Linda L. McCreary, PhD, RN, FAAN, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Health Systems Science and Co-Director of UIC College of Nursing’s Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Collaborating Centre for International Development in Primary Health Care, has been elected Chair of the Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) for the years 2016-2018.

PANMCC is a formal network of Nursing and Midwifery WHO Collaborating Centres based in the Americas (WHO AMRO Region) and focuses on fostering partnerships and advancing nursing and midwifery within the region. UIC College of Nursing was the first college to be designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre in Nursing and Midwifery.

The election occurred during PANMCC’s XV Pan American Nursing Research Colloquium and Annual Meeting held in Mexico City from October 3-7, 2016, and recognizes Dr. McCreary’s leadership and contributions to the organization. She most recently completed a term as PANMCC’s Treasurer from 2014-2016.

As part of the redesignation process, every four years UIC CON commits to an agreed upon workplan and Terms of Reference (TORs) to guide our work during the relevant period. The TORs align with and further the WHO’s mission and efforts.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE for 2015-2019**

1. To collaborate with PAHO/WHO to disseminate primary health care research findings and best practices among policy makers, nurses, midwives and consumers to address universal access to health, universal health coverage and Sustainable Development Goals.

2. To collaborate with PAHO/WHO to facilitate multidisciplinary research focused on primary health care, education and practice with special emphasis on capacity building of nursing human resources.

3. To collaborate with PAHO/WHO to promote education to develop nursing and other human resources for health for multidisciplinary primary health care practice, education and research.

Some of the projects and activities highlighted in this newsletter show how the College of Nursing works to achieve these terms of reference.
India

Bel-Air College of Nursing: Advancing Nursing’s Impact on a Nation’s Health

Since 2004, UIC College of Nursing and Bel-Air College of Nursing (BCON) in Panchgani, India, have collaborated to promote and expand the role of nursing in India, target the stigma surrounding HIV, encourage educational advancements, and provide professional development opportunities for both UIC and Bel-Air students and faculty. Minu Patel, retired UIC CON Assistant Professor and his wife, Dr. Mehroo Patel, facilitated the relationship between the colleges, which has recently grown to include grant funding from the US-India Educational Foundation’s U.S. – India 21st Century Knowledge Initiative (formerly known as the Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative or OSI). This 3-year project, Building an Effective Partnership for Innovative Nursing Education and Research to Advance Public Health, aims to address the urgent need for qualified health professionals to serve India’s growing number of persons living with HIV and aims to mitigate stigma that serves as a major barrier to HIV prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment. Through this initiative we have worked to expand our 12-year partnership by developing, implementing and evaluating a collaborative education project to support India’s first nursing master’s program specializing in HIV/AIDS. We work together to incorporate innovative teaching/learning strategies and evidence-based practices into the MSc curriculum and initiate and sustain collaborative mentored research and career development of Bel-Air/UIC faculty and graduate students. Project participants include more than 20 faculty and staff from UIC and Bel-Air. It’s been a busy year for the team. Below we highlight some of the activities of 2016.

UIC College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Visit BCON

Dr. Naomi Twigg began the new year with an evaluation visit to Bel-Air in January. Formal evaluation of the UIC/BCON partnership was built into the OSI program plan and involves qualitative interviews with participants at both schools. Shortly afterward, Dr. Kathy Norr spent several weeks at BCON for intensive work with faculty and students on research implementation and thesis development. UIC CON staff members, Tina Kavukattu and Bala Ramaraju, visited in March 2016, to address presentation development, OSI administrative requirements and BCON IT needs.

Bel-Air College of Nursing Faculty and Students Visit UIC CON

In March 2016, three BCON faculty members (Sophy Thomas, Dasharathsingh Rajaput, and Aleena Anthony) and two Masters students (Jicky Mathews and Anjali Sebastian) spent 10 days in Chicago. The exchange visit allowed the BCON team to collaborate with UIC CON faculty on the development of abstracts and presentation; expand their knowledge and skills in nursing research and in HIV treatment, prevention, and intervention; and learn about the U.S. healthcare system. UIC faculty delivered or facilitated several working sessions including presentation skills (Dr. Julie Zerwic); writing skills (Drs. Linda McCreary and Kathy Norr); a webinar on “The Role of Advanced Practice Nurses” (Drs. Susan Corbridge and Charles Yingling); a discussion session on instrument development for a new measure of stigma among people with HIV in India (Dr. Barbara Berger); and an overview of our simulation lab (Dr. Jenny Tiffen). In addition, the BCON faculty and students had the opportunity to tour the Cook County Core Center, a research-based clinic focused on the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS, and the Mercy Hospital HIV Care Program, where they learned about existing HIV Prevention Medication (PrEP) and the steps each clinic is taking to make it more accessible.
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A Global Health Presence at MNRS

