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# College of Health and Human Services

# CONNECTIONS

## E-News

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### College hosts health equity lecture and conference

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#### Lecture and conference stress collaboration for health equity

This past Feb. 11 and 12, over 150 students, faculty, staff and community members gathered at the College of Health and Human Services to learn and share ways to collaborate to build health equity in the community. On those days the college's Bill Burian University-Community Lecture Series was presented in coordination with the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion's second biennial conference "Collaboration for Equity: Building a Community that Supports Health Care for All."

### Student news and honors

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#### Grad student selected for addictions counselor fellowship

Graduate student Princilla Ursery is majoring in clinical mental health counseling and is enrolled in the specialty program in alcohol and drug addiction graduate certification program. Recently, she was selected for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors. Her selection from among many qualified applicants demonstrates her impressive experience, commitment, hard work and service to transition-age youth from under-served minority populations.



#### Student/faculty presentation explores women's leadership in social work

On Feb. 9, 2015, social work master's student Courtney Dunsmore joined School of Social Work faculty members Dr. Barbara Barton and Dr. Dee Sherwood in presenting their co-authored paper "Falling Silent: Analyzing the Voices of Women Leaders in the Social Work Profession" at the 27th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference in Las Vegas.



#### PA student awarded scholarship

Second year Western Michigan University Department of Physician Assistant student Kelley

Giovannini was one of only six PA students in the state of Michigan to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation.

## A visit to the Unified Clinics

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### **Alumnus' antique hearing device collection exhibited in Van Riper Clinic**

Dr. Richard Baldwin, who was born with a hearing impairment and wears a hearing aid, began collecting antique, non-electrical hearing devices many years ago. He has steadily added to the Baldwin Collection, now a 90-piece exhibit that has been on permanent loan to Western Michigan University from Baldwin and his wife Patty since 2000.



### **Vision Clinic optometrist honored as fellow**

Recently, Vision Clinic Optometrist Dr. Matthew Johnson achieved the prestigious fellowship accreditation "FAAO," recognizing him as a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. This designation signifies that Johnson has met rigorous qualifications involving presenting written and oral case studies, being evaluated through interviews and clinical assessment, and meeting the highest educational and licensure standards.

## Faculty research, project and program updates

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### **Professor Mary Lagerwey named Bronson School of Nursing interim director**

Bronson School of Nursing Professor Mary Lagerwey will serve as the school's interim director effective Jan. 1, 2015.



### **Award will study innovative Parkinson's treatment**

College of Health and Human Services Director of Research JoAnne McFarland O'Rourke has recently received the 2015 Raymond Bauer M.D. Research Award from the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. The aim of the award is to help support research and to foster the study of Parkinson's disease among individuals with career interests in neurological disorders.



### **OT project will connect creativity with clinical competence**

Department of Occupational Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Carla Chase's "Instructional Development Project Grant for the Art and Science of Occupational Therapy: Bridging the Gap between Creativity and Clinical Competence" has been approved for funding by the University's Office of Faculty Development Advisory Board.



**Glista a national leader in aphasia, communication access**

Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology Master Faculty Specialist Sandra Glista is the head of the Aphasia Communication Enhancement Program at the Unified Clinic's Charles Van Riper Language, Speech, and Hearing Clinic and a recognized expert in best-practice and therapy related to aphasia.

## **Dean Washington calls for faculty teaching excellence award nominations**

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Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members are invited to nominate or re-nominate a WMU College of Health and Human Services faculty member for the 2014-2015 Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.

Excellence in teaching is a hallmark of the college. The Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes and sustains that tradition. Find information about the award and the nomination process on the [nomination form](#). Also available is a [list of eligible faculty members](#). **Nominations are due by noon on Friday, April 10, 2015.**