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Sydney student awarded prestigious NH&MRC scholarship for PhD studies



Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery PhD candidate, Peta McVey, has been awarded a NH&MRC scholarship as part of a \$1.1 grant for research into improving health issues associated with end-of-life and palliative care practices.

Peta's scholarship is to examine the extent to which a palliative approach is being used in the organisation and provision of care to elderly people with complex needs in home and hostel settings. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Brett Mason, made the announcement at RPA on 27 July 2007. In his announcement Senator Mason said that the Australian Government understood that this was a unique form of health care that must be integrated into the medical system.

The Faculty congratulates Peta on her success and is especially pleased that she has been awarded the first ever NH&MRC scholarship for a nurse to undertake PhD studies. ■

Sydney Nursing and Midwifery Foundation

The Dean, Professor Jocalyn Lawler, on behalf of the Faculty, is seeking Senate endorsement of a proposal to establish the Sydney Nursing and Midwifery Foundation. The establishment of a foundation has been a goal of the Faculty for some time and it is anticipated that the foundation can be launched before the end of the year. The Faculty will contribute an initial sum of \$100,000 and seek to build on that with donations through a regular staff contribution scheme, bequests, donations from the public and the profession, and by hosting specific fundraising events.

The purposes of the foundation are to support nursing and midwifery research and to offer scholarships to nurses and midwives to undertake postgraduate study in Australia and internationally.

The Faculty's alumni will be a major factor in the success of the foundation and the Dean is confident that they will see this as an opportunity to invest in the profession. Alumni will also be able to apply for funding support for their research and ongoing professional growth. ■



Dean of Nursing and Midwifery to retire from role

Professor Don Nutbeam, the University's Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, has announced the retirement of Professor Jocalyn Lawler from her role as dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery. Jocalyn's term as dean began in July 1999 when she succeeded the foundation dean, Emeritus Professor R Lynnette Russell AO. Jocalyn will retire from the position at the end of 2007 but she will not be leaving the university. After a period of study leave she will return to her substantive position as professor of nursing to continue her research and be involved in some university-wide initiatives.

In his announcement, Professor Nutbeam noted that:

During her career, but particularly as dean, Jocalyn has seen major changes in nursing and in the Faculty itself. At the time she retires from her dean's role, the Faculty will be graduating its first group of graduate entry Master's qualified registered nurses, the first in Australia. The Faculty's transformation from a large undergraduate entity into one that is smaller and focused on graduate entry preparation for practice, specialised postgraduate coursework, research and greater international engagement will be well advanced.

Jocalyn was born and raised in far western NSW and undertook her general nurse training in Broken Hill. Marilyn Orrock, a fellow trainee and now lecturer in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, recalls some of Jocalyn's antics during her time at the BH&DH.

Many of the things I remember are hilarious, like Jocalyn placing her tinnies in her metal rubbish bin and hitting it with the fire extinguisher (to chill them) and practising her golf in the corridors of the nurses home.

Things have changed a little since those days and while Jocalyn still keeps a golf club or two in her office, she rarely finds time to practise her swing.

After her training, Jocalyn stayed in the far west for a time working as a remote area nurse before undertaking an operating room nursing qualification in Sydney. She completed a Doctor of Philosophy in 1989 after gaining several other qualifications in education and the social sciences.

Jocalyn is a fellow of the College of Nursing and was elected by the membership to its governing council on a number of occasions and as president in 1993. She is a fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia and was honoured this year in being asked to present its Patricia Chomley Oration. Jocalyn was a founding participant of the Australian Council of Deans of nursing, which has now become the Australian and New Zealand Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery.

In 2004, Jocalyn was made an honorary fellow of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN) in recognition of her long-held commitment to Australian Indigenous people. Since becoming dean, Jocalyn has taken major steps toward improving the health and education of Aboriginal Australians. She has encouraged Indigenous people to join the Faculty and supported Indigenous students within the Faculty. In 2006 there were four Indigenous students enrolled in undergraduate degrees, one student enrolled in the graduate entry, Master of Nursing program and three Indigenous students enrolled in post-graduate programs. These students have been supported throughout their studies by Indigenous nurse lecturers who also oversee the integration of Indigenous issues into all Faculty courses. Jocalyn also led the development and introduction of Australia's first specialist degree in Indigenous nursing, the first graduates of which joined the workforce at the end of 2006.