The BCON students and faculty also attended the 2016 Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The joint UIC/BCON team gave two oral presentations and one poster presentation at the conference. As a result of their work in the areas of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis research, one of their oral presentations, Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Tuberculosis (TB) among Adults in Rural Maharashtra, India, was selected as a 2016 MNRS Abstract of Distinction.

Masters Nursing Research Theses

Five BCON students from the first Masters cohort have submitted their Master’s thesis to the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences for approval (the university is the overarching degree-issuing entity for BCON). Faculty committee reviews have taken place under the guidance of our collaborators, Fr. Tomy Karyilakulam (Director, Bel-Air Institutions), Sr. Lourdu M. Nagothu (Principal, Bel-Air College of Nursing), Mrs. Sophy Thomas (Research Guide), Mrs. Perpetua Fernandes (Vice-Principal, Bel-Air College of Nursing) and Swanand D. Tilekar (Biostatistician). UIC faculty members, Barbara Berger, Tonda Hughes, Linda McCreary, Naomi Twigg, and Julie Zerwic served as external reviewers for the students. The second cohort of four MSc students are currently in the first semester of their program.

BCON attends the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

The joint UIC/BCON team had four abstracts accepted for oral presentations at the American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting held in Denver, Colorado in October 2016. Sr. Lourdu M. Nagothu (Principal, Bel-Air College of Nursing), Dr. Swanand D. Tilekar (Biostatistician), Bincy Varghese (Bel-Air Masters student), and Dr. Linda McCreary (UIC CON Clinical Associate Professor) presented research projects focused on HIV-related stigma in India. Attendance at APHA for the presenters and for Fr. Tomy Karyilakulam (Director, Bel-Air Institutions) was generously supported by the UIC CON’s Minu and Mehroo Patel Endowment for the Advancement of Nursing in India.

Next Steps

Bel-Air has already begun work on its next major accomplishment: the successful development and implementation of India’s first nurse practitioner program. In June 2016, India’s Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Indian Nursing Council launched the nation’s first advanced practice nursing programs: 1) the Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care Program; and 2) the Nurse Practitioner in Primary Healthcare Program. Bel-Air was instrumental in advocating for the expansion of nursing’s role to include advanced practice as a means of addressing India’s critical shortage of health care professionals.
Scotland
Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres in Nursing/Midwifery Meeting

On July 27, 2016 global healthcare leaders united in Glasgow, Scotland for the Global Network of World Health Collaborating Centres in Nursing/Midwifery meeting to discuss future directions and challenges for nursing and midwifery. The biennial meeting aims to foster collaborative relationships between the Nursing/Midwifery Collaborating Centres and to disseminate each Centre’s contributions towards the WHO’s mission. The UIC College of Nursing’s Dean Terri Weaver and Dr. Linda McCreary, who serve as Co-Directors of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for International Nursing Development in Primary Healthcare, and Drs. Tonda Hughes and Pamela Meharry were in attendance to represent UIC College of Nursing. International leaders, including UIC CON alumnas, Naema Al-Gasseer, PhD’90, MS’87 and Yoko Shimpuku, PhD’00, presented keynote papers and group discussions on the strategic directions for sustainable healthcare and health workforce development, emphasizing the contributions of nurses and midwives around the world (WHOCC, 2016). Dean Weaver chaired a plenary session on nursing and midwifery roles in healthcare challenges and responses to crisis. Dr. McCreary presented “Necessity is the Mother of Invention: Innovations in Global Nursing and Midwifery Practice.”

