New BHS Director Brings Range of Experience

After beginning her career as a physical therapist, Barbara Quaney turned her focus to education and research. This year she joined the Washburn University faculty as an assistant professor and program director for the Bachelor of Health Science Program. The bachelor’s program includes clinical laboratory science, health services administration and medical imaging.

“One of the things we are interested in is growing the program and training students for administration positions in the allied health field,” Quaney said.

Quaney’s experience provides a blend of both administration and education, having served as laboratory director at the KU Medical Center and rehabilitation services manager at Overland Park Medical Center, where she supervised rehabilitation therapists, therapy assistants and non-licensed technicians. At KU Med she performed clinical research trials in addition to designing and leading intensive training and career development programs for students and staff. She also created a statewide database of all persons living with the aftermath of a stroke.

Strokes are of particular interest to Quaney, whose post-doctoral training has focused on functional MRI, looking at how exercise alters brain cell activity after a stroke.

“I’m interested in how rehabilitation helps the brain develop after stroke,” Quaney said.

Since 2001, Quaney has presented more than 25 lectures locally, nationally and internationally, discussing topics in medical imaging, bioscience and physical rehabilitation. She has also co-authored dozens of articles for peer-reviewed journal publications and currently has two manuscripts under preparation.

Farwell Broadens Technology Use in Sonography Program

Since joining the Washburn University faculty in December 2011 as director of diagnostic medical sonography, Keith Farwell is taking the technology for the program to new levels.

“The Diagnostic Sonography Program had been in very capable hands since it was started 11 years ago,” Farwell said. “However, I saw some areas that I felt we could improve for our students and faculty.”

One of those changes is an online electronic report system for all of the program’s clinical documents, which will eliminate a high volume of paperwork. Likewise, moving all of the paper files to electronic versions will free up needed physical space for the program.

“We will always continue to improve our courses and teaching methods to meet student needs and to help students become better prepared to pass national registry examinations at a high percentage,” Farwell said.

A former lecturer and adjunct at Washburn, Farwell is a certified registered diagnostic sonographer as well as a certified physical therapy assistant. He was the lead sonographer for cardiology at the Heart and Vascular Center of St. Francis Medical Center in Topeka before joining the Washburn faculty full time. He holds undergraduate degrees from both Washburn and the University of Kansas and earned his master’s in health sciences from Nova Southeastern University last year.

“It is an exciting time to be in the field of ultrasound, and we hope to provide the best education possible to lead future students to become excellent and skilled sonographers,” Farwell said.
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Earns Accreditation

The Washburn University School of Applied Studies Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA), which began in 2010, has received a five-year accreditation by ACOTE®—the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA®).

As the accrediting agency for occupational therapy education by both the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, ACOTE currently accredits approximately 300 occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant education programs in the United States and its territories. Washburn’s OTA program is one of two accredited programs in Kansas.

Accreditation means that graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. After successful completion of the exam, the individual will be a certified occupational therapy assistant. Most states also require state licensure as well but may grant licenses based on the results of the national exam.

Graduates of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program will have numerous career opportunities and choices, including helping children thrive during their childhood: learning, playing and growing. Occupational therapists also may be found in schools working with students who have learning disabilities, behavioral problems, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism. In home settings, community centers, rehabilitation hospitals and nursing homes, they help people with traumatic injuries, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease or mental health problems learn to live productive lives through the use of meaningful occupations.

The program, headed by Janice Bacon, aims to fill an overwhelming need in Kansas. Currently, health care facilities may spend up to two years trying to fill a position.

New Master of Health Science Degree Aims to Fill Need For Allied Health Faculty

With a lot of health care educators nearing retirement age in the next decade, Washburn University has embarked on a mission to address what it sees as a looming acute shortage in allied health faculty by adding a master of health science in health care education degree.

“The concentration will be health care education, teaching allied health professionals who want to teach how to become instructors,” Pat Munzer, chair of the Allied Health Department, said.

It will be the only degree like it in Kansas.

“Many practitioners only have a baccalaureate degree,” Munzer said, adding that even current master’s degree programs offer little training for teaching.

The new 36-hour degree program will be open to those with a baccalaureate degree and at least two years of professional work experience in the health care environment. Courses will be offered online, but students will be required to complete a teaching internship.