New café opens at Mallett Street

The Dean, Professor Jocalyn Lawler, recently opened the new Mallett Street Café. The café is operated by the University of Sydney Union and provides a welcoming atmosphere for staff, students and visitors.

The opening was attended by Faculty staff and other University employees, including Union Board President, Ms Rose Khalilzadeh. A number of staff have commented on the positive effect of the café on the atmosphere of the foyer and the café is fast becoming a buzzing meeting place. ■



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Jocalyn's research interests are located in unpopular, difficult or taboo areas of nursing. She has focused primarily on how nursing has been understood – or misunderstood as the case may be, particularly in relation to the history of ideas that have informed and misinformed views about nursing. Her long-standing research passion is the body and nurses' practices related to the intimate and socially sensitive issues around the lived and experienced body of the patient, and the reasons why nurses' work is poorly understood and invisible. She was a pioneer of this area of research in the 1980s and is internationally renowned for her work. The book arising from her PhD research in this area has been translated into several languages and her other works and ideas are cited by nurses from many different cultures. More recently she has turned her attention to global issues affecting the nursing workforce and the way nursing is understood as a resource in a global information based economy.

Jocalyn has a strong local, national and international reputation in nursing and is internationally renowned for her book, *Behind the Screens: Nursing, Somology and the Problem of the Body*, which was first released in 1991 in Australia, the UK and the US; it was recently reissued in Australia by Sydney University Press. The book was translated into Norwegian in 1996 as *Bak skjerm Brettene. Sykepleie, somologi og kroppslige problemer* and into French in 2001 as *La Face Cachée des Soins. Soins au corps, intimité et pratique soignante*; it was reprinted there recently. Jocalyn also edited an influential volume, *The Body in Nursing: A Collection*

of Views, that brought together key Australian researchers in this field.

Jocalyn has faced many professional challenges and changes in her 25 years in the tertiary sector. She commenced at the former Armidale CAE teaching in the post-registration education and administration nursing courses. Within three years, pre-registration nursing was transferred to CAEs, including Armidale and Sydney. Within a few more years these CAEs were to be amalgamated into the university sector and pre-registration nursing became a degree qualification. Jocalyn was integral to both nursing transfers in Armidale and took a leading role in the amalgamation of the former ACAE with the University of New England.

Jocalyn was the second professor of nursing appointed at The University of Sydney and she quickly became involved in the wider Sydney University community. She was a member of the standing committee of Academic Board from 1993 and elected deputy chair of the Board in 1996, a position she held until 2000 during which time she also chaired the undergraduate studies committee.

During Jocalyn's term as dean, the Faculty has continued to evolve from a large, predominantly undergraduate student population into one that is smaller and focused on graduate entry preparation for practice, specialised postgraduate coursework and research training, research and greater international engagement. This transformation will be well underway as the faculty welcomes its third dean in 2008. ■

Behind the scenes contribution recognised

Mr Jem Masters, a colourful lecturer in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, was recently recognised for outstanding contribution by an individual to the gay and lesbian community, in particular for his behind-the-scenes contribution at many community events and dance parties as the coordinator of Mardi Gras Medical. Jem received the award at the DIVAs, the Drag Industry Variety Awards, which acknowledges the talents and contribution made by members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer community in the entertainment industry. The awards also recognise individuals, communities and organisations for their support of the gay and lesbian community.

Jem has worked with Mardi Gras Medical as a volunteer for more than 10 years, and has been coordinator for the past five years. Mardi Gras Medical provides a first line medical service to patrons at major community events, dance parties and Mardi Gras Parade. Coordination of Mardi Gras Medical involves managing a team of people, drawn from a pool of more than 280 volunteers, with medical backgrounds. The team's role is to ensure that anyone with a medical problem receives pre-hospital assessment and treatment; it does this for around 200 people at each major event.

