Four New Tenure Track Faculty Coming on Board

Faculty rejoice at 4 new tenure track faculty joining us this Fall. On August 22 the school of nursing welcomes 4 new tenure track faculty. Please help to greet them and answer questions. Many of us remember our first week and know it can be a bit overwhelming. In order for us to get to know them a bit, they have all been gracious enough to supply short bios.

Dr. Alice Butzlaff, PhD, FNP, RN (Allie B)

Dr. Butzlaff is a brand new faculty member at San Jose State University. She started her career as a medical-surgical nurse and has been a practicing family nurse practitioner for over 25 years. Dr. Butzlaff has worked in California as a primary care provider in internal medicine, infectious disease, reproductive health, and perioperative care.

Dr. Butzlaff began her research at the University of California, San Francisco studying the effects that surgery had on family functioning. She discovered a variety of differences in health outcomes were associated with the presence or lack of family support. Her current research interests continue to focus on the family and wellness in chronic care.
Dr. Satu Larson, PhD, RN, CPNP

Dr. Satu Larson is an associate professor for SJSU School of Nursing, a pediatric nurse practitioner, and a recent doctoral graduate of the UC San Francisco School of Nursing Social and Behavioral Sciences Nurse Health Policy program. She is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and currently is chair of the UCSF Alpha Eta Chapter Leadership Succession Committee.

She has worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner in outpatient care in both a community health center and in a private medical office in Santa Cruz County. She has worked as a clinical nurse at Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital, as a pediatric home care nurse, and as a camp nurse at Kennolyn Camp. She received her Master’s of Science in nursing from Yale University School of Nursing and she received her Bachelor’s of Science in microbiology from UC San Diego.

Her research interest is in the pursuit of health equity for all pediatric populations by means of promoting policies that expand and fund the school-based health center model of care so as to increase access and utilization of child and adolescent health and mental health services. Her research topic of interest also includes the important connections between childhood adverse events, mental health, academic achievement, and morbidity and mortality. Prior to her career in nursing, she worked at Lucasfilm, YMCA, and Disneyland. She currently resides in Capitola with her spouse and two children.

Dr. Lisa Rauch, DNP, APHN-BC

Dr. Lisa Rauch, launches into a new chapter as an assistant professor at TVFSON. She has been a lecturer in the SON for the last 13 years. Her nursing specialty area is Community / Public Health with years of experience building the NMC at the Health Place. She currently practices as a very part time School Nurse.

In addition to her community health teaching assignments, she is currently the co-curriculum coordinator and compliance officer; a position that she has been shadowing in for the last two years. Her most recent accomplishment in the SON is the new student tracker system that was implemented June 15, 2016. She spent most of this summer visiting colleges with her youngest of three children, visiting the beach and catching up on her reading!!!

Dr. Arlene Spilker, DNP, RN, CNE

Arlene Spilker is a Silicon Valley native who has been a registered nurse for over 26 years. She received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from San Jose State University (SJSU), and her doctorate in nursing practice (DNP) from the CSU NorCal Consortium. She has extensive experience as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) as well as some adult ICU experience. She continues to practice as a NICU nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose. She was recently appointed assistant professor at The Valley Foundation School of Nursing at SJSU. She will complete a family nurse practitioner post-masters certificate degree from Sonoma State University in May of 2017.

She has taught a wide variety of courses for TVFSON; for Fall 2016. she will be teaching pathophysiology and maternal child theory, as well as mentoring and advising masters and doctoral students. She is passionate about educating the next generation of registered nurses and feels very fortunate to have discovered two careers that are meaningful and fulfilling. Her research interests include improving the developmental care of preterm infants, and promoting assertive behaviors as a way to prevent nurse to nurse bullying.

She is married with three children and lives in the Almaden area of San Jose. In her spare time (which she hasn’t had much of lately!) she enjoys reading, movies, and entertaining. She also loves to travel and has a long list of places she plans to visit.