Mexico
Pan American Nursing Midwifery Collaborating Centres Annual Meeting

The annual Pan-American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) Meeting took place October 3-4, 2016 at the Centro Cultural Universitario Tlatelolco in Mexico City, Mexico. Seventeen Collaborating Centres, including UIC CON’s PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for International Development in Primary Health Care met to elect new Executive Committee members, report on activities related to their 2015–2019 Terms of Reference, and to discuss how each Collaborating Center is working to achieve PANMCC’s vision. The Network seeks to reflect the diversity of nurses and midwives in the AMRO region and to promote the contributions of nursing and midwifery towards improved health outcomes in the region. PANMCC serves as a resource to address current health priorities by developing knowledge, building capacity, strengthening health systems and influencing policy to further ‘Health for All’ through the achievement of sustainable development goals. (PANMCC, 2016).

This annual meeting was part of the larger 15th Pan-American Colloquium of Nursing Research. The Colloquium provides a platform for current research being done in all nursing/midwifery specialties and fosters cultural and educational exchange amongst nursing leaders in the Americas. It was organized by Mexico’s National School of Nursing & Obstetrics in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization, the Mexican Health Department, the Latino American Association of Nursing Schools, the Mexican Federation of Nursing Schools and Associations, and Sigma Theta Tau International.
Thailand
Nurturing Connections

The College of Nursing extends our condolences on the passing of Thailand’s King, His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej, who passed away on October 13, 2016.

The Boromarajonani Colleges of Nursing (BCNs) are a network of nursing schools under the auspices of Thailand’s Ministry of Public Health. On May 18, 2016, a delegation of BCN Directors and Ministry of Public Health representatives visited UIC CON to learn about our programs, meet with faculty and administrators, and discuss collaborative opportunities for faculty and students. Several of the visitors had previously completed sabbatical visiting scholar programs at UIC CON and a number of UIC CON alumni currently serve as faculty members at a Boromarajonani College of Nursing.

Dean Weaver and Drs. Tonda Hughes, Judith Schlaeger, Elizabeth Tarlov, and Olivia Bahemuka presented at Optimizing Healthcare Quality. Teamwork in Education, Research, and Practice, an international conference hosted by our partner school, Chiang Mai University, co-sponsored by UIC CON, held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on June 22-24, 2016.

Following the conference, the College of Nursing and the UIC Thai Alumni Club co-hosted a Global Health Seminar and Reception in Bangkok. The enthusiastic group included UIC CON alumni, former visiting scholars, partner school representatives, and representatives from the Thailand Ministry of Health. The Alumni Club presented awards to three outstanding alumni, Puangtip Chaiphibalsarisdi, PhD’90, Director of Graduate Studies, Saint Louis College; Nanthaphan Chinthumprasert, PhD’00, Dean, Assumption University School of Nursing Science; and Yajai Sithimongkol, PhD’93, Dean, Mahidol University Faculty of Nursing.

The UIC CON Thai Alumni Club meets on a regular basis to network, connect with old friends, and facilitate both personal and professional connections. This year, the enthusiastic group even held a social event in honor of UIC College of Nursing’s 65th anniversary, timed to coincide with our Navy Pier Gala Celebration!
Korean Hospital Nurses Association

Since 2010, UIC CON has hosted an annual week-long leadership development program for the Korean Hospital Nurses Association (KHNA). For the May 2016 program, 34 nurses from 18 prominent South Korean hospitals participated in a week-long seminar that included presentations focused on clinical nursing leadership from CON faculty members, Drs. Mi Ja Kim, Susan Corbridge, and Charlie Yingling. In addition, participants toured Cook County Health and Hospital System, Lurie Children’s Hospital, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, and the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. As a part of each tour, Nursing Administrators prepared a presentation explaining their current system in action and the way nurse leaders contribute to the hospital’s success. We look forward to hosting the 8th annual leadership program in October 2017. Please contact the Global Health Leadership Office at ghlo@uic.edu if you are interested in conducting a presentation on clinical nursing leadership, quality improvement, patient safety, or patient education during the 2017 KHNA visit.

NUE 394: Issues in Global Health

NUE 394: Issues in Global Health was offered as undergraduate elective this summer to coincide with our International Undergraduate Educational Summer Program students. This two-week intensive course, taught by Drs. Tonda Hughes and Linda McCreary, integrated 25 UIC undergraduate students with 18 of our visiting international undergraduate students. The course exposes all students to various global health topics from local, national, and international perspectives. Invited guest speakers including UIC faculty members from various disciplines and representatives from community-based organizations presented on a wide range of global health topics such as social determinants of health, refugee health, women’s health, end-of-life care, undocumented/immigrant health, Chinese traditional medicine, and community violence. Students were also divided into 6 teams, each team consisting of a combination of students from UIC, Japan, South Korea, and Spain. The teams did field visits to one of six major ethnic communities in Chicago (e.g. Pilsen, Humboldt Park, Chinatown) and led discussions about related to class topics including how the specific topic (e.g., gun violence) impacts the health of people in their home countries and nursing implications related to the topic. Each student wrote reflective responses to in-class presentations and participated in a team presentation and paper focused on the ethnic community to which their group was assigned.