Jem's DIVA was for his tireless behind the scene and coordinating work. However, he – and the rest of the audience at the DIVAs – were informed that this award did not give him permission to drive the medical buggy at events. Several drag queens and a number of other patrons have had lucky escapes from the buggy as Jem has driven to retrieve patrons and transport them to the medical tent.

Well done Jem. ■



Onshore BN (Post-registration) course commenced in KL



In July 2007 the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery commenced the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-registration) onshore in Kuala Lumpur (KL). The BN (Post-registration) is a long-standing course offered by the Faculty and has remained a central component of the Faculty's suite of courses.

The Malaysian initiative resulted from extensive discussion with the Ministry of Education, the Nursing Board of Malaysia and Assunta Hospital. Students enrolled in the BN (post-registration) in KL will complete the same units of study as their colleagues in Sydney. Some face-to-face lecture blocks will be held each semester and the students will engage with other students and the course material through our increasing on-line capability.

The first group are pictured here with Dr Maureen Boughton, Pro-Dean and Chair of the Faculty's Board of Studies, at their orientation day. The students are very excited about their opportunity to study at The University of Sydney and the Faculty warmly welcomes them. ■



Student information

Location and Contact Details

Student Services is now located on the ground floor of building C. Counter hours are Monday–Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10am–1pm. Staff may also be contacted via telephone during office hours on +61 2 9351 0693, or via email at fon@nursing.usyd.edu.au.

Correspondence via email

All students are issued with a University email address at enrolment. The University and the Faculty regularly communicates via this email address and therefore it is essential that you check it frequently. Failure to do so will not be an acceptable excuse in terms of any possible consequences which may arise.

Attention Pre-Registration Students

The Nurses and Midwives Board of New South Wales now requires all applicants for registration to provide an official academic transcript of results along with a letter of completion issued by the Faculty. For other requirements, please refer to the Nurses and Midwives Board NSW website at: <http://www.nmb.nsw.gov.au/>.

A transcript will be available for collection with the letter of completion at the conclusion of the course for eligible students from Student Services during counter hours. The cost associated with these transcripts will be \$11 for two copies, which is payable on collection by cash, cheque or money order. Because of the new requirement, the timeframe for issuing these documents will be up to four weeks from the completion of the course.

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Key Dates

Local students who wish to withdraw from a unit of study should refer to the following key dates for semester 2, 2007. International students should refer to these dates and the International Student Refund Policy listed at the following website: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/costs/refund.shtml>

Critical Dates for Semester 2 session 2 units of study

Friday 7 September

Last day to Discontinue Not Fail (for standard session 2 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Friday 26 October

Last day to Discontinue Fail (for standard session 2 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Critical Dates for Semester 2 session 9 units of study

Friday 31 August

Census date (for session 9 units of study)

* Last day to withdraw without academic penalty (all students)

* Last day to withdraw without financial penalty (local HECS and FEE students ONLY)

* International students should refer to their refund policy regarding financial penalties at: www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/postgrad/costs/inm/refund.shtml#ref

Saturday 1 September

Last day to Discontinue Not Fail (for session 9 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Sunday 2 September

Last day to Discontinue Fail (for session 9 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Critical Dates for Semester 2 Session 10 Units of Study

Sunday 23 September

Census date (for session 10 units of study)

* Last day to withdraw without academic penalty (all students)

* Last day to withdraw without financial penalty (local HECS and FEE students ONLY)

* International students should refer to their refund policy regarding financial penalties at: www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/postgrad/costs/inm/refund.shtml#ref

Monday 24 September

Last day to Discontinue Not Fail (for session 10 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Saturday 27 October

Last day to Discontinue Fail (for session 10 units of study)

* All students will still be financially liable for these units of study

Who's who at the Faculty



Dr Maureen Boughton **Pro-Dean**

Maureen's role as Pro-Dean involves deputising for the Dean. She also oversees much of the student governance of the Faculty, particularly through her role as Chair of the Faculty's Board of Studies.

