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## **TWU NURSING FACULTY RECEIVE NIGP GRANTS**

Four TWU College of Nursing faculty have been awarded Nursing Innovation Grant Program funds totaling \$347,739.

Dr. **Kathryn Tart** and Dr. **Sally Northam** (both nursing-Houston) have been awarded \$297,739 for the "Nurse Educator Web-Technology Outreach Network," a project that could help ease the state's nursing crisis.

The Nurse Educator Web-Technology Outreach Network is designed to train nurses to become nursing instructors primarily through online courses. Nurses who want to teach can complete nearly two-thirds of their master's or doctoral degrees, as well as post-master's studies, online at TWU. Clinical coursework still will take place on campus, and the grant also provides for 24 stipends for nurses who might have some financial hardship in completing the

clinicals or other courses.

Training more nursing instructors to teach undergraduate nursing students is critical to solving the nursing shortage. Nursing schools and colleges turn away hundreds of students each year because they don't have enough faculty to teach all the students who apply.

Dr. **Sharon Van Sell** and Dr. **Judy Johnson-Russell** (both nursing-Dallas) have been awarded \$50,000 for the "Patient Simulation Laboratory Retention Project."

Senior-level undergraduate nursing students who are at risk for dropping out of the nursing program because of a learning anxiety while interacting with patients will participate in a patient simulation lab. The students will work with high-tech patient simulators to build their confidence, expand their knowledge and solidify their critical thinking skills. A variety of true-to-life scenarios — from heart attacks to giving birth — can be created using the patient simulators.

The NIGP was established by the 77th Legislature to help relieve the state's nursing shortage and is funded with proceeds from the Texas tobacco lawsuit settlement.

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## **TWU GUITAR ENSEMBLE PLANS FALL CONCERT**

The TWU Chamber Music Ensemble will present its fall concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. The event is free and open to the public. Early arrival is recommended, as seating inside the chapel is limited.

Consisting primarily of guitar duets, the program also will feature arrangements of guitar and voice, as well as guitar with various other instruments. The ensemble is directed by Carlo Pezzimenti, TWU adjunct assistant professor in music.

For more information, contact the TWU Department of Music at 8-1-2500.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS**

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the office of marketing and communication through campus mail, by fax at 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following publication. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a

## **faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

Dr. Haj Ross of the University of North Texas will discuss "Wallace Stevens and the Western Intellect" during Professor's Corner, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the South Branch of the Denton Public Library, 3228 Teasley. Admission is free and the program is open to the public. The purpose of Professor's Corner is to provide area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations and discussions. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 8-1-2343 or the Denton Public Library at 940-349-8251.

## **UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

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Dr. **Brenda Haile**, assistant professor of nursing at Texas Woman's University, received the National Association of Nurses in AIDS Care 2003 HIV/AIDS Educator Award.

Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) participated in the Annual Meetings of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and the American Public Health Association (APHA) Nov. 14-19. He completed his term as chair of the School Health Education and Services Section, APHA, and made presentations as a panelist during both meetings. During the SOPHE meeting, the topic addressed by the panel was "Realizing the Vision of the Health Education Profession in the 21st Century: A Leadership Dialogue." The APHA panel topic was "Advocacy in Health Education."

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) was the speaker for the Corpus Christi chapter of the Former Students Association in October. She also gave a research presentation at the South Central Modern Language Association meeting in Hot Springs in November. Dr. Bridges was elected chair of the folklore section for the South Central Modern Language Association for the 2004 meeting in New Orleans. She is one of 35 persons invited to participate in the Oxford Round Table at St. Anthony's College in the University of Oxford on women's rights and issues of gender in the spring of 2004. Also, her research paper on folk artist Clementine Hunter has been selected for publication in 2004 as a chapter of a book to be published by the Texas Folklore Society.

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) was a guest speaker this November at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, and Winona State University.

Dr. **April Miller** (COPE) made a presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children's Teacher Education Division Conference in Biloxi, Miss. on Nov. 13. The presentation, made with Dr.

Marsha Lupi of Hunter College, CUNY, and Dr. Suzanne Martin of the University of Central Florida, was titled "Women in Higher Education and Leadership: Challenges and Critical Conversations." The presentation addressed the paths taken by women special education faculty members to leadership positions in teacher education programs and institutions of higher education. Dr. Miller also will be the lead author on a book chapter to be published in 2005 on this topic.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Dec. 1-14, 2003**

Dec. 1-5

- Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 1

- AIDS Memorial Quilt, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Student Center

Thur., Dec. 4

- DanceMakers Too, 7 p.m., Redbud
- Holiday Concert Choir, 8 p.m., Margo Jones
- Winter ceramics sale, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fine Arts Bldg.

Fri., Dec. 5

- TWU Gymnastics intra squad meet, 7 p.m., home

Sat., Dec. 6

- Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- TWU Basketball vs. Texas College, 6 p.m., home

Sun., Dec. 7

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

Dec. 8-10

- Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 11-12

- Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13

- Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Commencement

Sun., Dec. 14

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
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