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November 2015

UMSON Hosts Visiting Scholars



This fall, the School of Nursing's Office of Global Health welcomed two visiting scholars from American University in Beirut. **MSN Candidates Joyce Abi Kharma, BSN, RN, and Mohamad Haidar, BSN, RN, ATCN**, presented their experiences in health care in Lebanon and the U.S. on Oct. 14. Joyce is an oncology nurse specializing in breast cancer and Mohamad specializes in emergency care.

Photo: Joyce Abi Kharma presented her experiences in health care.

UMSON Receives RWJF/AARP SIP Grant

The School of Nursing has been awarded a two-year, \$150,000 State Implementation Program (SIP) grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP. SIP grants were created to support the implementation of the state Campaign for Action Coalitions of the Institute of Medicine's recommendations outlined in its 2010 report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news-events/news/awarded-program-grant.html#sthash.9ZFkaa5m.dpuf>.

EVENTS

Fall Career Fair
Monday, Nov. 30

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center
621 W. Lombard Street, second floor (adjacent to School of Nursing)

[Click here for more information](#) .

Save the Date for Reunion 2016

Saturday, April 16

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

School of Nursing

Undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through the School of Nursing's Clinical Nurse Leader program will be honored. Reunite with classmates and renew your pride in your alma mater. To update your contact information, go to:

<http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/update/> . To volunteer on the planning committee for your class, contact Cynthia Sikorski, associate director of alumni relations, at alumni@son.umaryland.edu , or 410-706-0674. Click here for more information: <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni> .

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Robin Newhouse, PhD '00, MS '99, BSN '87, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN , dean, Indiana University School of Nursing, received the prestigious American Nurses Credentialing Center President's Award in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the nursing profession. [Click here to read more.](#)



RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, MS '99 , was appointed Deputy Surgeon General for the United States Public Health Service at a swearing-in and promotion ceremony, held Oct. 23 at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. [Click here to read more.](#)

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Alumni Speaker Series

Recent graduates returned to the School of Nursing, as part of the Fall Alumni Speakers Series, to talk to current students about how they obtained their first nursing job and strategies they have employed for career success.



Photo: Nicole Evans, BSN '14; Elizabeth McKee, BSN '13; Victoria Garrard, MS '13; Peter Park, BSN '12; Emily Owenwald, BSN '14; and Fonia Ung

Alumni Networking Event

Annapolis-area alumni gathered for a networking event at Brio Tuscan Grille on Oct. 29. Dean Jane Kirschling welcomed everyone, and guests enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and partake in lite Italian Fare.



Photo: Front row: Polly Karwath Howard, BSN '84; Catherine Salam, BSN '91; Sandy Sundeen, MS '68; Mary Brewster, MS '88; and Amy Foy, BSN '74. Back row: Dean Jane Kirschling; Chris Owen, MS '11, BSN '00; Anne Manley, BSN '14; Brian Hoffman, BSN '14; Jennifer Peterson, MS '12; Julie Stanik-Hutt, PhD '94; Nadine Jacobs, BSN '74; and UMSON Alumni Association President Chris Shippen, MS '98, BSN '73

Alumni Merchandise Available Online

UMSON spirit merchandise is now available for purchase online. Items include notecards with historical images, plush crabs in Maryland colors, spacious tote bags, and UMSON license plate holders. Order merchandise at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/shop> . If you have questions, or for more information, contact Lorrie Voytek at voytek@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7640.



Career Resources for Students and Alumni

UMSON students and alumni can access professional career services through the UMSON Student Success Center. Services include a job board, resume and cover letter writing workshops, interviewing skills workshop, mock interviews, and online resources. For more information, visit: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/student-life/ssc/student-services/>.

Docents Needed for Living History Museum

The UMSON Living History Museum is seeking alumni volunteers to serve as docents. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday during the academic semesters. Docents are also needed for special events such as school tours and open houses. Scheduling is flexible. If you are interested, contact Cynthia Sikorski at alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674. For more information go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/about/community/museum/get-involved/>.

