Economic and General Welfare.

Glaries Binta Jatta, BSN ’15, recently began the Family Nurse Practitioner program at George Washington in Washington, DC.

Valerie Madas, BSN ’15, is back in the US after serving in Mongolia as part of the Peace Corps. She recently began the Master of Public Health program at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Alecia Nye MN ’04, is now Associate Dean of Nursing at Olympic College.

Moses Okello, BA in Healthcare Leadership ’17, was recently admitted to the UW Seattle Master of Health Informatics and Information Management program.
Assistant Professor Sharon Laing was invited to participate in a panel at the Forum on Advances in Healthcare Management Research during the 2020 Congress on Healthcare Leadership. The title of her talk will be "Physical Activity Support Predicts Use of Mobile Health Technology for Preventive Care."

Lecturer Jan Runbeck was quoted in a July News Tribune article, highlighting the impact of regional wildfires on the health of vulnerable populations.

Associate Professor Christine Stevens joined the Institute for Global Engagement and its Global Honors program as Faculty Associate Director. She will work to boost support for faculty teaching in Honors and assist in Global Honors curriculum development.

Assistant Professor Weichao Yuwen is one of only six early career nurse scientists selected to participate in the 2019 Duck-Hee Kang Memorial Mentored Workshop. The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science said of these individuals: "The selected participants represent the best and brightest rising nurse scientists from all over the country. We are thrilled to be able to be a part of the trajectory of their careers and look forward to seeing the work they accomplish in the future." A link to the press release of this announcement can be found here.

Senior Lecturer Kathleen Shannon Dorcy travelled to Kampala, Uganda, to attend The 2nd Uganda Conference On Cancer and Palliative Care. Eight teams of Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) nurses were proud presenters of work they accomplished in the past year. Dr. Shannon Dorcy had the privilege of assisting with projects, abstracts, posters and podium presentations. One of the nurses, Mariam Ndagire, received the “Best Oral Presentation” recognition at the conference. It was the first time nurses presented at the conference.

In September, Associate Professor Susan Johnson traveled to Israel to present a section of a two day class entitled “The Dark Side of Organizations.” The class was held at the Kinneret Academic College (on the Sea of Galilee) and was sponsored by the International Association of Workplace Bullying and Harassment. Attendees and presenters were from the fields of education, organizational psychology, human resource management, law and healthcare, and came from countries such as the UK, Ireland, Australia, Japan and of course, Israel.

Weichao Yuwen Selected For Prestigious Workshop

Susan Johnson in Israel

Kathleen Shannon Dorcy in Uganda
Recent Faculty Presentations and Publications

Assistant Professor Uba Backonja was part of the Guest Editorial Committee for the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association* special issue on health equity, published in August 2019. Dr. Backonja was also on a panel on health disparities and informatics at MedInfo, the international conference for health informatics professionals, held in Lyon, France. She spoke about the importance of integrating disparities related content into informatics courses and training programs.

Associate Professor Robin Evans-Agnew and Assistant Professor David Reyes attended a national town hall meeting at UW Seattle on the Future of Nursing. Organized by the National Academy of Medicine, nurses were invited to share their insights on advancing the nursing profession with a panel of leaders from across the country. Dr. Evans-Agnew, speaking on behalf of the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association, advocated for public health nursing funding, stating that our students have “an increased interest and passion...necessary for advancing the well-being of populations.”

Associate Professor Susan Johnson, with 2018 MN alumnus John Kagwe, co-authored “Factors Related to Intention to Leave and Job Satisfaction among Registered Nurses at a Large Psychiatric Hospital” in *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*. Additionally, Dr. Johnson, along with Associate Professor Katie Haerling and Assistant Professor Weichao Yuwen, published the findings of their study on the impact of incivility on clinical performance in the *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*.

Principal Lecturer Patsy Maloney is co-editor of the recently published *Making a Difference: An Anthology of Nursing Professional Development Stories* from the Association for Nursing Professional Development. In addition, Patsy is credited in two recent journal articles: “Meritorious Academic Partnership (MAP) Designation Program” in *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* and “Meritorious Academic Partnership Designation: Recognizing Nursing Professional Development in Graduate Curricula,” in *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*.

Assistant Professor David Reyes was an invited panel speaker at the Innovation in Healthcare meeting sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the AARP Foundation’s Center to Champion Nursing in America. The panel discussed the role of nurses, healthcare teams and trends in improving the health of individuals, families, and communities by addressing social determinants of health and providing effective, efficient, equitable, and accessible care. This meeting was held in conjunction with the National Academy of Medicine Committee’s Future of Nursing 2020-2030 regional town hall.

Clinical Faculty Elin Björling and Associate Professor Christine Stevens co-authored a paper in the journal *Art Therapy* summarizing the results of a pilot study they conducted on mindfulness-based art intervention for female students experiencing stress.
Program Administrator Nan West Retires

We recently celebrated the retirement of Nan West, Program Administrator, a team member early in the history of the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership. Nan first joined the Nursing Program staff in 1996 as an Office Assistant. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from UW Tacoma in 2001.

Nan has seen many changes around campus, including the move from 10 blocks north of the current site, when classrooms, offices, and the library were in leased facilities.

Across campus, many current staff in leadership positions were hired, coached, and supported by Nan. Many of us work for decades, anticipating a time when we can retire, leaving work behind. Nan has been not so focused on “leaving” as she has been planning “what’s next?”

Nan assures us she is enjoying more time with long-time friends from Spokane, the book club, her family from Whidbey Island to the mid-West, and four-legged family members of the canine variety.

The faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership, and the campus community, wish Nan great adventures and enjoyment in the coming years.

New Staff Role and Hire

The School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership’s own Jessica Immerman is now program administrator. Jessica earned her Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Prior to working at UW Tacoma, she organized workshops and conferences for the Center for Continued Nursing Learning at Pacific Lutheran University. Since 2014, Jessica has worked in the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership.

The School recently welcomed Patrick Johnson, hired in the front desk Office Assistant position. He comes to us after 15 years providing support for major events with UW Seattle’s Transportation Services. He is a very enthusiastic Husky football fan!