Brazil

Brazilian Scientific Mobility Program: Undergraduate Research Interns

The Brazilian Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP) offers Brazilian undergraduate students a chance to study abroad at colleges and universities in the U.S. In the summer 2016, CON hosted 9 Brazilian undergraduate students for a 12 week research internship. This was the second year that our college participated in the BSMP program offering interns an opportunity to learn about research from our faculty. Prior to their arrival to UIC, each intern was paired with a faculty mentor based on their research interests and faculty availability. In addition to working alongside our faculty, some interns participated in a two-week Nursing Research Methods course, and attended workshops, lectures, and presentations to broaden their exposure to topics in nursing and health.

The faculty and staff that participated as mentors in the summer 2016 program include: Eileen Collins, Colleen Corte, Gabriel Culbert, Cynthia Fritschi, Linda McCreary, Laurie Quinn, Shannon Zenk, and Tina Kavukattu. Although we are uncertain whether the BSMP program will continue, please let us know if you are interested in mentoring a Summer 2017 intern (contact us at ghlo@uic.edu).
International Undergraduate Education Program: Summer 2016

Over the summer, UIC CON’s International Undergraduate Educational Program hosted 38 students from five different universities: 20 students from Kyung Hee University (South Korea), 8 students from Seoul National University (South Korea), 3 students from St. Luke’s International University (Japan), 4 students from University of Navarra (Spain), and 3 students from University of Tsukuba (Japan). This program, initiated in the summer of 2011 with only the participation of Kyung Hee University, has quickly developed into a popular program among our partner schools.

Each partner school is able to build their own program ranging from 4-10 weeks. Some of the topics include:

- **English** – Medical Terminology and Comprehension *(2 weeks)* facilitated by the **UIC Tutorium in Intensive English**;
- **Nursing Research Methods** *(2 weeks)* taught by Drs. Lorna Finnegan and Colleen Corte;
- **Cardiac and Pulmonary Nursing** *(1 week)* taught by Dr. Karen Vuckovic, Dr. Holli DeVon, Melissa Carlucci, Amy Morgan, and Sarah Fitz;
- **Global Health** *(2 weeks)* taught by Drs. Tonda Hughes and Linda McCreary (see, “NUEL 394: Issues in Global Health” on page 4);
- **Cultural Immersion** *(1 week)* includes visits to different Illinois communities and presentations by students about their experience in US culture and healthcare compares to their home country’s; and
- **Clinical Observations** *(up to 5 weeks)* at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System (UIHHSS) under the preceptorship of Julie Schwind and Katie VanderZwan.

In addition to the faculty, 6 graduate assistants (Janess Borromea, Yoo Mi Jeong, Inah Kim, Meenhye Lee, Regina Reina, and Bingqian Zhu) facilitated the clinical observation experiences. The clinical observation rotations were 3 hours/day, 5 days a week.

The UIHSS Associate Director of Nursing, Margaret Carroll and Clinical Program Coordinator, Denise Henley, were able to incorporate observation opportunities that include most of the specialties that UIHSS has to offer. Each observation rotation was followed by a clinical conference session, led by teaching assistants Sujeong Kim and Seung Eun Lee. Clinical conference sessions reviewed and reinforced information learned during clinical observations by having students develop case studies, patient care plans, and participate in journal clubs.

The next International Undergraduate Educational Program will take place June 7, 2017 to August 4, 2017. The Global Health Leadership Office is always looking for graduate assistants to help facilitate the shadowing experience at UIHSS and to lead the clinical conference component.
Rwanda Human Resources for Health Program

Updates from the Field by Pamela Meharry

UIC is one of five US nursing schools participating in the Rwanda Human Resources for Health Program (Rwanda HRH), whose goal is to improve nursing, midwifery, health management and medical education, along with human resources, in the small African nation. Currently, we have seven UIC CON faculty members teaching and mentoring Rwandan nurses and midwives in the University of Rwanda. Below is an update on some of their activities!