Professor Trudy Rudge **Associate Dean, Learning and Teaching**

Trudy is responsible for the academic coordination of the Faculty's courses of study and works with other members of the Faculty to oversee student admission, enrolment and progression. Trudy also reports on students' satisfaction with courses and units of study. She also has a leadership role in the ongoing academic development of courses of study and is actively engaged in her own research projects. In 2007, Trudy has a major role in our international PhD collaboration.

Murray Fisher **Associate Dean, Academic**

Murray oversees the academic work involved in preparing, offering, staffing, assessing and reporting of results for all units of study offered by the Faculty. Murray works closely with the other associate deans and sub deans in the management of the Faculty's academic programs.

Professor Kate White **Associate Dean, Research**

Kate's role is to enhance and support the ongoing development of the Faculty's research program, which involves both staff and students in the Faculty, as well as our clinical partners. As well, Kate maintains a strong leadership role and research program in her field of cancer nursing and is currently engaged in a number of funded projects to strengthen cancer nursing practice and research.

Stuart Newman **Sub Dean, International and Postgraduate Studies**

Stuart is responsible for the Faculty's international programs and conducting professional development and short courses offered to registered nurses. Stuart is also responsible for providing academic advice to postgraduate and post-registration students. He works closely with Trudy Rudge to ensure that all students progress satisfactorily and he has a particular role in advising and admitting new postgraduate students.

Lynne Brown **Sub Dean, Pre-registration**

Lynne provides academic advice and support to graduate entry and combined degree/Master of Nursing students. She works closely with Trudy Rudge to ensure the satisfactory progression of all pre-registration students.

Dr Heather McKenzie **Sub Dean, Research**

Heather's role is to provide academic advice to potential higher degree research students (ie. those undertaking the PhD and MPhil) and, in conjunction with supervisors, to support existing students during their candidature. She also works with Jo Patching, Murray Fisher and the supervisors, to provide support for honours students.

Vicki Bradford **Sub Dean, Indigenous Strategy and Undergraduate**

Vicki is responsible for academic advice to undergraduate pre-registration students. She is also responsible for assisting all Indigenous students within the Faculty and promoting the Faculty to prospective Indigenous students. Vicki plays an integral role in developing the future Indigenous strategies of the Faculty.

Dr Jenny Green **Sub Dean, Clinical Education**

Jenny oversees the academic aspects of clinical education of pre-registration students. She works closely with Murray Fisher and Maria Carlisle to ensure that students have clinical placement experiences that meet course requirements.

Jo Patching **Honours Coordinator**

Jo is the person to see if you are interested in completing honours, both for those who want to add an honours program to their bachelor degree, or who want to undertake the MN (Honours). If you are a final year pre-registration student interested in doing honours you should contact Jo to find out more. Or if you are a registered nurse upgrading your diploma to a degree, Jo can also assist you with advice about doing honours.

Sarah Brown **Manager, Student Administration**

Sarah is responsible for the overall administration of student issues and the management of the student services team at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

Kate Lee **Assistant Manager, Student Administration**

Kate is the most recent addition to our student services team and is responsible for the administration of local and international pre-registration students and other student administration issues in the manager's absence. Students will contact Kate throughout their course for matters relating to or enquiries about courses, admission, progression and graduation.

Susanne Norton **Administration Officer**

Susanne is responsible for the administration of local and international post-registration and research degree students. Students contact Susanne throughout their course for matters relating to or enquiries about courses, admission, progression and graduation.

Maria Carlisle **Manager, Clinical Placements**

Maria manages clinical placements for all pre-registration students in all the clinical units of study. Maria liaises with over 300 clinical placement sites and endeavours to ensure that all students have appropriate clinical experiences. ■

News

from the Associate Dean, Research

We are now in the middle of what has been a very successful year so far. In June, the Faculty held the annual postgraduate research forum. The seminars were a good opportunity to showcase the excellent work our students are undertaking. The forum was well attended and the quality of work presented was very high.

Professor Tina Lavender of the University of Central Lancashire in the UK was a visiting fellow at the Faculty in July. The research fellowship was undertaken with RPA Women and Babies Centre for Midwifery and Nursing Research. Professor Lavender specialises in midwifery and women's health. She is Conjoint Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Midwifery and also undertakes Cochrane reviews. Professor Lavender was a keynote speaker at the Working with Risk in Midwifery Practice Conference held 20 July 2007.

