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On the Cover: Sarah Welch, DNP ’21, read about her role in implementing a COVID-19 training program for RNs on page 4

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EDUCATING FUTURE FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS REMOTELY

COLLEGE OF NURSING FACULTY ADAPT CLINICAL SIMULATION TO REMOTE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

By Tina Potter

With online instruction the norm at Seattle University and other colleges and universities across the country, one may wonder how programs that typically require hands-on and tactile engagement for learning replicate such an environment virtually. Case in point—the College of Nursing, whose faculty and staff were tasked with transitioning a clinical setting, one that works largely with patient simulators and in-hospital training, into a virtual format.

In reality, it presented a multitude of challenges, great flexibility and creativity on the part of faculty, says Clinical Assistant Professor Dan Cline, PhD, RN, ANP-BC. “The most significant change was adapting what would be an in-hospital clinical experience to a virtual or online clinical experience,” he explains. “You may ask, ‘How can you do that?’ It was a herculean effort!”

With the support of his College of Nursing colleagues, including Suzan Knowles, Lisa Abel, JaHun Kim, Heather DePuydt and Linda Trippett and guided by a shared commitment to keep nursing students on track and moving forward on their journey to become registered nurses, Cline says the first order was to explore options in the world of virtual simulation programs.

“We have an amazing simulation center, the Clinical Performance Lab (CPL) led by Dr. Carrie Miller, and she and her team were instrumental in helping to identify quality virtual simulation programs for us to review and explore to see if any would meet our needs,” says Cline.

Going virtual meant first coalescing a team, which included faculty who teach and coordinate the college’s clinical and in-hospital courses, along with CPL staff, to carefully review simulation software programs to find options that best fit the needs of the CON. The college settled on three virtual platforms, which offer relevant clinical scenarios.

“We then went to work on redesigning our syllabi to match the new format. We put a lot of thought into how we could keep the students engaged and help them develop good critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills,” he says. “We designed our virtual simulations around the current simulation standards put out by INASCL (International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning).”

The big test was if the virtual model would be on par with the in-person, experiential learning that is so vital to nursing education. Turns out, it is close, as evidenced by students as engaged as they would be in the clinical setting.

“... The questions they asked and the issues they have in the virtual simulation are often the same questions and issue we see in the actual clinical setting,” says Cline.

One positive outcome of such a difficult, unprecedented and anxious time is the stronger sense of community, of everyone banding together for the betterment of students and the Seattle U community as a whole.

“I think what it says to me is that the faculty and staff here at SU and the CON are truly committed to the traditions of Jesuit pedagogy and student-centeredness. It sounds trite, but as a new faculty member here, I do think our mission ... focusing on students really helped us commit to making virtual sim an experience that students could learn from,” he says. “The COVID-19 pandemic has really highlighted how we can come together as a team to do something unprecedented and innovative.”

And Cline adds, “We would all be remiss if we did not thank the students for their patience, kindness and willingness to be flexible with the faculty as we worked to pull this all together. So, thank you to our students!”
The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has re-accredited the Seattle University College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC) ARNP programs for 10 years, extending their accreditation to December 31, 2030.

“We are ecstatic to have received such wonderful news about our DNP and PGC programs on the same day (actually within 30 minutes of each other) that we learned of the appointment of Seattle U President-Elect Eduardo M. Peñalver,” says Dean Kristen Swanson.

The DNP program at Seattle University prepares nurses to lead and transform care systems from a foundation of Jesuit values and social justice. Since it began in 2012, the program has grown from 4 students to 324 with a total of 59 graduates.

Seattle University College of Nursing has long offered opportunities for those new to nursing and for professional nurses to expand their scope of practice. Study options at the College of Nursing include a full complement of advanced practice specialties, including DNP and PGC programs for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse-Midwifery.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing/master’s degree program in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice program and post-graduate APRN certificate program at Seattle University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

Jennifer Fricas, PhD, MPH, RN


Daisy S. Garcia, PhD, RN
With K. Camacho-Carr (Emerita) and Y. Weichao. Bolivian Nurses Readiness to Engage in Evidence-Based Practice (Poster). International Council of Nurses Congress, Singapore, June 27-July 1, 2019.

Anita Jablonski, PhD, RN

Hyun Jung Kim, PhD, PMHNP-BC

Carrie Westmoreland Miller, PhD, RN, CNE, IBCLC, CHSE

Robin Narruhn, PhD, RN


Kuhhee Ro, DNP, FNP-BC


Kristen M. Swanson, PhD, RN, FAAN
Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Caring. Safety, and Affirmation (Keynote). Nursing Retreat 2019, AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center, Atlantic City, NJ, October 4, 2019.


