



Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health UT Arlington College of Nursing

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Members-in-Action

- As the VP for Southern Nursing Research Society and the Chair for the Annual Conference in San Antonio this month, **Marygrace Hernandez Leveille** has been very busy executing her leadership role. She has one more year to serve during which time she will organize another annual conference to be held in Tampa, FL at the Saddlebrook resort.

We wish you *outstanding success* with these two events, Marygrace!

- We are proud to report that **Kristina S. Ibitayo** has been appointed to the CGFNS International Professional Nurse Credentials & Standards Committee, Philadelphia, PA. Congratulations, Kristina !
- **Carolyn Spence Cagle** has contributed her skills as a grant writer to “The Big Read,” National Endowment of the Arts, on behalf of the Kimberling Area Library, Kimberling City, MO to nurture literacy among various constituents in a rural community.
 - **Other Accomplishments by Dr. Cagle**
 - Invited poster and discussion session at the Oncology Nursing Society Connections Conference (fall 2013) “Spiritual Resources of Mexican American Family Cancer Caregivers.”

- Morton Research Grant, Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, 2012-2014. “Meeting Information and Coping Needs of Mexican American Family Cancer Caregivers: Project Development and Feasibility Study.” J. N. Wells, Co-Investigator

- Mentor. TCU Honors Student, 2013-2014. “Mexican American Literacy and Influence on Cancer Health Outcomes.”

- **Donelle M. Barnes** presented “Panorama actual de investigación cualitativa en enfermería.” (Current panorama of qualitative studies in nursing). Second National Congress of Postgraduate Students in Nursing. Autonomous University of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, México. November, 2013.

Dr. Barnes is also serving as a dissertation committee member for a doctoral student of the Autonomous University of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, México. “Factores de éxito de egresados del programa nivelatorio licenciatura en enfermería y nutriología de la UACH.” (2013-2014)

- **Mary Lou Bond** has been appointed by the National League for Nursing Board of Governors to serve a two-year term as member on the Bylaws Committee. (2014)

- **Other Accomplishments by Dr. Bond**

- Appointed to the Roster of Fulbright Specialists (5 year period) for work in Faculty Development/Mentorship
- Recipient of the President’s award (National Association of Hispanic Nurses) fall, 2013
- Selected as Distinguished Alumni, University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing, fall 2013
- Elected to the Leadership Succession Committee for sigma Theta Tau International, fall 2013
- Appointed to the Sigma Theta Tau International/Chamberlain College Advisory Committee for development of the Center for Excellence in Nursing Education (CENE), fall 2013. Dr. Bond will also chair the committee to develop programs (webinars, conferences, etc.) for faculty seeking tenure and promotion.

- **Susan M. Baxley** and **Kristina S. Ibitayo** presented “What do Pregnant Mexican-origin women expect from their healthcare providers? Listening to their voices” and “Mentoring Nurses for Success: A Global View” at Sigma Theta Tau Intl., November 2013.

- **Griselle B. Estrada** has been appointed to serve on the President’s Task Force for Hispanic Serving Institutions, UT Arlington. (2013-present).

Griselle has also been instrumental with the coordination of scholarship awards this academic year – for which we are most grateful. See below, for a full-report.

- **Hernandez-Leveille Award:**

Marygrace Hernandez Leveille graciously established an award that funded expenses for a PhD student from the College of Nursing to be able to participate in the Southern Nursing Research Society’s 28th Annual Conference held this month in San Antonio. The theme for this year’s conference was “Enhancing Value-based Care: Generating New Knowledge.” This is an amazing opportunity for the recipient to meet nurse researchers and hear about the research work being carried out in the region. We applaud Marygrace’s vision and desire to encourage CON students to become actively involved in research and professional organizations.

Marygrace will be the invited guest speaker for the Hispanic Student Nursing Association general meeting at the CON April 14th.

- **Endowment Scholarship:**

The Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the spring semester to an undergraduate student in the AP-BSN program at UT Arlington, College of Nursing. We are able to fund this scholarship through the Center’s Endowment Fund. Eligibility criteria include full-time enrollment in the College of Nursing and an expressed intention in pursuing a nursing role with the Hispanic population. The recipient of the Center’s scholarship will be invited to attend the annual Dream Makers Scholarship Luncheon hosted by the College of Nursing on March 3rd.

- **Award for HSNA members:**

The application has been finalized for an award to support an active member of the Hispanic Student Nursing Association (HSNA) to attend the 39th Annual Conference of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN). This year’s conference “Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future” will be held July 15-18, in Miami, FL. The student representative selected from the College of Nursing will be able to meet other nursing students and nurses from around the nation, as well as hear from speakers presenting at the conference. Deadline for submission of applications is April 14th.

- **Margarita C. Treviño** has been appointed to serve on the President's Task Force for Hispanic Serving Institutions, UT Arlington. (2013-present)

- **Other Activities by Dr. Treviño**
 - Has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the UTA Center for Mexican American Studies (2014)
 - Is working as a member of the Team with AP International for CON Continuing Education programming in the People's Republic of China.

- **THE TRAVEL, STUDY, AND LEARN Program, January 2014**
(See addendum for a summary report.)

- **PUBLICATIONS**
 - Congratulations are in order to three of our members: **Susan M. Baxley**, **Kristina S. Ibitayo**, and **Mary Lou Bond** for the release of their book, *Mentoring Today's Nurses A Global Perspective for Success* (2014) Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing.

- **THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES**
 - **Dr. Marko Miletich**, Assistant Professor, UT Arlington Department of Modern Languages, teaches *interpretation* and identified the following students who completed the course last semester as resources for any CON Faculty who may need assistance with Spanish-language interpretation for research studies or other academic endeavors:
 - Yahaira Alfaro yahaira.alfaro@mavs.uta.edu
 - Jessica Ysch Jessica.isch@mavs.uta.edu

- **SAVE THE DATE**
The Center's spring meeting is scheduled for **April 8, 2014, 11:30 AM-1:30PM, University Club, UTA, Davis Hall, 701 S. Nedderman Dr., Lower Level.**
Lunch will be provided. We look forward to your participation!

***Congratulations to all of our members for the many outstanding accomplishments!
We are very proud of you!***