The Faculty was the principal sponsor of the 2007 Royal College of Nursing Australia Annual Conference, 'Illuminating Nursing'. The dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, Professor Jocalyn Lawler, gave the 41st Patricia Chomley Memorial Oration. Jocalyn and other faculty staff and research students provided a strong presence at the conference, presenting the results of several research projects. The Faculty also co-sponsored the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. Consultation Liaison Special Interest Group 2007 Conference. Doctoral candidate Timothy Wand convened the conference and presented a paper about his doctoral research.

Kate White, Associate Dean, Research ■

Summer scholars ceremony

The participants in the Summer Scholarship Program received their certificates at the 26 March Brown Bag. Professor Kate White, Associate Dean (Research), and Dr Maureen Boughton, Pro Dean, congratulated the scholars on their achievements and discussed how beneficial the program had been for students and staff. Based on the successful pilot undertaken this year, the program will be formalised and run annually during the summer and winter break periods. The Faculty would like to extend their congratulations to the students for their excellent work.



Dr Maureen Boughton (front left) and Professor Kate White (front right) with the scholars

News

from the Faculty

Students and Faculty staff participate in international nursing PhD collaboration

PhD students Olivia Hill and Yen-Yen Chia were invited to participate in the International Nursing PhD Collaboration (INPhD). INPhD is a collaboration program for nursing PhD students from Australia, Spain, Mexico and Canada that involves a two week summer school in Mallorca, Spain. Olivia and Yen-Yen will undertake courses and workshops including a publication workshop and a PhD research workshop.

The Faculty joined the collaboration this year, and Professor Trudy Rudge will teach the course 'Building the Discipline of Nursing Internationally' at this year's INPhD. ■

Faculty student attends international conference

The NSW Branch Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) funded PhD student Andrea Marshall's trip to the Society of Critical Care Medicine's 6th Summer Conference in Intensive Care Medicine, held in Toronto, Canada. This year, the focus was 'Nutrition as a therapeutic agent to improve critical care outcomes'. The conference featured discussions by world leaders on nutrition issues and included representatives from the fields of medicine, dietetics, pharmacy and nursing. ■

NBCC Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Group 2007

Dr Cannas Kwok was invited to give a speech at the National Breast Cancer Centre 2007 CALD Group's Women's Health Campaign on 29 March. The campaign's aim is to address gaps in breast awareness and information for women from multicultural backgrounds. It does this through the translation of three of its key resources into the five culturally and linguistically diverse languages most commonly spoken in Australia after English; Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Greek and Italian. The campaign has the full support of the Prime Minister's wife, Mrs Jeanette Howard, and the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, both of whom attended the event.

Cannas spoke about her research on exploring the role of culture in breast health practices among Chinese–Australian women. She highlighted how Chinese women perceived breast cancer and how these cultural perceptions impact on their breast health practices. She also shared her experience of conducting breast health promotion programs in the Chinese community in conjunction with Chinese organisations. Cannas emphasised how effective culturally sensitive programs can be in promoting breast health awareness. ■



Dr Kwok with Mrs Jeanette Howard

Paper published in prestigious Chinese language journal

Dr Fung (Tebbin) Kuen Koo and her co-author, Associate Professor Louise Rowling from the Faculty of Education and Social Work, have had a refereed paper published in a prestigious Chinese language journal, in English.

The paper, *The Understanding of Physical Activity Among Older Hong Kong Chinese Australians*, will appear in the *Journal of Tianjin University of Sport*, 22 (3), 200–06. Although the paper was provided in both English and Chinese versions, the journal published the paper in English, which makes it a more prestigious publication for its authors.

Further information about the paper can be obtained from Teban kfoo@nursing.usyd.edu.au or Louise l.rowling@edfac.usyd.edu.au.

Abstract

Physical activity has been defined as "any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that results in energy expenditure". It is strongly endorsed as a means of staying healthy and an important avenue for social contact. Exercise is a subset of physical activity and is defined as planned, structured and repetitive bodily movement done to improve or maintain one or more components of physical fitness.

