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NURSING DEPARTMENT

One of the more exciting events in the life of any college or university is the creation of a new academic department. The Department of Nursing at Muskingum has been taking shape over that past year as part of the institution's program development plans. Dr. Judy Strayer, emeritus director of nursing at Otterbein College, served as founding director of the Nursing program. Dr. Strayer completed her responsibilities as founding director at the end of May, 2009.

The RN to BSN component of the program was launched during the spring semester by the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies. Dr. Cindy Wilkins has been hired as an associate dean in GCS to develop the RN to BSN program, which is offered to nurses who wish to advance their nursing education to the baccalaureate level. Dr. Wilkins comes to Muskingum from Genesis Health Care, where she had been Vice President of Quality for Quality Management Services. Her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is from Ohio University, her Masters of Science in Nursing is from Wright State University PhD in Organizational and Health Communications is from Ohio University.

On June 1, Dr. Elaine Haynes became director of the nursing program and chair of the Department of Nursing. Dr. Haynes earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master's of Science in Nursing, and PhD in Nursing and Neuroscience from Ohio State University. Dr. Haynes was Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing at Capital University prior to accepting the leadership role in nursing for Muskingum.

Also joining the faculty of the new department are Ms. Gayle Roberts and Ms. Michele Miller. Ms. Roberts earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Ohio University and a Master of Science in Nursing from Case Western Reserve University. She will teach NURS 220 Health Assessments, NURS 230 Pharmacology, and NURS 250 Introduction to Clinical Practice next year. Ms. Miller earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL. She will be Coordinator of the Nursing Laboratory and a clinical instructor next year.

Adjunct members of the new department include Ms. Denise Phillips (BSN, Malone University; MSN, Walden University), who will supervise nursing students in the clinical component of their curriculum, and Ms. Janet Taylor-Lehman (BS, Kent State U.; MS, Case Western University), who will teach a required nutrition course for nursing students.

Searches for additional Nursing faculty will be conducted during the 2009-10 academic year.

FACULTY CHANGES

FAREWELL TO THOSE FACULTY LEAVING:

Timothy Abeln, Instructor of English
William Barber, Instructor of Speech Communication
Margaret Burk, Associate Professor of Business
Robert Burk, Arthur G. Cole and Eloise Barnes Cole Distinguished Professor of American History
Timothy Christensen, Visiting Assistant Professor of English
Marianne Engle, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Polly Farquhar, Instructor of English
Sally Goins, Instructor of Education
Ivan Ivanov, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science
Girija Nair-Hart, Instructor of Mathematics
Alexander Poster, Visiting Instructor of History
Judy Strayer, Founding Director of the Nursing Program

WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY:

Richard Arnold, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Hallie Baker, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Laura Bosley, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Amy Bosworth, Assistant Professor of History
Beth Butler, Assistant Professor of Spanish
James Fox, Visiting Instructor of English
Elaine Haynes, Director of Nursing and Chair, Department of Nursing
Jon Hale, Assistant Professor of Education
Ana M.H. Kehrberg, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
Michele T. Miller, Instructor of Nursing
Gayle Roberts, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Emre Selvi, Assistant Professor of Engineering

PROMOTION, TENURE, AND SABBATICALS

2009-2010 Promotions and Tenure:

Dr. Erin Brumbaugh granted tenure
Dr. Harsha Abeyaratne granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor
Dr. David Tabachnick granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor
Dr. David Craft promoted to Professor
Dr. William Kerrigan promoted to Professor
Mr. Yan Sun promoted to Professor

2009-2010 Sabbaticals:

Dr. Alistair Hattingh—2009-2010 Year
Dr. Todd Lekan—Fall 2009
Mr. Ken McCollum—Fall 2009
Dr. Toyin Osunsanya—Spring 2010
Dr. Deepa Perera—Spring 2010
Dr. Richard Williamson—Fall 2009

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Dr. Alistair Hattingh, Associate Professor of History, will travel to Argentina to study the political climate of that nation from 1930-1943 in order to write a book-length study on the topic.

Dr. Laura Hilton, Associate Professor of History, will study standards for evaluating historical materials for class use at the World History Association Meeting in Salem, MA.

Dr. Walter Huber, Associate Professor of Political Science, will survey student attitudes toward higher education in China while at Lanzhou University.

Dr. Todd Lekan, Professor of Philosophy, will attend a celebration of the publication of his book Making Morality by Peking University Press in Beijing, China.

Dr. Toyin Osunsanya, Associate Professor of Biology, will study the effect of various agents on bacillus cereus, a major cause of gastrointestinal illnesses.

Dr. Deepa Perera, Associate Professor of Chemistry, will study bioinformatics with Dr. Sandra Porter in Seattle and at Ohio State University.

Dr. Amy Santas, Assistant Professor of Biology, will enroll in an advanced gross anatomy course at the University of Wisconsin in order to enhance materials and strategies used in anatomy courses in the Department of Biology at Muskingum.

Dr. Sandra Schroer, Assistant Professor of Sociology, will study the sociological outcomes for children whose fathers were absent at the time of birth and during their early years of development.

Mr. Yan Sun, Associate Professor of Art, will study Tang Dynasty mausoleums in north-west China in order to complete a book-length study of the topic.

Ms. Deborah Vegh, Instructor of Criminal Justice, will gather data for a study of the illicit use of prescription drugs by college students.

SUMMER MUSKIE FELLOWS

Tanner Barnes will study the use of a cave development simulator under the direction of **Mr. Jay Shaffstall**, Instructor of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Seth Barrett will investigate the chemical properties of ceramic glazes under the direction of **Dr. Ray Rataiczak**, Professor of Chemistry, and **Mr. Ken McCollum**, Associate Professor of Art.

John Bourne and **Rachel Hentz** will study nesting habits of grassland birds at The Wilds under the direction of **Dr. Danny Ingold**, Professor of Biology, and **Dr. Jim Dooley**, Associate Professor of Biology.

Caleb Eno will research interactivity on the Web under the direction of **Dr. Tom German**, Assistant Professor of Digital Media Design.

Ellen Hine will compile and analyze research data from field work in nineteenth-century cemeteries in the New Concord area under the direction of **Dr. Sandra Schroer**, Assistant Professor of Sociology.

Kenneth Poland will study sources of pollution in the Muskingum Soil and Water District under the direction of **Dr. Lois Zook-Gernau**, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

Mary Richardson will study cellular behavior in wounding and cancer progression under the direction of **Dr. Amy Santas**, Assistant Professor of Biology.

Laraine Skorich will study on-line content storage, management, and distribution for WMCO and WCTV under the direction of **Dr. Lisa Marshall**, Assistant Professor of Speech Communication.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, August 17	Chairs' Retreat
Tuesday, August 18 (afternoon)	New Faculty Orientation
Wednesday, August 19 (morning)	New Faculty Orientation
Wednesday, August 19 (afternoon)	President's State of the College Address
Thursday, August 20	Fall Faculty Conference
Friday, August 21	Fall Faculty Conference
Tuesday, August 25	Opening Convocation, 11 a.m.
Friday, August 28	2008-09 Faculty Annual Reports Due

Updated Faculty Calendars will be posted soon to the Academic Affairs Website