Welcome to Winter! From recognition of Senator Rosa Franklin’s support of health and human rights and UW Tacoma to the terrific contributions of our alums, faculty and staff, we invite you to read about our “good news” below.

**UW Tacoma Honors Senator Rosa Franklin**

Washington State Senator Rosa Franklin has been awarded the 2019 UW Tacoma Legacy Dream Award. She received this honor at the 13th annual MLK Unity Breakfast held on January 21st.

Senator Franklin was instrumental in the development of both the UW Tacoma campus and the inclusion of a post-licensure Nursing program at the campus. For many years, the program has supported students through the Rosa Franklin Scholarship Fund, named in recognition of her advocacy.

Emeritus Professor Janet Primomo wrote in her nomination letter for Senator Franklin:

“For over 50 years, Senator Franklin has epitomized the legacy of Dr. King through her community activism and policy making as an elected official. Her policy priorities have included social justice, fair distribution of resources, access to higher education, housing, health and human rights, marriage equality and the environment. Her record of accomplishments as a professional nurse, community activist and state legislator are profound.”

Read more about Senator Franklin and the MLK Unity Breakfast [here](#).

**PATH Begins Speaker Series**

In Autumn 2018, **Partners in Action to Transform Healthcare (PATH)** implemented new programming to engage the UW Tacoma community with the "PATH Healthcare Talks" speaker series. The series sheds light on how individuals started their career journeys and offers advice to students about entering the work force. The first speaker was from the Seattle Police Department and discussed the procedures when responding to health incidents. To find updates about PATH, visit their [Facebook page](#).

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

**Kathryn Burger, BSN ’12**, current MN student at UW Tacoma, recently was hired as an Occupational Health Nurse for the UW Environmental Health and Safety Department.

**Danette Delo, MN ’10**, enrolled in WSU Vancouver’s DNP-PMHNP program. Since graduating, Danette has worked for DSHS and the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

**Christine Eyler, MN ’13**, recently completed a DNP at UW in Seattle and is now working as a locum tenens pediatric nurse practitioner in the Seattle-Tacoma area. She also manages a non-profit milk drive/bank in the rural Philippines.

**Joseph Goodfellow, BA HCL ’18**, has been hired as clinic manager for the Quileute Nation. In a message to Dr. Fought, Joseph said, “I got the job I’ve always wanted and will be able to help another American Indian tribe.”

**Twila Lorenzen, BA HCL ’12**, is working on her PhD dissertation in Healthcare Administration at University of Phoenix

**Jessica Roberts, BA HCL ’18**, took a position as Evening Pharmacy Technician Supervisor with Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.
**Clinical faculty Dr. Geri Babbo** has taken a position as a Nursing Education Consultant for the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. She brings extensive experience in the practice of nursing education to the position.

**Uba Backonja, Assistant Professor,** was a guest member of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association’s Editorial Board for a special issue on health equity that will be published fall 2019. Additionally, in January, she cohosted a workshop at the Alaska Public Health Summit in Anchorage.

**Assistant Professor Sunny Cheng** received grant support from the Sigma Theta International Honor Society. The grant funding will go toward her continued research in psychiatric nursing. Read about it [here](#).

**Assistant Professor David Reyes** received a grant through the UW Tacoma Collaborative Publicly Engaged Scholarship Program provided by the Office of Research. In 2019, he will work with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and T NURS 414 undergraduate nursing students to develop a community-focused food system and food policy educational activities, and build capacity for convening a community advisory board to address food equity and food security in east Tacoma.

**Associate Professor Christine Stevens** has been awarded a Collaborative Opportunity Grant, implemented by the Coalition of Urban Service Universities and Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities, and supported by the Kresge Foundation. The grant is titled “Access is Not Equity: Expanding Cultural Food Resource and Community Food Banks.”