Diane K. Switzer, DNP, ARNP, FAEN

Danuta M. Wojnar, PhD, RN, MN, MED, IBCLC, FAAN

Mo-Kyung Sin, PhD, RN

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With intensive experience in the health care field, Sarah Welch, ’21, is working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis as a STAT registered nurse, while pursuing a doctorate at Seattle University’s College of Nursing. Here’s a Q&A with Welch, who reflects on both her professional role during the global pandemic and also how Seattle U factors into the progression of her career path.

**WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT AREA OF PRACTICE/EMPLOYMENT?**
Currently, I am working at the University of Washington Medical Center-Northwest (UWMC-NW) as a STAT RN, which is an expert registered nurse trained in critical care or emergency nursing who

serves as a hospital-wide resource to support nurses in the care of critically ill patients. We respond to all medical emergencies and provide bedside mentoring for nurses less experienced or trained in the care of critically ill or medically complicated patients.

**WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS?**
I collaborated with the education department at UWMC-NW in the creation and implementation of a training program for outpatient clinic, surgical and pre-op nurses to be able to support acute care nurses in the event of surge in COVID-19 [cases]. Many of these RNs had never worked in the acute care environment, or it had been many years. The goal of this program was to train these RNs for a role we created, referred to as an RN Extender. In the RN extender role, the nurses would provide support to the acute care nurses if there was a need to increase the nurse-to-patient ratio. In the setting of crisis and surge, we were anticipating a ratio of over 1:7. We created a full-day didactic and hands-on training. We also organized and supported RNs through on-unit training with the acute care RNs, ensuring they had exposure to the various patient populations they would be expected to care for. In a period of three weeks, we created the training, completed three didactic days, and

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trained more than 40 non-acute RNs to serve in the RN Extender role.

With social distancing efforts, the expected surge and scarcity of resources never happened, and these RNs did not need to be deployed in this capacity. However, I felt really good about the work my team accomplished. We evaluated our efforts and made recommendations for moving forward in the event that we should need to ramp up again in a future crisis.

YOU’RE ALSO INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT UWMC-NW. WOULD YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR ROLE IN THAT PROCESS?

The COVID-19 crisis has created unprecedented challenges to the entire health care system. Policies and protocols needed to be developed quickly in order for safe and evidence-based care to be provided to our patients, while simultaneously protecting our frontline health care workers from infection.

This formidable task required an all-hands-on-deck approach. I provided input and was engaged in many discussions that lead to the creation of COVID-19-specific patient care and personal protective equipment (PPE) policies.

Synthesizing evidence from the World Health Organization and the CDC, I also independently created a policy for the “After-Death Care for the COVID-19 Patient.” After completing a trial run and revising, this policy was implemented for the organization and is still active.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SEATTLE U?

I’m from Massachusetts and moved to Seattle in 2000 after completing my undergraduate degree. I chose Seattle University because I was drawn to its Jesuit mission and tradition to educate each student as a whole—as well as its high academic standards. I also loved the idea of spending time on an urban campus in Capitol Hill.

Additionally, I knew graduates from the College of Nursing (CON) are highly regarded. In my career, I have worked with many Seattle U CON graduates and found them to be well-prepared, hardworking, compassionate and professional nurses who spoke highly of their education and training.

WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT PROGRAM AREA AT SEATTLE U?

I’m enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) program. When I applied to this program, I had been practicing as an RN for almost 15 years. Having always worked in the acute care setting and with critically ill patients, I believe that the transition to the AG-ACNP role is a logical progression in my professional and personal development.

I was drawn to the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track because I wanted to grow my knowledge in this field. My goal is to work as an independent practitioner in the critical care environment and have a seat at the table where important policy decisions are made so I can champion best practices. I want to learn the important skills of being able to translate nursing and organizational leadership research into practice.
Fellows of the Academy of Nursing are nominated and selected based on their strong leadership skills and significant contributions to nursing and health care. “This is the highest honor offered to a nurse and recognizes a lifetime of achievements,” said Dean Swanson.

Bonnie H. Bowie, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, is a Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs at Seattle University. She joined the College of Nursing in 2000 and has made many significant contributions to the success of its programs and students. She is an engaged Jesuit educator who strives to be an active participant in lifelong learning.

