



TU's Oxley College of Health Sciences to Launch Doctoral Program for Nurses

The School of Nursing in TU's Oxley College of Health Sciences will launch a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree program beginning in January 2017. The program is designed to equip nursing professionals with education and clinical experiences to manage care and lead change within a dynamic healthcare environment. TU is one of only three universities in the state of Oklahoma to offer a DNP program.

Students can choose from two concentrations: adult-gerontology acute care (AG-ACNP), which prepares nurses for advanced practice in acute and critical care for patients from adolescence to end of life; and family nurse practitioner (FNP), which focuses on advanced practice in primary care for acute illness and chronic dis-



ease. TU is the first university to offer the AG-ACNP and BSN to DNP nurse practitioner programs in Tulsa.

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Staff Changes in the Graduate School

Slight personnel changes have occurred in the Graduate School since our last issue printed. The position of **Graduate Recruiter and Student Services Specialist** has been filled by our newest hire, **Caitlin Getchell**.



Caitlin grew up in the Tulsa area and has a bachelor's degree in history with a

journalism minor from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Before joining the TU team in 2013, she worked for non-profits, a law firm, and as a newspaper reporter. Caitlin comes to the Graduate School from a position at Gilcrease Museum.

"I'm excited to be on board and ready to meet all of our current and future students! Education is so valuable and TU has such a wonderful, supportive community; I look forward to sharing that with students looking for a place to further their education."

In addition to her position with the Graduate School, Caitlin is also working on her law degree at TU and is

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Fall 2016 Graduate Orientation a Great Start to the New Year!



Dean Haggerty welcomes students during the new Graduate Assistant workshop at Fall Orientation. Over 90 students attended the workshop.

The Graduate School kicked off the fall semester with an orientation for new graduate students. With 183 students in attendance it was a great start to the new school year!

Fall Orientation provided new students with a chance to meet students from other programs and during lunch the students were able to learn about services on campus at a resource fair. Departments from across campus attended the resource fair to talk to students about the opportunities available.

In addition to the general orientation, more than 90 new graduate assistants attended a workshop to get tips on how to manage their assistantships.

New graduate students: If you missed the mandatory workshops this fall, you can make them up during Spring Orientation!

**Spring Orientation
Friday, January 6th, 2017
Student Union, Great Hall B**

To reserve your seat, please email grad@utulsa.edu.

2016-2017 Workshops

Oct. 19 Surviving Graduate School:
Managing Your Degree Program

Nov. 8 Writing in Mathematics

Feb. TBD Thesis & Dissertation Committees:
Building a Win-Win Team

Mar. 7 McFarlin Survival Guide for Library
Research

Mar. TBD Cross-Disciplinary Presentation
Skills

2015-2016 Chapman Graduate Scholar Grant Recipients

TRAVEL AWARDS

Biology
Ford, Bart
Clinical Psychology
Bryant, William
Clausen, Ashley
Drevo, Susan
Evans, Julia
Guereca, Yvette
Hellman, Natalie
Kerr, Kara
Kirlic, Namik
Kuhn, Bethany
Lee, Rachel
Micol, Rachel
Palit, Shreela
Scholl, James
Snider, Stephen
Sturyce, Cassandra
Tabke, Chelsea
Zanotti, Danielle
Computer Science
Nivethan, Jeyasingam

English
Ponce, Carlos

MASTER STUDENTS

Anthropology
Ivey, Kim
Biochemistry
Oyewolde, Opeoluwa
Chemical Engineering
Neeli, Sau Teja
Chemistry
Zhang, Lei
Clinical Psychology
Payne, Michael
Reynolds, Bradley
Computer Science
Cook, Kyle
Educational Studies
Shelton, Amy
**Mechanical
Engineering**
Mahdavi, Marzieh
Ramirez, Omar

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Meet your 2016-2017 Graduate Student Association Officers