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**Dr. Yuwen Visits Schools and Hospitals in China**

**Assistant Professor Weichao Yuwen** visited China in October 2018. She presented a talk titled “Nursing research: From precision medicine to chronic illness self-management” at the 3rd Jinlin International Nursing Forum at Nanjing Medical University (NMU) in Nanjing, China. She was awarded a Visiting Professorship by the School of Nursing at NMU and will continue collaborating with the School in nursing education and research.

During her trip Dr. Yuwen also visited the South Central University Xiangya School of Nursing and Shanghai Xinhua Hospital Affiliated with Shanghai Jiaotong University, presented her research, and had round table discussions with nurses, researchers, and students to discuss sleep health and family health research. Wenzhe Hua, a PhD Candidate in Nursing Science from Shanghai, will visit UW as a graduate visiting scholar in 2019 to study with Drs. Jane Simoni (Professor, UW Psychology) and Yuwen on a research project promoting family-centered nursing care in Neonatal Intensive Care Units in China.

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**Paper of the Year by Dr. Evans-Agnew**

The journal Health Promotion Practice selected a paper by **Associate Professor Robin Evans-Agnew** for a prestigious award! His paper, published in 2018 and titled "Asthma Disparity Photovoice: The Discourses of Black Adolescent and Public Health Policymakers," was selected as the Sarah Mazelis Health Promotion Practice 2018 Paper of the Year. Find his and other Mazelis Award winning papers [here](#).
Recent Faculty Presentations and Publications

Assistant Professor Uba Backonja was co-author of a recent article in the Journal of Informatics in Health and Biomedicine entitled “Evaluating Visual Analytics for Health Informatics Applications: A Systematic Review from the American Medical Informatics Association Visual Analytics Working Group Task Force on Evaluation.”

Sunny Cheng, Assistant Professor, was co-author on two articles related to mental health and substance abuse, one in the journal Substance Abuse and another in Substance Use & Misuse.

Two podium presentations by Senior Lecturer Jane Cornman have been accepted for the Third International Integrative Nursing Symposium, to be held on May 22-24 in Galway, Ireland. The titles are: “Therapeutic Touch Goes Global” and “Sit like a Frog and Thump like a Gorilla - Resilience Methods.”

Denise Drevdahl, Professor, at the American Public Health Association meeting in San Diego last November, co-presented with colleagues an analysis of how health disparities and the social determinants of health are used in major nursing organization documents and in two Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-led efforts: The Future of Nursing and the Culture of Health. They examined the consistency between foundational nursing ethical (social justice) and practice-focused (population health) principles, and the direction the profession is moving to address social determinants of health. Read the abstract here.

Associate Professor Robin Evans-Agnew recently co-authored two journal articles. The first, in Advances in Nursing Science, discusses nurse interviews and the application of the Identity, Research, and Health Dialogic Open-Ended Interview (I-ReH-DO) method. The second article relates to his work on public health and asthma (Journal of Public Health Management and Practice).

Katie Haerling, Associate Professor, with co-authors, published “Assessing Individual Teamwork Skills in Entry-Level Nurses” in Clinical Simulation in Nursing.

Susan Johnson, Assistant Professor, in the Journal of Clinical Nursing, published an article related to her work on workplace bullying: “Workplace Bullying, Biased Behaviors and Performance Review in the Nursing Profession: A Qualitative Study.”

Assistant Professor Sharon Laing joins participants from all three UW campuses in a year long professional development course in diversity, equity and inclusion. Participants will serve resources on these topics at their respective campuses. She plans to present on this material in spring quarter.

Senior Lecturer Patsy Maloney, with co-authors, published an article entitled “Relationship Between Nursing Professional Development and the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Primary Accreditation Framework” in The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing.

In November, Associate Professor Christine Stevens was invited by UW Tacoma chancellor Mark Pagano to present her work on food insecurity and basic needs programs at the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities Annual Meeting in New Orleans. She was joined by UW Tacoma Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mentha Hynes-Wilson.