Dr. Bowie’s research addresses gaps in fostering interpersonally and physically safe environments for children and families. Her research raises awareness of the harmful effects of microaggression and sibling aggression on children. She described how microaggressions by teachers can be particularly damaging to children and documented a higher association between Black children’s perceptions of peer and teacher discrimination and their experience of symptoms related to depression and anxiety. Through her studies of harmful sibling aggression, she realized that there were no mechanisms for clinical assessment of harmful sibling aggression. Along with Greg Hudson, DNP ’18, she co-developed and introduced a screening tool for harmful sibling aggression that can be administered during well child visits.

Dr. Bowie’s research also addresses threats to adult health. She partnered with nursing colleague, Lauren Lawson, DNP, RN and across interdisciplinary teams to develop and pilot a cost-effective respite care model for homeless individuals needing a safe place to recover from illness. Working with health economics colleagues, Bridget Hiedemann, PhD and Erin Vernon, PhD from Albers School of Business and Economics, she addressed risks to women’s health associated with oral contraceptives, namely, flawed assumptions regarding the cost effectiveness of screening for thrombophilia prior to prescribing combined oral contraceptives. She is currently working with colleagues to change policy regarding thrombophilia testing at the state level, a condition that coupled with combined oral contraceptives can lead to markedly increased morbidity and mortality.
In June 2020, Benjamin J. Miller PhD, APRN, FNP-C, ACNPC, ENP-C, FAANP was among the 71 nurse practitioners inducted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP). He joined a group of leaders whose scholarly and forward-thinking contributions have led to meaningful improvements to health care and the nurse practitioner role.

Dr. Miller is an associate professor at Seattle University where he is track lead of the Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) program. The program, which he founded at Seattle U, admits both DNP and post-graduate certificate students. In his role at Seattle U, he has been a trusted mentor and advisor to many graduate students. He has also developed a comprehensive Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) program for NP students and helped to develop post-graduate fellowship programs.

Dr. Miller is an active health care provider whose practice focuses on family medicine, cardiology, emergency, and hospitalist care. He led multidisciplinary teams to rural Tanzania where he was instrumental in developing a health clinic.

The FAANP program was established to recognize NP leaders who have made outstanding contributions to health care through clinical practice, research, education or policy. Fellows of AANP are visionaries and, as such, hold an annual think tank to strategize about the future of NPs and health care. The new Fellows will continue demonstrating leadership and contributing to the mission of AANP.
NURSING STUDENTS BUILD ON PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE, IMPROVE ACCESS TO WOUND CARE SUPPLIES FOR THE HOMELESS

As students, Sarah Dean and Brad Fifield took part in the College of Nursing’s Public Health Internship (PHI)* program. This innovative program, which launched in fall 2019, pairs junior- and senior-level undergraduates with community agencies for 30 hours each quarter over the course of one year. This immersive community-centered learning experience introduces students to public health nursing and enables them to think critically about health advocacy beyond the bedside. In its inaugural year, PHI placed 81 students in 19 community health and social service agencies, with a total of 64 interprofessional mentors. Next year, 166 students will be matched into PHI service at local health and social service agencies.

Dean and Fifield were both interested in working with unhoused individuals and were placed at God’s Li’l Acre (GLA), a drop-in center in the Lake City neighborhood of Seattle. GLA is a collaborative effort of the Seattle Mennonite Church (SMC) and the Lake City Partners Ending Homeless, a group that has fostered several programs that work to provide shelter and trauma informed services to individuals in the Lake City area experiencing homelessness or housing instability. The College of Nursing has had a longstanding partnership with the SMC providing opportunities for nursing students to engage in services for unhoused individuals and families since 2008.

During the internship at GLA, both Dean and Fifield noticed a significant need for appropriate wound care. “We saw chronic non-healing, acute, and infected wounds,” said Dean. “Based on research and interviews, we found that this issue was pervasive and multifaceted. There is a litany of risk factors that increase homeless individuals’ risk for acute or chronic wound and an even longer lists of barriers and inequities that prevent them from accessing appropriate wound care.”

The two teamed up to develop a method to provide safe, accessible wound care supplies to those they cared for at GLA. Dean said, “we formulated an intervention that operates under the harm reduction model, integrates positive change, and meets individuals where they are in the management of their health. Our main goal is to establish a system of providing accessible, clean, and appropriate wound care supplies to individuals living through homelessness in the Lake City Area.”

The team (Dean and Fifield) implemented their first round of wound care kits in May. Each kit is equipped with dressing components, including waste bags, tips for old dressing removal, educational handouts with simple instructions for care, signs and symptoms of infection, and local health care resources. They chose a durable, water-proof container (insulated lunch bags) for the kits to keep materials intact and dry. They plan to continue project operations throughout the summer.