Although in Australia, some studies have been conducted into the levels of physical activity in some ethnic communities, there has been a tendency to adopt a homogeneous view of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people rather than an ethno-specific perspective that recognises differing cultural beliefs and practices between and across language groups.

This paper reports on a study that aimed to explore the concepts of, and attitudes towards, physical activity among older Hong Kong Chinese Australians resident in NSW. This study involved individual in-depth interviews and the use of open-ended questions. A total of 22 informants was recruited for the study.

The findings revealed that most informants did not have a clear idea about what was meant by the term physical activity. "Physical activity" tended to be a confusing and complicated term to this group. In addition, attitudes towards physical activity among this group reflect their cultural and health beliefs in preventive health care.

To increase the physical activity level among older Hong Kong Chinese Australians, culturally-specific health promotion strategies might be needed to tackle the misconception about and specific attitudes towards physical activity, as well as to match the holistic Chinese concept of health maintenance.

Keywords: physical activity; exercise; older Hong Kong Chinese Australians ■

Publications, presentations & media

Publications

Bradford V & Grauner A (2007)

University of Sydney Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery Clinical Facilitators Workshop, *Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal* 31(1): 14–15

Bredemeyer S, Polverino JM & Beeby P (2007)

Assessment of jaundice in the term infant – accuracy of transcutaneous bilirubinometers compared with serum bilirubin levels: part two, *Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing* 10(1): 5–12

Duddle M & Boughton M (2007)

Intraprofessional relations in nursing: Early findings from an Australian study, *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 59(1): 29–37

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Hardcastle L & **Bradford V** (2007)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Respect Program: Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN), *Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal* 31(2): 21–23

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Morrison V, Bennett P, Butow P, Mullan B & **White K** (2008) *Introduction to Health Psychology in Australia*, Pearson Education Australia, Frenchs Forest, NSW

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Turner C, Keyzer D & **Rudge T** (2007) Spheres of influence or autonomy? A discourse analysis of the introduction of Nurse Practitioners in rural and remote Australia, *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 59(1): 38–46

White K (2007) Rural palliative care:

Exploration of the pivotal role of primary healthcare providers, *Cancer Forum* 31(1): 22–25 ■

Conference presentations

MARCH/APRIL 2007

Kwok C (2007) Promoting breast cancer awareness in the Chinese-Australian community, Invited Speech at the National Breast Cancer Centre (NBCC) Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Group (CALD) Launch, Sydney, 29 March 2007

Hayes LJ, Scott Wandmaker T & Trevena L (2007)

The Exodus Foundation Health study – from conception to dissemination, Invited Presentation at The Homeless Research Seminar: Setting Future Directions for Homeless Research, Melbourne, 12–13 April

Bredemeyer S (2007) Should we use polyethylene wrap to keep babies warm? Invited Speech at the Australian Resuscitation Council Conference: 'Spark of Life', Gold Coast, 26–27 April

MAY 2007

D'Abrew N (2007) Exploring the impact of Breast and Gynaecological Cancer on Sexuality and Body Image: The male partners perspective, Invited Talk at ASSERT – Australian Society of Sex Educators, Researchers and Therapists, Sydney, 22 May

Greene V, **O'Riordan L** & Burn R (2007) Caring for oncology patients in outlying wards: The Children's Hospital at Westmead Experience, Paper presented at the Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology and Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, 24–27 May

Boughton M & West S (2007) Shift work, Menopause and the mid-life nurse, Paper presented at the International Council of Nurses Conference: Nurses at the forefront dealing with the unexpected, Yokohama, Japan, 27 May–1 June

Lawler J (2007) Graduate entry nursing in Australia: A report on the first intake at The University of Sydney and its potential impact nationally and internationally, Paper presented at the International Council of Nurses Conference: Nurses at the forefront dealing with the unexpected, Yokohama, Japan, 27 May–1 June

West S & Boughton M (2007) Shift work & the mid-life nurse: A story of juggling multiple temporalities, Paper presented at the International Council of Nurses Conference: Nurses at the forefront dealing with the unexpected, Yokohama, Japan, 27 May–1 June