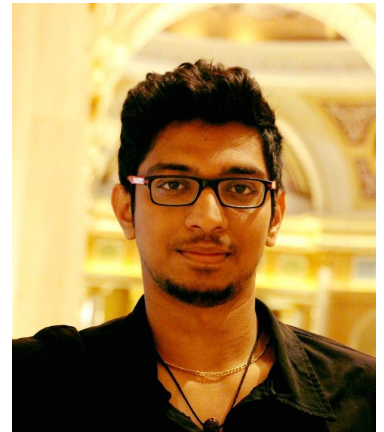
Molly Noah (President) is a second-year master's student in the Museum Science and Management Program. A native of Dallas, Texas, she received her undergraduate degree from The University of Tulsa. Part of what attracted her to Tulsa is its impressive museum culture and Native art scene. Molly is excited to serve as the President of Graduate Student Association, an organization with ambitious objectives and exciting programming for graduate students and is looking forward to a great year! GSA offers graduate students the opportunities to engage with the university community, promote their research in their wider field, and develop their professional skills.

Leena Neyaz (Vice President) is a 4th year Ph.D. student in biological science, focusing on the molecular genetics of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterium. Leena has a master in Public health with minor in Biomedical Informatics from Nova Southeastern University in FL and completed her undergrad in Microbiology in Saudi Arabia. Leena is originally from Saudi Arabia, and has been traveling around the world for as long as she can remember. She says that meeting new people, making new friends, and exploring different cultures is an addiction. However, her family comes first no matter what!



Alison (Ali) Kerr (Treasurer) is in her third year of her doctoral pursuit in Industrial-Organizational Psychology. Her research interests focus on training development and evaluation as explored across a variety of academic disciplines and organizational settings. When she is not at TU, she can be found playing outdoors or swimming at the pool.

Vaidheeshwar Ramasubramanian (Event Coordinator) is a graduate student from the Chemical Engineering department. Vaidheeshwar is from India, a country popularly known for its cultural diversity. Being an international student he likes to interact with people from different cultural and traditional backgrounds. His position as a GSA senator last year provided Vaidheeshwar an opportunity to step up and take active participation in various GSA events. He said it was a really good experience and he explored a lot. Now he is ready to be a part of GSA officer committee and looking forward for a memorable year with GSA.



Emily Schumacher (Secretary) recently completed her masters and is a first year Ph.D. student in the Department of Anthropology. Her primary research interests are in Historical and Military Archaeology, but she has a secondary interest in the evolution of stone tool technologies in the Near East. When not sequestered in Harwell Hall, Emily said she is usually nerding out over Harry Potter, Supernatural, or the MCU, though she has been known to take a fitness class in Collins once in a blue moon. Emily absolutely loves being a part of GSA, and this is her third year (first as an officer) taking part in the organization.

TU Alum Teaching New Generation to Vote

Anthony Cherry, an alumni of TU Graduate School, got a jump start on the election this year. In February the Carver Middle School history teacher held a fantasy election for his students to help them learn the election process and the importance of voting.

Cherry graduated from TU with a M.A. in History in May 2016. As a student he was a recipient of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship, which is a nationally competitive fellowship for teachers to study the American Constitution and American history in Washington, D.C. Cherry took courses at Georgetown University during the summer of 2014.

As this year's election nears, learning the election process helps the next generation understand how politics work and the importance of our right to vote.

For the complete story of the fantasy election Cherry's class held, please visit: http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/education/carver-middle-school-th-graders-hold-fantasy-election-campaign/article_8f626cbd-6f1a-5060-a6f6-378a4064416f.html#.Vr6xcZz.



History teacher Anthony Cherry motions for his student candidate to come to the podium to give their campaign speeches during his class at Carver Middle School in Tulsa, OK, Feb. 11, 2016. The students are running for fantasy elected positions of senator, vice-president and president with other students working on their staffs, and to come up with platforms and to run campaigns.