“Through partnership and community buy-in, we hope this project continues beyond our time at Seattle University and becomes a mainstay at GLA,” said Dean “We hope this project makes a sustainable impact on this organization, promotes health care literacy, community wellbeing, and empowers individuals to take charge of their health.”

Sarah Dean and Brad Fifield took some additional time to tell us a little more about themselves and future career goals in this Q&A.

Where did you grow up? What brought you to Seattle U?

Brad Fifield: I am originally from New Hampshire. What brought me to Seattle U was the unique College of Nursing program that emphasized community service and outreach.

Sarah Dean: I grew up in Coeur d’Alene, ID and moved to Seattle to attend SU after being recruited to play for the women’s soccer team—Go Redhawks! I graduated with a degree in General

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Science with an emphasis in Chemistry and Biology. Following a career in critical care research, I decided to return to Seattle U to pursue my BSN. 

**Why did you choose to pursue your BSN at Seattle U?**

Brad Fifield: Prior to moving to Seattle for my bachelor’s degree, I was living in San Diego working towards an associate’s degree in Pre-Nursing. I knew I wanted to stay on the West Coast and found that Seattle U had the values I was looking for in a nursing program as far as engaging with the local community, emphasizing care and compassion for patients, and encouraging the importance of constant self-care and reflection.

Sarah Dean: As a graduate of Seattle U, I knew its mission and teaching philosophy were centered upon the commitment to providing a holistic education. One that empowers, pushes, and supports its students to become leaders dedicated to social justice and enacting change. Knowing this, I was drawn to return to the SU campus to pursue my BSN. I knew it’s mission would shape the type of nurse I wanted to become; a nurse devoted to community-centered advocacy, compassion, and service.

**What are your plans or career goals after you graduate?**

Brad Fifield: My career goal is to work as a cardiac ICU nurse for several years after graduating and then apply to CRNA school. Throughout that time, I would also like to take what I have learned from this community health class and apply it to future projects and volunteer opportunities that can benefit my local community.

Sarah Dean: While I am still open to exploring the many fields of nursing, my goal is to continue working in the community hospital setting ultimately focusing on emergency and critical care medicine. I aspire to return to graduate school to pursue a DNP program of Adult Gerontology Acute Care and someday return to clinical research.

*SARAH DEAN, BSN ’20, AND BRAD FIFIELD, BSN ’20, RECEIVED A GRANT FROM KING COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATE (KCNA) TO PURSUE THEIR PROJECT “NAVIGATING WOUND CARE FOR THE HOMELES.”*  

Pictured L to R: Sarah Dean, Jen Tate from God’s Lil Acres, Brad Fifield all holding wound care kits.
**FUNDING**

### EXTERNAL AWARDS

**NEW**


**Cheryl Cooke**, PhD, DNP, PMHNP-BC, **Janiece DeSocio**, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, FAAN and **Kristen M. Swanson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, “Integrating Substance Use Disorder Screening and Assessment into Treatment,” January 1-June 30, 2020, American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA), $5,000.

**Sarah Dean (BSN ’20) and Brad Fifield (Bsn ’20), “Navigating Wound Care for the Homeless,” King County Nurses Association, 2020.**

**Mary Field**, DNP, MBA, RN, CPHON (BSN ’07, DNP ’20), “A Longitudinal Cross-Sectional Evaluation of Nursing Satisfaction with the Electronic Medical Record,” Seattle Children’s Hospital, 2019-2022, $9,923.


**Mo-Kyung Sin**, PhD, RN, “Parkinson’s Disease Nursing Student Ambassador Program” May 2020, Parkinson’s Foundation Nurse Faculty Award, $9,863.

**Kristen M. Swanson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, “The Robert and Jean Reid Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship,” The Robert and Jean Reid Family Foundation, October 2, 2019-September 30, 2020, $105,000.

### CONTINUING


### INTERNAL AWARDS

**NEW**

**Lisa Abel**, DNP, MSN, ARNP, WHNP-BC, “Increasing access to cervical cancer screening for women affected by homelessness through human papillomavirus (HPV) self-collection,” January 2020-December 2021, Seattle University College of Nursing Seed Grant, $6,710.

**Kumhee Ro**, DNP, FNP “Desired and Received Support: Voices of Racial/Ethnic Minority Nursing Faculty,” 2020, Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship, $7,100.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS


**Jia Bowers** (BSN ’20), 2020, Mary Mahoney Professional Nurses Organization (MMPNO) Scholarship.

**Farhia Hassan** (BSN ’20), 2020, Mary Mahoney Professional Nurses Organization (MMPNO) Scholarship.

**Mackenzie Kyle Kilmer** (BSN ’21), 2020, Basic Award, King County Nurses Association.

**Amaia Laskin** (BSN ’21), March 2020, Rosemary Ford Future of Oncology Nursing Foundation Scholarship, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

**Allan Matias** (BSN ’21), 2020, American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s COVID-19 Nursing Student Support Fund.