Donations for the New Student Workshop

Every year Dr. Malloy collects treasures, gift cards and useful things to hand out to the anxious new students at the New Student Workshop. Puts a smile on their face! Please send/get your donations to her. Thanks in advance!
Faculty News

We have confirmation that Dr. Tamara McKinnon received that her grant through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing has been funded. She will be the PI on the grant that will research the “state of the science” related to global programs in schools of nursing across the country. The NCSBN will use this information to work toward best practices in this area.

Tammy and Deb Nelson, Kathy Kinner have had a successful trip to Grenada and they report that students developed and presented a CE course, worked alongside Grenadian nurses in clinical sites, and conducted a health fair in Carricaou. They continue to work closely with the Minister of Health and even had the Prime Minister attend our health fair!

Colleen O’Leary Kelley and Tammy begin their trip to Ireland. They have spent months preparing and will be conducting CE courses on Motivational Interviewing through the Board of Nursing and Midwifery. They will also have meetings at the House of Parliament and will be honored by the Sligo County Council.

DNP News

Dr. Praba Koomson has been named Affiliate Faculty by the CSU Institute for Palliative Care. In receiving this designation, she was recognized for her consistent demonstration of her commitment to the mission of the Institute and for ensuring that everyone with a serious or chronic illness has access to palliative care of the highest quality whenever and wherever they or their family members need it.

The mission of the Institute is to increase access to and awareness of palliative care by:

- Educating current professionals
- Educating the future workforce
- Building community awareness and advocacy

At least 5 DNP Alumni will be teaching for us this Fall. Dr. Ricardo Balin will continue teaching N138 and N 128; Dr. Audrey Paulson will be teaching a Clinical Course, Dr. Denise Prizznick will be teaching Health Assessment in the Master's program. Dr. Dorothy Moore will be teaching Curriculum Development in the DNP Program, Dr. Praba Koomson will be teaching Diversity and Vulnerable Populations in the DNP Program, Dr. Kristina Olfson will be teaching Health Care Systems.
Job Openings - The Job Drought is Over

**Clinical Science Specialist** for the Santa Cruz area. The company is offering a rich compensation package. Call Courtney at 480-477-7731 and email at Courtney@qualstaff.com. It requires an experienced BSN minimum, and the company would welcome someone with a more advanced degree. The position is based in Santa Cruz and involves teaching patients in their home on the ins and outs of using a specific medication.

**2 Quality Improvement Coordinator** positions to support the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) at SCVMC. The nurses will be work as team members with the surgeons, be responsible for data management and reporting, and follow up with patients during the month following discharge from the acute hospital. I need nurses with acute care background, including experience with surgery patients, analytical and computer skills, and performance improvement. Applications can be submitted online by going to the Santa Clara County website—job opportunities. https://www.sccgov.org/sites/esa/employment/Pages/oco.aspx

**El Camino Hospital** has opened the application acceptance for our new grad program. Go to "job finder" at elcaminohospital.org!

**SCVMC New Grad Program in Acute Psychiatry**
New Grad Nurse Program in Acute Psychiatry at VMC for late summer/early fall. The program will be limited to 6 positions; split between Acute Inpatient Psychiatry and Emergency Psychiatric Services. We are looking for individuals with the following background and experience.

1. Successful completion of Board Exam
2. Background and/or experience in Mental Health
3. Preceptorship or Mentorship in Acute Mental Health Setting
4. Letter of recommendation from Psychiatry Clinical Instructor

If you know of someone who meets this criteria please have them forward a completed application to Terry Edmonson at: terry.edmonson@hhs.sccgov.org. Please note the application must be completed using a PC as the document is not compatible with Apple products.

**O'Connor Hospital** is going to have a new grad program starting in September.

**San Ramon Regional Medical Center Advanced Wound Center** is looking for a per diem RN (1-3 days a week). Wound care experience not required, just eagerness to learn! Apply through hospital website.

**Hospice of the Valley** a division of Sutter Care at Home is hiring case managers. After Hours RNs, and has openings for Per Diem RNs too. Apply online at the Sutter Health jobsite in the San Jose area.
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to nursing faculty, students and the community. We encourage you to participate by writing a news story, sending a picture with a caption, something that you feel others might enjoy, cartoons, updates, conference presentations, achievements, announcements, and upcoming events, etc. Please send to lori.rodriguez@sjsu.edu