UMSON HAPPENINGS

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

Jerrett McCormick, BA, has joined the Department of Educational Strategies and Technology as an instructional technology specialist. McCormick previously worked as an instructional technology assistant and provided media expertise to the University of Maryland, Baltimore Institute for Innovation and Implementation, Online Training Center. He also served as a medical photographer at the Mayo Clinic and a Digital Imaging Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution. McCormick holds a bachelor's degree in Photography and Imaging Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Lieven Schenk, MS, has joined the Department of Pain and Translational System Science as a research fellow. Schenk previously worked as a research assistant at the University Medical Center, Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany. His areas of expertise include statistics, statistical genetics, genetic database searching, and the use of software designed for fMRI experiments. Schenk holds MS and BS degrees from the University of Basel, Switzerland, and is in the process of completing his PhD.

Angela Staten, MS, has joined the Department of Educational Strategies and Technology as an instructional technology specialist. Staten previously served as a project analyst/Blackboard support specialist at National Defense University, and as an adjunct instructor at Baker College in Michigan. She holds a master's degree in Information Systems from Baker College and a bachelor's degree in Operations Research Information Systems from Eastern Michigan University.

FACULTY KUDOS

The following faculty members gave presentations at the Maryland Nurses Association's Annual Convention, held October 22-23:

Jeanne Geiger-Brown, PhD '01, RN, FAAN, associate professor; **Sandra Picot, PhD '92, CLNC, FAAN, FGSA**, associate professor; **Pat McLaine, DrPH, MPH, RN**, assistant professor; **Rachel Onello, PhD '15, MS '07, CNL, RN, CHSE, CNE**, assistant professor; and **Bea Lamm, EdD, MS '81, BSN '76, RN**, assistant professor.

Clinical instructors **Ann Hoffman MS '11, RN**, and **Anjana Ali Solaiman, MS '09, RNC, IBCLC**, presented a poster at the National League for Nursing's Education Summit, held recently in Las Vegas. Their poster, "Classroom Simulation: Utilizing a Family-Centered Model of Care in Teaching Obstetrics and Pediatrics," demonstrated how to successfully integrate simulation, collaboration, and teamwork into the didactic curriculum.

Kristen Rawlett, PhD '14, FNP-BC, assistant professor, and **Debra Scrandis, PhD, FNP-BC, PMHNP-F**, associate professor, co-authored the following publication:

Rawlett, K. and Scrandis, D. (2015). Mindfulness based programs implemented with at-risk adolescents. *The Open Nursing Journal*, 2015, 9, (Suppl 1: M7) 82-88. [Click here to read article](#).

Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN, professor, has been awarded a grant from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). The award is a two-year, \$296,700 grant for the research project Long-Term Care Training and Provider Regulations for Optimal Resident Outcomes. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news-events/news/umson-awarded-national-council-of-state-boards.html#sthash.MvYzhh2h.dpuf>.

Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, presented a lecture, "Pulmonary Artery Catheters: Principles of Pressure Monitoring and Waveform Analysis," at the Trends in Critical Care Conference, held recently in Philadelphia.

STUDENT NEWS

School of Nursing pediatric clinical students at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), attended a conference, "Combatting Child Sex Trafficking: Montgomery County's Multi-Disciplinary Approach," held at USG on October 16.



Photo: Vivian Gesa, Marie Kamla, Clinical Instructor Barbara Floyd, Maurice Hanciles, Brett Klejmont, and Careme Yago

IN THE NEWS

Subject: Members Take Action to Reduce Effects of Climate Change

Source: *The American Nurse* - Nov. 2

Summary : **School of Nursing student Charlotte Wallace** was featured in the article, "Members Take Action to Reduce Effects of Climate Change." Read the article at: [The American Nurse](#) .

Subject: The Nocebo Effect: Are Your Beliefs Making You Sick?

Source: *U.S. News & World Report* - Oct. 28

Summary: **Luana Colloca, MD, PhD**, was quoted in the article, "The Nocebo Effect: Are Your Beliefs Making You Sick?" Read the article at: [US News & World Report](#) .

Subject: Rx for Violence

Source: *Risk & Insurance* - Oct. 15

Summary: **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, was quoted in the article, "Rx for Violence." Read the article at: <http://www.riskandinsurance.com/rx-for-violence/>

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