**Belen Mesele** (DNP ’22), 2020, Valerie Weiss Award, King County Nurses Association.

**Noelle Molstad** (BSN ’20), 2019-2020, Keith and Kathleen Hallman Endowed Scholarship, Harrison Medical Center.

**Jason Naki** (BSN ’20), 2020, Mary Buik Memorial Fund Scholarship and Eileen Ridgway Endowed Nursing Outreach Scholarship, Seattle University College of Nursing.

**Ellena Saechao** (DNP ’21), 2019-2020, Keith and Kathleen Hallman Endowed Scholarship, Harrison Medical Center.

**Kayla Shull** (BA ’14, DNP ’21), 2019-2020, Lois Price Spratlen Foundation Scholarship.
OUR GRADUATES LIVE OUR VISION OF MOVEMENT TOWARD SERVICE AND CREATING A MORE JUST, HUMANE WORLD.
Kayla Shull, BA ’14 and DNP ’21, was the 2019-20 recipient of the Lois Price Spratlen Foundation scholarship. This scholarship program supports graduate students pursuing a career in advanced practice psychiatric nursing.

Shull is originally from Hawaii, raised on the east side of Oahu in a small town called Kaneohe. She moved to Seattle to pursue her undergraduate education at Seattle University and earned her BA in Psychology and Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies in 2014. She is currently studying to become a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, which puts her on track to become a double Seattle U alumna when she completes her doctoral studies in 2021.

Shull took some time out to reflect on how she came to Seattle U initially and why she decided to return and pursue her PMHNP-DNP.

“Out of all the colleges that I toured for undergrad, SU was the only school dedicated to enriching the community around them. I was especially drawn to the mission to educate students for a just and humane world. It is a value that I hold close to me and hope to embody in my career as a psychiatric DNP,” said Shull. “Having completed my undergraduate degree at SU, I was familiar with the campus and small class sizes. I appreciated the professor to student ratio and felt that I would excel in that environment while earning my doctoral degree. All my best friends from undergrad are also nurses and they have incredibly fulfilling careers.”

Shull said she was drawn to the PMHNP-DNP program, “because I knew I would get a well-rounded education that would prepare me to achieve my dream of making large scale changes in the area of mental health care. I am deeply passionate about advocating for people with behavioral health issues and have felt supported at SU in my efforts to do this work.”

Shull’s project focuses on developing an assessment tool for wounds that have an injection drug use etiology and to implement a wound care program at Evergreen Treatment Services (ETS), where she has experience as a methadone dispense/substance use disorder nurse.

Although wound care is not traditionally an area of interest for PMHNPs, wounds often derail treatment due to long hospital stays. “It’s important for advanced practice nurses to have a variety of skill sets regardless of specialty, not only for meeting immediate patient needs, but for coordinating patient care,” Shull says. She believes a program headed by practitioners in a trusting environment could lower hospital admissions and increase treatment adherence.

After completing her DNP, Shull plans to specialize in addiction medicine and wound care while continuing to work with ETS and acute care drug detox centers in the Seattle area.

“I want to serve those struggling with all types of substance use disorders. I believe that recovery looks different for everyone and that as providers we should not only be meeting people where they’re at, but where they want to be,” said Shull. “In my time working with ETS, I quickly learned that a first, second, third or tenth time in treatment may not be the last, but an open mind and non-judgmental attitude may make the fifteenth time the one. It is truly a privilege to watch someone turn their lives around, and that’s why I love this work.”
The Dean of Seattle University’s College of Nursing (CON), Kristen Swanson, PhD, RN, FAAN, was among six nurse leaders inducted into the Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA) 2020 Hall of Fame, which recognizes achievements that will endure beyond their lifetimes.

“Kristen Swanson has had an incredible impact on patient care, leadership, education, public service and clinical practice through her contributions to nursing science and nursing education,” says the WSNA in Swanson’s inductee profile. “Her Theory of Caring has provided the foundation for hundreds of scientific studies as well as a theoretical framework for the nursing care provided at clinical institutions worldwide.”

Swanson’s Theory of Caring is based on the idea that nurses demonstrating they care about patients is as important to patient well-being as the clinical activities provided. It considers and cares for the whole person and is the foundation for better healing and better care. Her Theory of Caring provided much needed guidance for the advancement of nursing science and for the quality of nursing practice in all clinical settings. Her contributions to nursing science and her leadership in nursing education has improved the profession globally and especially in the state of Washington.