Shorten A, Shorten B & **West S** (2007) Shared decision making in obstetrics: Analysing the effectiveness of a decision-aid for women making choices about birth after caesarean, Paper presented at the 4th International Shared Decision Making Conference: Shared decision-making in diverse health care systems: Translating research into practice, Freiburg, Germany, 30 May–1 June

JUNE 2007

White K (2007) Menopause after cancer, Invited Speech at the Gynaecological Oncology CNC Network: Current Issues in Gynaecological Oncology Nursing, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, 1 June

White K (2007) Publishing and Presenting, Invited Speech at the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. Consultation Liaison Special Interest Group 2007 Conference, Sydney, 7–8 June

Wand T & White K (2007) Exploring the scope of the emergency department mental health nurse practitioner role, Paper presented at the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. Consultation Liaison Special Interest Group 2007 Conference, Sydney, 7–8 June

Herz H, **White K**, Butow P & Kiernan M (2007) Letter on future care, Poster presented at the 10th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, Budapest, Hungary, 7–9 June. Poster short-listed for a prize, top 9 out of 473 on the first day

Publications, presentations & media

Kwok C (2007) Chinese-Australian women's images and beliefs about breast cancer – implications for cancer prevention, Paper presented at the 19th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education, Vancouver, Canada, 10–15 June

Kwok C (2007) Development of a culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate breast cancer education and promotion program in the Chinese–Australian community, Paper presented at the 19th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education, Vancouver, Canada, 10–15 June

JULY 2007

Duddle M (2007) Taking care of the little things, examining collegiality in the nursing work environment: An Australian case study, Plenary Speech at the 1st Sigma Theta Tau Honour Society of Nursing (Singapore) International Conference & 12th Joint Singapore–Malaysia Nursing Conference: Optimising Outcomes for the Future of Nursing, 10–14 July

Anderson J & **Grootjans J** (2007) Issues related to the development of multi-purpose services in rural NSW, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

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Hill O, Saunders R, **White K**, Davis S, Leslie G & Sarich K (2007) Issues of undergraduate nursing student clinical placements: A collaborative perspective, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Kelleher M, **West S** & **Fisher M** (2007) Clinical assessment an extinct art or unarticulated practice? Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Lawler J (2007) 41st Patricia Chomley Memorial Oration, Presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Lawler J (2007) The Work of RNs in the Information Age: Intellectual and/or Physical Labour? Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Lawler J, **Brown L**, **Boughton M** & **West S** (2007) Graduate Entry Nursing: The Sydney Cohort After One Year and Early Data on the Second Intake, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Malouf N, **McKenzie H** & **West S** (2007) "Fitting in" as a New Graduate Nurse: Avoiding shame & embarrassment in the transition to practice, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

McKenzie H, **Boughton M**, **Hayes L** & **Forsyth S** (2007) Explaining the complexities of practice: the inadequacies of the nursing lexicon, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Newman S & **Lawler J** (2007) Alas Nurse Managers... We Knew Them Well, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Ronaldson S, **Hayes L**, Carey M, **Green J** & **Aggar C** (2007) Researching spirituality in nursing – meeting the challenge in clinical environments, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Orrock M & **Lawler J** (2007) The paradox of professional leadership: value tension and the senior nurse manager, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Thornley T (2007) Identify the expert nurse, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

Wand T & **White K** (2007) Implementation and evaluation of an emergency department mental health nurse practitioner outpatient service, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

West S, Robertson J, Jackson D & Daly J (2007) Unpacking the peer review process, Paper presented at the Royal College of Nursing Australia Conference: Illuminating Nursing, Sydney, 11–14 July

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Hill O & **White K** (2007) Breast reconstruction decision making: Facilitating informed consent and improving decisional outcomes, Paper presented at the 10th Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Congress, Melbourne, 1–4 August

Shipman F, Sinclair S, Bishop J, **White K** & **Nattress K** (2007) Chemotherapy and Pain Management Clinical Update, Poster presented at the 10th Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Congress, Melbourne, 1–4 August