Washburn’s Allied Health Program currently has 118 students from 34 states. The new Master degree program should increase Washburn’s appeal to students locally and from a broad geographical area. In addition to the basic goal of meeting the needs for qualified educators, the program aims to produce graduates who can manage accreditation and administrative duties as well as teach, using technology in the learning and instructional process.

The new degree will join these current WU degrees: bachelor of health science in health services administration, medical imaging and clinical laboratory science; bachelor of applied science in technology administration; associate of science in health information technology, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapy assistant, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy and surgical technology; and certificates for advanced study in radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and medical coding.
Traditionally, the honor of being the grand marshal for commencement exercises at Washburn University has gone to a faculty member from Arts and Sciences. That tradition changed for the winter commencement in December when Dr. Cliff Roberson became not only the first grand marshal from a school outside Arts and Sciences but also the first not to be an active instructor.

When Washburn decided to break tradition and rotate the honor among the various schools, the School of Applied Studies got the first honor. Dr. William S. Dunlap, dean of the school, knew just the person: Dr. Cliff Roberson, professor emeritus of the Criminal Justice Department.

“I wanted to honor Cliff for all he had done,” Dunlap said.

A prolific writer, Roberson brought national recognition to Washburn, authoring more than 60 books. In 2009, a study by Sam Houston State University assessing the leading criminal justice book authors ranked Roberson first in four of five measures. His work also helped Washburn as an institution rank sixth nationally in the study.

Roberson, who now lives in Texas, accepted the honor of grand marshal. “I enjoyed teaching at Washburn more than any other position in my academic career,” Roberson said. “Washburn will always have a special place in my heart. Accordingly, when Dean Dunlap asked if I was interested in being grand marshal, without thinking about it, I jumped at the chance. To me it was a wonderful opportunity and an honor to highlight my academic career in this manner.”

This fall Bayens will begin an academic sabbatical during which he will conduct research that will lead to an illustrated historical book titled “Frontier Kansas Jails: 1850-1900.”

Most scholarly accounts of the history of American jails completely bypass the time period of 1850-1900, he said. “And, despite the popularity of books about the history of frontier Kansas, little has been written about jails that were built during the latter half of the 19th century.”

To support his research, Bayens developed a major grant proposal and hopes to have a manuscript ready for publication by either the University of Kansas Press or the University of Oklahoma Press in 2014.

In the area of professional service, Bayens was appointed by the executive committee of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) to serve as chair of its academic certification committee.

At the ACJS conference in March, Bayens presented a series of professional development workshops that were specifically focused on the ACJS Academic Standards for Certification of Criminal Justice Programs.

Washburn’s master’s degree program is one of only 15 certified criminal justice programs in the country.
National Search for Social Work Chair Ends at Home

*Washburn University* began a national search earlier this year looking for a new chairperson for the Social Work Program. In the end, the search committee found who they were looking for right on their own faculty in Mark Kaufman, an associate professor of social work.

A full-time Washburn faculty member since 1998 and director of the WU master's program in social work from 2000 to 2002, Kaufman brings a variety of work experiences to his position, including social work and law.

“I came to Topeka in 1989 and worked for a number of years at Menninger and a number of years at the Veterans Administration hospital,” Kaufman said.

Kaufman earned a master’s in social work and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis in a joint degree program. He also spent several years as an attorney for the federal government, working in St. Louis and Kansas City, before switching to social work.

“I always admired the work that social workers do and felt it would be a better match for my career interests,” Kaufman said about his move to social work.

Kaufman, who also has a doctorate in family studies from Kansas State University, is excited about his new role as chair of the Social Work Program.

“I have a wonderful group of colleagues and students in social work,” he said. “I am looking forward to working with them as chair.”

Social Work Student from Paraguay a Rare Jewel

*Of all the exceptional students* she has seen in more than 20 years of teaching at Washburn University, Nan Palmer, professor of social work and acting director of the Bachelor of Social Work Program, would rank Jimena Vallejos Barriocanal among the top one percent. So Palmer had no reservations about nominating Vallejos Barriocanal for a Sibberson Award.

Established by the trusts of Erna Sibberson and Gretchen O.A. Sibberson, the award honors the most deserving student or students selected from among the highest-ranking members of the senior class in undergraduate programs at Washburn.

Despite English being her second language, Vallejos Barriocanal, who is from Paraguay, has maintained a 4.0 GPA and graduated with honors this spring with a bachelor’s degree in social work.