Swanson has been dean of Seattle U’s CON since 2014. For nearly 22 years, she served on the faculty at the University of Washington School of Nursing. She is beginning her second term as board chair of Swedish Health Services.

She is also well known for her research on pregnancy loss. Swanson has published over 100 articles and book chapters and provided hundreds of presentations and consultations to advance the science related to caring in nursing.

“Her seminal work in the science of caring is having a positive effect on the care provided by nurses and the outcomes of patient care. Her work has helped many, many institutions create a positive workplace environment and advanced the profession of nursing for all of us,” says the WSNA.

Swanson’s professional achievements and awards are numerous. To name a few, the inaugural University of Washington Medical Center Endowed Professor in Nursing Leadership, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Alumni Endowed Professor, a member of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 1991. In 2004 – 2007, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow, an advanced leadership initiative for nurses in senior executive roles who aspire to lead and shape the future U.S. health care system. She recently completed her second term on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Board of Directors.

The six recipients were awarded by WSNA during a virtual event on Thursday, Aug. 6. Since 1996, the WSNA Hall of Fame award is given every two years to a select few in recognition of demonstrated excellence in the areas of patient care, leadership, education, public service, nurse advocacy, heroism, patient advocacy and/or clinical practice.

“2020 IS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE NURSE AND MIDWIFE, SO IT IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD FROM WSNA AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND WITH SUCH AN ESTEEMED PANEL OF RECIPIENTS,” SAYS DEAN SWANSON.
Betty Beza, BSN ‘21, is a senior at Seattle U pursuing her BSN degree. She is an active member of the university community, where she has served as an advisor for the Collegia program, Mentorship Officer for her BSN cohort and is Co-President of the African Student Association. After graduation she plans to spend 2 to 3 years working as a Pediatric or ED nurse then pursue graduate studies to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

The Shinnyo-en Foundation, a Japanese Buddhist organization based in San Francisco, partners with the Center for Community Engagement to support current and recent undergraduates in discovering and/or honing their individual paths to peace through direct service. As a Fellow, Beza will work with a Seattle-based community partner for approximately 20 hours a week throughout the upcoming year as a way of exploring their vocational calling and contributing to the community.

Beza recently took some time to share how she came to Seattle U and her fellowship project.

WHAT DREW YOU TO PURSUE YOUR BSN AT SEATTLE U?

I learned about SU’s nursing program during my senior year of high school… every summer, a faculty member and a nursing student from SU would come to my high school, Gashora Girl’s Academy (Kigali, Rwanda), to teach a women’s and reproductive health class and do some maternal and infant health projects in a nearby community. It was moving to see that students can apply their knowledge by implementing their own projects of interest and have all the support from the faculty and the school at large; this was huge for me since I was already involved in community and service at my high school. It was after learning about the program’s focus on social justice and its emphasis on a holistic approach in patient care that I knew SU’s nursing program was for me.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN THE TOPIC OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP?

Community and service have always been my biggest interests and are highly connected to my passion for health care and nursing; however, it was not until my community health class, last spring, that I made up my mind to become a Shinnyo-en fellow at the Center for Community Engagement. In my class, we explored deeply the many challenges and disproportions that influence the overall health care of individuals and communities, what those disparities mean to us as future health care providers and our role in addressing them to improve the health care outcomes of our patients, especially patients from marginalized communities. A big aspect of our role as student nurses and future providers is advocating for our patients and communities by meeting them where they are as part of the comprehensive care we provide. My program has offered me various clinical/hospital experiences where I provided bedside care for patients. It is possible that as a nursing professional I will encounter most patients at the bedside, however I believe there is a lot I can learn from the lives of my patients in their communities outside the hospital that can tell me a lot about their health care outcomes. I believe there is a lot to learn from working with communities, especially minority communities, that can help me better serve their

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Among the College of Nursing’s 2020 DNP graduates is Dr. Mary Field who received the Provost’s Award for Graduate Student Excellence. This is an award given to a Seattle U graduate student who has maintained the highest grade point average throughout their program and also demonstrated outstanding leadership.

While completing her DNP, Field received a grant from Seattle Children’s Hospital to fund a research study evaluating nursing use, quality, and satisfaction with the electronic medical record (EMR), which will continue until 2022. Her research is giving nurses a voice in evaluating a tool that is essential to completing their day to day work.

Field, a Pacific Northwest native, received her BSN from Seattle U in 2007 before completing her DNP this past June. Her professional areas of expertise are in pediatric hematology/oncology nursing and health care informatics. She also has an MBA with an emphasis in informatics.