University of Rwanda School of Nursing and Midwifery Inaugural Research Day

Dean Donatilla Mukamana, Principal Jeanne Kagwiza, President of Rwandan Midwifery Association Josephine Murekezi, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative, Mathias Gakwerere, provided inspiration and motivation to about 100 midwives and nurses on September 16, 2016. The event had a lively spirit and on two occasions, the students led a song supporting midwives.

Presentations encompassed a wide variety of evidence-based practice (EBP) and research topics and included oral presentations from five Master’s prepared Registered Midwives and Nurses. Sixteen posters from recent graduates lined the main hall, with most contributed by registered midwives (12) from the Bachelor’s EBP class, and two from nurses in the Bachelor’s research class. Two other midwifery posters were research contributions from last year; a Master’s research project conducted in Uganda and a HRH-supported project in Kigali.

Research Day was made possible with support from the UNFPA. Feedback from the event was very positive and the University of Rwanda plans to make Research Day an annual event. The next one will be in May or June 2017 to coincide with the graduation of the first cohort of over 100 Master’s of Science in Nursing students.

4th Annual Kigali Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

The 4th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, organized by the Breast Cancer Initiative East Africa Inc (BCIEA), took place on October 22, 2016 to draw attention to breast cancer in Rwanda. While there have been some improvements with breast cancer awareness and treatments in Rwanda, more needs to be done. In a study conducted in Rwanda by Pace, et al (2014), the median patient age was 49 years and 76% had Stage III or IV disease at initial diagnosis, indicating cancer had already spread to the patient’s lymph nodes.

After the walk, a series of oral presentations from survivors (both women and men), patients, medical doctors, advocates and community leaders aimed to increase awareness and knowledge about breast cancer. Registered Midwives from the Rwanda Association of Midwives provided free clinical breast exams and instruction on self-breast exams.

For the first time, the Rwanda Breast Cancer Awareness Survey was conducted, both to collect data from those attending the event, but also to help increase awareness and knowledge among the participants. Ninety-five women and men completed the survey, nearly half of those who completed the walk. The researchers (four midwives and one nurse) included Joy Bahumura, Josephine Murekezi, Ruth Sego, Richard Nsengiyumva, and Pamela Meharry (UIC HRH faculty member).

In the future, the midwives from the University of Rwanda Department of Midwifery hope to partner once again with the Rwanda Pharmaceutical Students Association who provided free glucose and blood pressure screenings at the event. They have tentatively agreed to a January 2017 rural community event. This will provide an opportunity to use the Rwanda Breast Cancer Awareness Survey in another community. The survey will also be administered at the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.
February 3, 2016

Hypertensive Disorder of Pregnancy and Fetal-Maternal Outcomes: A Global Burden
Mulubrhan Mogos, PhD, MSc, Assistant Professor
Department of Department of Women, Children & Family Health Science, UIC College of Nursing

April 5, 2016

“No Woman, No Cry” Film Screening and Discussion
Kylea Liese, PhD, CNM, Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Women, Children, and Family Health Science, UIC College of Nursing
Co-Hosted by Department of Women, Children, and Family Health Science

April 27, 2016

Unsafe Passage: Maternal Mortality in Post-Conflict Afghanistan and Tajikistan
Kylea Liese, PhD, CNM, Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Women, Children, and Family Health Science, UIC College of Nursing

September 8, 2016

Israeli Healthcare System: Historical, Sociological and Political Aspects
Nadav Davidovitch, MD, MPH, PhD, Professor
Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Co-Hosted by UIC School of Public Health

October 5, 2016

Context is Everything: Provision of Health Services in South Sudan
Rebecca Singer, RN, Nursing Doctorate, Clinical Instructor
Department of Health Systems Science, UIC College of Nursing

October 27, 2016

Barriers to Contraceptive Use Among Adolescents in Nicaragua
JJ Parker, Medical Student
Global Medicine Education Program, UIC College of Medicine

November 9, 2016

Community-Based Implementation of HIV Prevention
Diana L. Jere, PhD, RNM, RMHPN, Associate Professor
Kamuzu College of Nursing, University of Malawi

