Introducing Colleen O’Leary-Kelley

Dr. O’Leary-Kelly is the new Director of The Valley Foundation School of Nursing. Prior to being elected to the role of director of The Valley Foundation School of Nursing, Dr. Colleen O’Leary-Kelley served as the clinical simulation program director and was The Valley Foundation Endowed Chair for Nursing. She chaired the Personnel Committee and served as chairperson for Semester 2 curriculum committee.

She is originally from Southern California and received her Bachelor of Science in 1978 from Mount St. Mary’s College, Los Angeles. Dr. O’Leary-Kelley received a master’s degree in critical care/trauma nursing in 1996 and her PhD in Nursing with a minor in education from the University of California, San Francisco in 2003. Her area of concentration focused on nutritional outcomes in critically ill patients. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA prior to joining the nursing faculty in 2004. Dr. O’Leary-Kelley has enjoyed teaching undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students, and has mentored faculty, graduate, and doctoral students. As director, she looks forward to working with the faculty to promote collaborative partnerships within the university and with healthcare agencies in the local area.

“Once a nurse, always a nurse. No matter where you go or what you do, you can never truly get out of nursing. It’s like the Mafia. You know too much.

- Deb Gaudlin RN
Conrad and Judy Schmitt Scholarship

Judy and Conrad Schmitt were two remarkable people whose 40 years together began at San Jose State University in January 1976 where they met for the first time. This partnership would result in a lifetime of service to others. Judy provided care to patients that was thoughtful and inspired, but perhaps more importantly, she devoted herself to the educational development of others in the health care field, both by teaching and by mentoring. She was known for being supportive but also direct, as she generously helped others with her knowledge, compassion and sense of humor.

The events of September 11, 2011 had a profound effect on the lives of Judy and Conrad as they did on those of many Americans. After discovering an opportunity with the Department of State as a Psychiatrist overseas, Conrad applied and was accepted as a Regional Medical Officer, Psychiatrist, being sworn in as of January 2004. Judy and Conrad have lived in Accra, Ghana in West Africa, Frankfurt, Germany where Conrad worked in the American Embassies of Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark, and then to Nairobi, Kenya, covering East and Central Africa.

Throughout her nursing career, Judy was a respected teacher, a strong advocate for women’s rights, and a loving, inspiring mentor to many, enhancing their professional development. The Judy and Conrad Schmitt Scholarship in Nursing is one way to remember Judy’s life and good works, and to assist students with needs to achieve a goal that might not otherwise have been possible. Luka Skeen is a semester 2 student and the recipient of this scholarship. Luka earned a 4.0 in semester 1, and wants to become Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. For more information on Conrad and Judy Schmitt, click on this link:

http://blogs.sjsu.edu/wsq/2017/05/08/a-healing-legacy/

SJSU and Stanford Meet

A small group TVFSON faculty visited the Stanford Center for Education and Professional Development this month to discuss potential partnerships between the two institutions. Stay tuned for more information on this coming in the Fall 2017 semester!

Palo Alto, August 7, 2017

Dr. McNiesh Goes to Poland!

Dr. Susan McNiesh delivered a podium presentation of a paper done in collaboration with Dominique Teaford and Deepika Goyal at the International Human Science Research Conference in Jelenia Góra, Poland in July. The paper “Seeking virtual community support after the birth of a child: Poised between necessity and choice” was based on the initial Master’s project of Dominique Teaford, and explored the experiences of women engaged in a virtual community of new mothers seeking support in the months after giving birth. It explored the social limitations and expectations the individuals confront while engaged in an online community of participants represented by their avatars or other shades of anonymity. Because the conference was phenomenologically based, Susan further interpreted the initial data through a phenomenological lens.
Our Faculty
Colleen O'Leary-Kelley, Director

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ADELMAN, TOBY
BAWEL-BRINKLEY, KAREN
CANHAM, DARLYN
COHEN, JAYNE
GOYAL, DEEPIKA
MALLOY, SUE
MAO, CHIA-LING
McNIESH, SUSAN
STUENKEL, DIANE
WONG, VIVIAN

Tenure-track:
BUTZLAFF, ALICE
GAYLLE, DEBRAH,
HILL, CONSTANCE
PATRICK, SHERI
RAUCH, LISA
ROSENBLUM, RUTH
SPIELKER, ARLENE

Lecturers:
AGROIA, MEENU
ANDERSON, LINDA
ASHAOLU, BOLA
BAHL, SARA
BALLIN, RICARDO
BARNBY, JOYCE
BARRETO, JEFFREY
BILLNER-GARCIA, RENEE
BREWER, VANESSA
BROWN, TORY
CUMMINGS, RONI
DIAZ, SANDRA
EDWARDS, PAULA
FINKBEINER, CORNELIA
FRANCISCO, DANIEL
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GERMAIN, MICHELLE
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HARRIFAR, MOJGAN
KEANE, CYNTHIA
KINNER, KATHERINE
LAW, DEBRA
LEE, SANDRA
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MAYER, PEG
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WALKER-VISCHER, LISA
WENG, CHRISTINE
WILLIAMS, CAROL

Faculty and Alumni News
Selected Publications


Germain, M., O'Leary-Kelly, C., Goyal, D. & Anand, S. Can clinical simulation increase nursing students’ confidence levels in performing postpartum care? Nursing Education Perspectives (in press).


Join the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Class of 2020!
The California State University Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program is a 5 semester post-Master’s, online, collaborative program between Fresno State and San José State.
http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing/degrees-programs/dnp.html
Lisa Walker-Vischer, DNP Coordinator

Lisa received her BSN in 1985 from SJSU, and her MS in 1992 from UCSF Parent-Child Acute Care Nursing. Her CNS work focused on developing a research proposal to identify what nursing interventions were helpful to parents during the death of a child. She returned to school in 2012 for her DNP, graduating in 2014 with her project “The experience of Latino parents of hospitalized children during family centered rounds” published in the Journal of Nursing Administration. Over the years she has received several accolades, including 2004 Samaritan of the Year from Good Samaritan Hospital, Daisy award in 2011, and in 2013 she received the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Nursing Excellence Award for Advancing the Profession. Currently, she is a Pedi/PICU CNS at Santa Clara VMC and program coordinator for the DNP, and is very excited about the opportunity! She has been married for 32 years to Tom, 2 daughters, 27 and 24 years old Kelsey and Mackenzie. She states “I absolutely love being a nurse and a CNS. There is such beauty and power in the professional role of the nurse.”


DNP Cohort #6 Fresno, CA August 18, 2017
TVFSON Travels!

Many SON faculty took exciting vacations or led Faculty-led Programs to far corners of the world this summer!

Dr. Abriam-Yago at the GREAT WALL!