In 2019, when asked why she chose to pursue her DNP at SU, she said, “As a nurse administrator and informaticist, I think the combination of an MBA and DNP provides me all of the tools I need on an everyday basis at work. To move projects forward I have found I need to have a strong foundation of business skills and my graduate level nursing education allows me to take those projects and bring them to an academic level, so I know how to pitch a project AND evaluate it! I have found my formal business and nursing education to blend nicely in both of my roles as an administrator and informaticist.”

Field’s research study evaluating nursing use, quality, and satisfaction with the electronic medical record (EMR) at Seattle Children’s Hospital will continue until 2022. “I want to give nurses a voice in evaluating the technological tool they use most every day!” she said. “There is a ton of published literature out there that focuses on provider satisfaction with the EMR, but very little about nursing satisfaction. I will be longitudinally evaluating this as we transition from one EMR to another while also looking at whether one’s demographics (age, tenure in the role, type of nurse, and unit) make a difference in nursing satisfaction.”

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECT GOALS?

As part of my fellowship, I will be working with a local non-profit organization that serves marginalized communities with a history of homelessness. These organizations provide them with resources to ease their transition to long-term stable housing. The resources range from low income housing, health-related services, financial services and nutrition programs to help them achieve sustainable development and attain a positive, healthy life outcome.

Most members of the communities I will be working with already have, or are at high-risk of developing, chronic diseases... obesity, asthma, mental health and substance-related problems, as well as domestic violence are most prevalent in those populations. I will be working to help advance their health care outreach program by developing an information model that can be shared with those families to support them in making positive lifestyle choices as they transition to stable long-term housing.
NEW APPOINTMENTS/NEW HIRES

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
Daniel Cline, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CEN
DoQuyen Huynh, DNP, ARNP, FNP
Alic Shook, PhD, RN

INSTRUCTORS
Shannon Hines, MSN, RN
Stanley Kong, MSN, FNP-C, ARNP
Samantha Poss, DNP
Margot Sprague, MSN, RN
Bren Tiel, MSN, RN

LECTURERS
Viola Bongiorno, MS, BSN, RN-BC
Grace Gasior, MSN, RN
Benjamin Hocutt, MSN, AG-AACNP
Laura Houdek, MSN, RN
Aubrey Lawlor, MSN, ARNP, CNM

ADJUNCT FACULTY
Czarina Butac, DNP
Pamela Christensen, MN, ARNP, ACCNS-P, RN-BC, CPN
Lyndsey Conway, MN, RN, BMTCN
Karen Cowgill, PhD, RN
Swee May Cripe, PhD
Leslie Enz, BSN, RN, C-EMF
Mary Field, DNP, MBA, RN
Asurupi Gurung, MSN, FNP, ARNP
Sandi Jo Hamilton, MSN, RN
Pamela Heron, MSN, RN
Katie Husey, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC
Kristen Jutras, BSN, RN
Ava Kozlovska, DNP, PMHNP
Elizabeth Mack, MSN, FNP
Seve Manuel, MSN, ARNP, FNP-C
Sadie McHatton, MSN, RN
Lee Moore, DNP, MEd, ARNP, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP
Bethany Phillips, MSN, RNC-NIC, CPN
Anthony Pirot, DNP, ARNP
Lora Schallert, MSN, RN
Carol Shade, DNP, RN, CPHIHS, FHIMSS
Roxanne Souchenda, BSN, RN
Alice Steneke, BSN, RN, CPN
Teresa van Winkle, MPH, BSN, RN, CPN
Sailaza Vintha, BSN, RN

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Staff Appointments

Promotions
Christina De Senouillet, Senior Clinical Placement Coordinator
Rebecca Severson, APNI Academic Advisor

New Hires
Ian Brumbaugh, Administrative Assistant
Justin Crippen, Clinical Services Assistant
Kei Hattori, Undergraduate Program Coordinator
Ann Limbaugh, Executive Coordinator to the Dean
Ronda Mitchell, Undergraduate Academic Advisor
Brian O’Malley, CPL Simulation Technician
Peggy Stevens, Operations/ Administrative Assistant

Leadership Appointments

Jennifer Fricas, PhD, MPH, RN, Appointed Communications Officer of the Indigenous Knowledge and the Academy Special Interest Group of the Comparative and International Education Society.

Fellows

Jennifer Fricas, PhD, MPH, RN, Appointed Communications Officer of the Indigenous Knowledge and the Academy Special Interest Group of the Comparative and International Education Society.