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Recipients continued from page 2

Petroleum

Engineering

Zhang, Mo

DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Anthropology

Deere, Bobi

Miller, Melissa

Odewale, Alicia

Biology

Cornell, Carol

Hannebaum, Stacey

Mohanty, Rashmi Prava

Phillips, John

Robinson, Grant

Chemical Engineering

Christian, Brianna

Chemistry

Baghernejad, Lida

Jayasekara, Indumini

Poyner, Mark

Clinical Psychology

Bryant, William

Evans, Julia

Kaier, Emily

Kerr, Kara

Kirlic, Namik

Lau, Lily

Lee, Rachel

Palit, Shreela

Shotwell Tabke, Chelsea

Zanotti, Danielle

Computer Science

Marshall, Allen

Nivethan, Jeyasingam

Rahmani, Bahareh

English/English

Literature

Connelley, M. Blake

Gibson, Megan

Sartain, Marie

Emerson, Kent

Mannucci, Holly

Moon, Gina

Schoppe, Ashley

Willis, Joseph

Geosciences

Liu, Xiaobo

Industrial-Organizational

Psychology

Brown, Cameron

Fonseca, Rose

Teale, Leah

Mechanical Engineering

Dabirian, Ramin

Ishak, Joanne

Kafag, Dayaa

Zhang, Jun

Save the Date!

Spring Research Colloquium

March 27-31, 2017

2016-2017 New Bellwether Fellowship Winners Announced

College of Engineering and Natural Sciences:

Lo'ai Alanagreh (Biology)
 John Phillips (Biology)
 Ahlam Alarbi (Chemistry)
 Lei Zhang (Chemistry)
 Osman Yucel (Computer Science)
 Trang Thao Le (Mathematics)
 Joanne Ishak (Mech. Eng.)
 Dhyaa Kafagy (Mech. Eng.)
 Gamage Amila Perera (Mech. Eng.)
 Bailian Chen (Petroleum Eng.)
 Yilin Fan (Petroleum Eng.)
 Saeed Rafieepour (Petroleum Eng.)
 Ruizhi Zhong (Petroleum Eng.)
 Yingdi Liu (Physics)
 Pavel Salev (Physics)

Henry Kendall College of Arts and Sciences:

Samuel Tobey Marzouk (Clin. Psych.)
 Rachel Lee Micol (Clin. Psych.)
 Stephen Kenneth Snider (Clin. Psych.)
 Holly Mannucci (English)
 Mark Steven Rideout (English)
 Margaret Eva Salifu (English)
 Ryan Kenneth Slesinger (English)
 Joseph Patrick Willis (English)
 Coty Shane Hoover (I/O Psych.)

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In a 2004 report, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommended that graduate nursing education move toward practice-focused doctoral nursing programs that would train nurses to navigate the increasing complexities of patient care with the highest standards of quality. "As our healthcare system evolves, TU hopes to meet a critical need for nurse practitioners who can provide care and drive change initiatives that result in better patient outcomes," said Dr. Gerard Clancy, vice president for health affairs and dean of the Oxley College of Health Sciences.

"Launching this program represents the next step in our efforts to improve access to quality health care across our community," Clancy continued. "We have an opportunity to address Oklahoma's shortage of primary caregivers while also reducing health disparities — especially in rural and urban settings. Nurse practitioners are uniquely positioned to fill this role while also making a difference in the lives of their patients."

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involved in the Women's Law Caucus, Phi Alpha Delta, Tulsa Young Professionals, a book club, and her church young adult group. In her free time, Caitlin enjoys taking her dog, Rowena, to the dog park; playing tennis; pilates and barre; reading; quilting; and spending time with her friends and family.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV. 23: THANKSGIVING DAY RECESS BEGINS

NOV. 28: CLASSES RESUME

DEC 6-7: READING DAYS (NO CLASSES)

DEC 8-15: FINAL EXAMINATIONS

DEC 17: COMMENCEMENT

JAN 6: SPRING 2016 ORIENTATION

JAN 9: 2016 SPRING TERM BEGINS

Spring Enrollment begins October 31!
 Stop by the Graduate School for more information.