Please contact us at ghlo@uic.edu if you have a global health presentation you would like to make in 2017!
We welcome Faculty, Students, and Staff from all disciplines to share their experiences.
Meet Our International Visiting Scholars

Vanessa Carvalho de Sousa
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Brazilian National Council for Scientific & Technological Development
Fortaleza, Brazil
October 2015 - September 2016
“Usability Testing and Improvement of a Learning Support System About Nursing Diagnoses”

Jindarat Chaiard
Assistant Professor
Chiang Mai University, Thailand
May 5, 2016 – April 30, 2017
“Thai Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome”

Catherine Buchan
The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia
May 23 – May 25, 2016
“Sleep and Respiratory Therapy”

Myeong Seak Yang
Assistant Professor
Jesus University, South Korea
July 11-16, 2016
“Introduction to Nursing Education and Practice in the US”

Yumi Hashizume
Associate Professor
University of Tsukuba, Japan
September 2, 2016 – October 5, 2016
“Graduate and Undergraduate Health Professions Curriculum”

Gunhild Bang
Associate Professor
Diakonova Hovedkontor, Norway
September 26, 2016 – October 7, 2016
“Curriculum Development and Evaluation at the Undergraduate Level”

Trude Haugland
Associate Professor
Diakonova Hovedkontor, Norway
September 12 – October 7, 2016 and November 7- December 2, 2016
“Teaching of Graduate-Level Clinical Nursing”

Tassamon Namwong
Boromarajonani College of Nursing Chon Buri, Thailand
September 12, 2016 – October 12, 2016
“Chronic Illness Self-Management”
New Student Luncheon

On August 25th, the Global Health Leadership Office held a luncheon to kick off the new school year and welcome all incoming international students and scholars. The luncheon provided an opportunity for students to gain one-on-one time with faculty and administrators and to share their goals and academic interests. In addition, students had an opportunity to socialize, ask questions, and learn about life in Chicago and at UIC, from our current international and domestic students.

Adjusting to a new cultural environment is both exciting and challenging and students can often have lots of questions and concerns during their first weeks in the US. Activities like this help build peer support for all students by being actively involved on campus. If you are a student interested in participating in group events with other new international students and current students, please contact the Global Health Leadership Office at ghlo@uic.edu.

Halloween Spirit on the 11th Floor

Time for a study break! On Monday, October 24th, GHLO hosted a Pumpkin Carving event for students and visiting scholars on the 11th floor. Participants were provided with tools and craft supplies to carve and decorate their own pumpkins. There was apple cider, hot chocolate, and a few other treats to warm up from the cool fall weather.

Although this was a new experience for some students and visiting scholars, this did not deter anyone from having fun! Pumpkin creations included Batman, Spiderman, and other popular characters. Have ideas for other fun and seasonal or cultural activities? Drop by our offices on the 11th floor, and let us know!
Where in the World is...?
CON Students and Faculty Go Abroad

The Global Health Leadership Office is always looking for ways to promote global opportunities for our faculty, staff, and students. In 2016, organized trips to Belize, Haiti, India, Japan, South Africa, Spain, and Sweden were just some of the many international experiences in which CON students and faculty participated. If you are planning international travel, please let us know. We would love to hear about it and provide you with our handout of helpful tips!

**Australia**
University of Deakin
Visiting Professor
February 19 - March 1, 2016
Faculty: Tonda Hughes

**Belize**
Global Learning Program
February 27 - March 13, 2016
Faculty: Carrie Klima
Students: Patricia Green, Katherine Schultz

**England**
Oxford Brookes University
July 25 - 27, 2016
Faculty: Tonda Hughes

**Haiti**
Global Learning Program
January 4 - 11, 2016
Faculty: Sue Walsh, 9 Students
March 16 - 23, 2016
Faculty: Charles Yingling, 10 Students
August 8 - 15, 2016
Faculty: Sue Walsh, Elizabeth Gabzdyl, Gina Juliano, Patricia Reicher, 13 Students

**India (continued)**
Bel-Air College of Nursing
Obama Singh Initiative
January 2016
Faculty: Naomi Twigg, Kathy Norr

Bel-Air College of Nursing
Obama Singh Initiative
March 2016
Staff: Tina Kavukattu, Bala Ramaraju

**Indonesia and Malaysia**
Universitas Indonesia and University of Malaya
HIV Research Collaborations
July - August 2016
November - December 2016
Faculty: Gabriel Culbert