Fellows

FACULTY
Bonnie H. Bowie, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, Fellow, American Academy of Nursing, 2020
Benjamin J. Miller, PhD, APRN, FNP, ACNP, FAANP, Fellow, American Academy of Nursing Practitioners, June 2020

STUDENTS

Awards

Faculty
Mo-Kyung Sin, PhD, RN, Visiting Nurse Faculty, Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty Program, Parkinson’s Foundation, September 2019 and Shine Award: Championing Professional Formation, Seattle University, May 2020.
Kristen M. Swanson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Washington State Nurses Association Hall of Fame Inductee, March 2020.

Students
Mary Field (DNP ‘20), Provost’s Award for Graduate Student Excellence, June 2020.
Suraj Chand (BSN ‘20), Sister Mary Ruth Niehoff Award, June 2020.
Peter Hoang (BSN ‘20), Spirit of the College of Nursing Award, June 2020.
Jason Naki (BSN ‘20), Spirit of the College of Nursing Award, August 2020.
Summer Nordike (BSN ‘20), Nursing Service Award, August 2020.
Kathryn Yuu (BSN ‘20), Nursing Service Award, June 2020.
Mia Wang (BSN ‘20), Sister Mary Ruth Niehoff Award, August 2020.

Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society Inductees
Alisa Bieber (DNP ‘21)
Lindsay Bui (BSN ‘21)
Mary Field (DNP ‘20)
Laura Houdek (DNP ‘20)
Katherine Husey (DNP ‘20)
Jody Kline-McHugh (DNP ‘21)
Navdeep Malhi (DNP ‘21)
Caelin Katherine McDonald (BSN ‘20)
Katelin Jean Miller (BSN ‘21)
Adrian Joseph Cortez Nava (BSN ‘21)
Ellery Nelson (DNP ‘21)
Sabrina Raj (DNP ‘20)
Adeline Oktavianti Sugeng (BSN ‘20)
Michelle Tran (DNP ‘21)
Riquelle Lynn Weaver (BSN ‘20)
While a senior nursing student, Jason Naki, ’20, was
been selected for two College of Nursing scholarships
that recognized him not only for his academic ability,
but for his commitment to service and his drive to make
a positive impact in the world.
“Being of service is one of my values,” says Naki, who
currently serves as president of the Seattle University
Student Nurses Association (SUSNA) and Mentorship
Officer for his fellow class of ’20 transfer nursing
students.”I endeavor to build connections among our
nursing student community on campus.”
Naki decided to pursue a career in nursing after
overcoming personal challenges. “I am no stranger
to the hospital and use my experience as a patient in
the ICU to inform my practice,” he said. “The RN who
took care of me during that stay was pivotal in my
restoration, because of her kindness, compassion and
upbeat attitude.”
The dignity and respect Naki received from the RN
who cared for him affected him deeply. He said, “I strive to be that positive impact in my current position
as a Nursing Technician (CNA) at Harborview Medical
Center. The harder I work, the better off my patient
outcomes are.”
Naki’s Ridgway project, Healthy Happy Hour, aims to
improve the health of Seattle Housing Authority (SHA)
residents who are at high-risk of homelessness due to
socioeconomic status, chronic illness, disability status
and/or mental health challenges. One aspect of his
project is to hold a quarterly healthy cooking class
that includes demonstrations of how to prepare tasty,
healthy and nutritious foods made from ingredients
typically included in donation boxes from the nearby
food bank.
Naki is clearly passionate about caring for people
“heavily impacted by negative determinants of health,
like homelessness, mental health challenges, substance
use, and those who do not use English as their first
language,” and said that after he graduates hopes
to continue at Harborview in their Nurse Residency
Program to continue being of service to the most
underserved residents of King County.
“I strive to help and serve others,” Naki said, “I am
proud to be an SU Redhawk, because living life guided
by spiritual principles, like honesty, mindfulness,
humility, integrity, and working toward making the world
a little brighter is important to me.”
The Mary Buike Memorial Scholarship was established
in memory of Mary Theresa (Range) Buike who passed
away in 2017 from Advanced Ovarian Cancer. This
scholarship is intended to encourage the important role
that genuine, heartfelt compassion plays in positively
impacting seriously ill (even terminal) patients and their
family members, and to support the formation of nurses
who will serve with empathy and kind-heartedness.
Established in May 1996, the Dr. Eileen Ridgway
Endowed Nursing Scholarship aims to kindle and
fuel leadership development by encouraging student
development in community outreach, service and
civic efforts. The selection committee is affiliated with
Seattle U’s Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau
International honor society.

To learn more about endowed scholarships at the College of Nursing, contact
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