Shipman F, Sinclair S, Bishop J, **White K**, **Nattress K**, **Davidson M** & **McKenzie H** (2007) Rural Cancer Nursing Education Pilot, Poster presented at the 10th Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Congress, Melbourne, 1–4 August

West S & **Boughton M** (2007) Experiencing the life: mid-life women and shift work, Paper presented at the 18th International Symposium on Shiftwork & Working Time: Ageing and Working Hours -- Creating Safe Environments, Yeppoon, Queensland, 28–31 August ■

Media

PhD student Timothy Wand was featured in a 31 May Sydney Morning Herald special report: 'New grading, new role: Nurse practitioners have a far greater say in diagnostic investigations and treatments'. In the article, Tim outlined the mental health nurse practitioner role, discussed his doctoral research, and explained that his undergraduate training at the University of Sydney led him to his career choice.

Cancer Institute NSW Fellow Dr Cannas Kwok presented a three-part series of presentations on 'Cancer screening in Chinese women' on 2AC Chinese Radio in May. ■



Diary entries

Faculty short courses

Aged Care Management: People, Politics, Money and Quality

The aim of this course is to construct a framework on which participants can explore current aged care management issues and the contemporary political and policy initiatives underpinning management challenges in the aged care sector.

This course will provide participants with theoretical and practical management knowledge, which will enhance their ability to manage commonly encountered situations, and respond proactively to the daily challenges and changes confronting them in the aged care setting.

Vignettes and simulated work scenarios will be interspersed throughout the course to provide an environment for participants to discuss and debate issues and to investigate ways of implementing new ideas, knowledge and skills in their respective workplaces.

This course is conducted over six days and delivered in three two-day modules. Participants may enrol in the full six-day program or any of the two-day modules.

Module 1 (Days 1 & 2)
Thursday 6 & Friday 7 September 2007

Module 2 (Days 3 & 4)
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 October 2007

Module 3 (Days 5 & 6)
Thursday 8 & Friday 9 November 2007

Conferences and calls for abstracts

Mater Education Centre 2007 Nursing

Conference: Open to Change
Location: Brisbane
Date: 25–26 October 2007
More information: www.matereducation.com.au or conference2007@mater.org.au

Cardiac Rehabilitation Association of NSW 15th Annual State Conference:

Cardiac Rehabilitation – Exploring New Approaches
Location: Sydney
Date: 2 November 2007
More information:
CRA of NSW Secretariat, Sue Pendrick
Email: cransw@ozemail.com.au
Phone: 0407 473 720

International conferences and meetings

14th European Cancer Conference: Cancer in Europe – sharing the responsibilities

Location: Barcelona, Spain
Date: 23–27 September 2007
More information:
<http://www.fecs.be/emc.asp?pagelid=1228&Type=P>

African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) 6th

International Conference: Cancer in Africa – Challenges and Opportunities
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Date: 24–28 October 2007
More information:
<http://www.aortic2007.org/index.php>

19th Asia Pacific Cancer Conference & 1st APCC Nursing Meeting

Location: Tehran, Iran
Date: 15–17 November 2007
More information:
<http://www.apcc-2007.org/>

5th American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference

Location: Irvine, California, USA
Date: 28 February–2 March 2008
More information:
<http://www.apos-society.org/>

Faculty open learning courses

The Faculty offers a range of courses that you may take either as an audited course (ie. you attend the residential schools and receive a certificate) or as an assessable course that can be credited towards a graduate certificate, graduate diploma or masters degree. If you choose to take an assessable course you will be provided with additional materials and assignments. In some cases there may also be an exam. Courses include:

- Palliative Nursing
- Trends and Issues in Gerontic Nursing
- Management in Aged Care I
- Management in Aged Care II
- Advanced Mental Health Nursing
- Advanced Mental Health Nursing Practicum
- Mental Health Assessment and Interventions
- Therapeutic Nursing in Head/Neck Cancer
- Breast Cancer Nursing
- Clinical Education

BROWN BAG RESEARCH SEMINARS SERIES

Room C4.12, 12 noon to 1.30 pm

24 September 2007

Associate Prof Michael Fine (Macquarie University) & Dr Susan Ronaldson, Lecturer