**Japan**
Tokyo Ariake University
September 22 - October 2, 2016
Faculty: Judith Schlaeger

St. Luke’s University
Visiting Lecturer
November - December 2016
Faculty: Phoenix Matthews

**India**
Ramaiah Medical College
Global Learning Program
October 21 - 29, 2016
Student: Dale Beatty

**Malawi**
Kamuzu College of Nursing
November 5 - November 20, 2016
Faculty: Linda McCreary
Where in the World is...?
(continued)

**Malawi (continued)**
Kamuzu College of Nursing
June 9 - July 19, 2016 / September 2016
Faculty: Kathy Norr, Crystal Patil

**South Korea**
Yonsei University College of Nursing
Visiting Lecturer
June 27 - July 13, 2016
Faculty: Chang Gi Park

Seoul National University
Visiting Lecturer
July 14 - July 15, 2016
Faculty: Chang Gi Park

**Rwanda**
Human Resources for Health Program
Site Visit and Evaluation
January 20-29, 2016
Faculty: Tonda Hughes

BirthCounts Project
July 1 - July 14, 2016
Faculty: Kylea Liese

**Singapore and Taiwan**
June 3 - June 9, 2016
Faculty: Terri Weaver

**South Africa**
Sigma Theta Tau 27th International Research Conference
July 21 - 25, 2016
Faculty: Nanyombi Lubimbi, Eileen Collins (inducted in STTI Hall of Fame)

**South Sudan**
Doctors without Borders
June 1 - August 1, 2016
Faculty: Rebecca Singer

**Spain**
University of Navarra
Global Learning Program
May 9 - May 13, 2016
Faculty/Staff: Jennifer O’ Rourke, Lori Brown
Students: Oluwasegun Ogunsile, Chelsea Mertz, Jessica Nuñez

**Sweden**
Karolinska Institutet
Global Learning Program
March 4 - March 19, 2016
Students: Olivia Furnas, Lynn Kelly

**Tanzania**
BirthCounts Project
June 9 - July 19, 2016
Faculty: Kathy Norr, Crystal Patil

BirthCounts Project
July 14 - August 1, 2016
Faculty: Kylea Liese

**Thailand**
Mahidol University
Visiting Lecturer
June 2016
Faculty: Phoenix Matthews

Chiay Mai University Conference, Partner Site Visits
July 2016
Faculty: Terri Weaver, Tonda Hughes, Judith Schlaeger, Elizabeth Tarlov, Olivia Bahemuka
Myanmar

Minister of Health Visits UIC CON

Dr. Myint Htwe, Myanmar’s Minister of Health and a delegation of colleagues visited UIC on September 29, 2016, to explore opportunities for collaboration in the health sciences. The delegation met with Dean Terri Weaver, and Drs. Tonda Hughes and Linda McCreary to discuss how our College works to transition students from education to clinical. Some of the Honorable Minister’s priority areas include strengthening Myanmar’s health systems by addressing its shortage of healthcare human resources, including nurses and midwives. The visit included discussion of the CON’s integrated curricula and a tour of the M. Christine Schwartz Experiential Learning Laboratory.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring 2017 Events

January 17, 2017

Global Health Brown Bag
Abigail Schnell, Graduate Entry Master’s Student
UIC College of Nursing
12:00pm, Room 159 NURS

February 7, 2017

Global Health Brown Bag
Crystal Patil, Associate Professor
12:00pm, Room 159 NURS

March 8, 2017

International Women’s Day
Film Screening: Girl Rising
3:00pm, Event Center NURS

March 22, 2017

Global Health Brown Bag
Rebecca Singer, Clinical Instructor
UIC College of Nursing
12:00pm, Room 159 NURS

April 3, 2017

World Health Day
Scholarship Presentation
1:00pm, Event Center NURS

April 4 - 6, 2017

Afternoon Tea
2:00pm, Room 1151 NURS

April 17, 2017

Thai New Year
12:00pm, TBD

Nice to Meet You!

GHLO hosts international visitors on a regular basis. In addition to the other visits described in the newsletter, in 2016 we hosted guests from:

- Thammasat University, Thailand
- Ibaraki Prefectural University, Japan
- Nihon Fukushi University, Japan
- Yangzhou University, China
- Taipei Medical Center, Taiwan
- PhD Applicants, Saudia Arabia