“She has been an exceptional young woman,” Palmer said, adding that she carried an unusually heavy load after changing her major last year from human services to social work. “Jimena has many other wonderful attributes as well,” Palmer wrote in her nomination letter. “She is personable, responsible, and proactive in her approach to academics.”

For her honors project, Vallejos Barriocanal focused on “A Comparative Study of Child Maltreatment Laws and Protocols of Kansas and Paraguay.” She presented that work at Apeiron this spring. “It is a very sophisticated project for an undergraduate,” Palmer said.

Vallejos Barriocanal did her field practicum with the Shawnee County Health Department. Recognizing her “gifts and skills in bilingual social work practice,” Palmer invited Vallejos Barriocanal and her field instructor to speak to one of Palmer’s classes. Palmer predicts that Vallejos Barriocanal will be an outstanding practitioner and leader in the social work profession, as well as an ambassador for Paraguay to Washburn and America.
I recently announced my decision to step down as Dean of the School of Applied Studies. I have loved every moment of the past 29 years, five years as Assistant Dean and 24 years as Dean of this extraordinary school.

It has been my pleasure guiding and evolving a small unit of associate degree programs into a major academic unit at Washburn. The school now offers 25 academic programs that also include baccalaureate and master degree options in each department. As many of you know, a number of these professional programs involve special accreditation requirements, which mean the faculty have had to make extraordinary effort to achieve their national accreditation status.

During this period SAS pioneered online education at the University. The first online courses were offered in Criminal Justice and Human Services. Full distance online programs evolved in Human Services, Criminal Justice, Radiation Therapy, Health Information Technology and other Allied Health programs. We witnessed the growth of the LinC program from a small student organization supported by the faculty within the Human Services Department to a campus-wide service organization that became the model for other Washburn Transformational Experiences (WTE). In addition, I had the opportunity to develop associate degree options for more than 20 programs with the Kaw Area Technical School (now Washburn Institute of Technology).

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without significant support from numerous community partners and, of course, a dedicated, outstanding and creative faculty and administrative staff. Even with all the milestones we have reached together, it is my belief that the best is yet to come!

It has been a privilege to serve as Dean of this school. I hope you too are proud of what we’ve accomplished, and that you will continue to support the School of Applied Studies.

William S. Dunlap, PhD
Dean and Professor, School of Applied Studies

FROM THE DEAN

New Degree Provides Addiction Counselors Path to Licensure

This fall Washburn University will begin offering a master of arts in human services degree for students who want to become licensed clinical addiction counselors. The new degree reflects the move to provide professional addiction treatment. In the past, addiction treatment mainly has been provided by those who had spent time in recovery themselves regardless of their training.

“We are excited about offering the degree,” said Deborah Altus, acting chair of the Department of Human Services. “We think it is going to be an important service in Kansas.”

Graduates of the Washburn program are eligible for the licensure examination through the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) for work in community mental health centers, correctional facilities or any number of established treatment facilities.

Washburn becomes only the second Kansas university to offer the program, joining Emporia State University.

“The new program will help fill a need that is underserved in Kansas,” Altus said.

Although much of the focus will be on substance abuse, the 36-hour, two-year program will also cover other addictions, such as gambling.

For professionals already employed in the field, the MA program provides advanced knowledge and skills that can enhance opportunities for career advancement. It can also prepare students for teaching positions in community colleges or for additional graduate study. To help accommodate working professionals, many of the courses will be available online or as short courses, such as weekend workshops.

For licensure, Kansas BSRB requires students who complete the degree program to also pass an examination and complete a clinical supervision training plan. The training plan must include 4,000 hours over two years, with 1,500 of those hours in direct client contact involving diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse disorders and 150 hours of clinical supervision.
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Conferences Put WU in National Leadership Role for Victim Services

For the last 15 years, the School of Applied Studies has been involved in national efforts related to the training and education of professionals in the field of victim services. Thanks largely to the efforts of Dr. Tom Underwood and Dr. Dan Petersen, Washburn has become one of the most recognized academic institutions in this field.

Much of that recognition comes from the two national conferences that the Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies, or JCVVS, has had a major role in organizing. The first effort in 2009 focused on victimization of persons with disabilities and was made possible through a $550,000 grant from the Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice. Held in Denver, the conference focused on topics of national concern that followed from a large-scale national survey conducted by Petersen and JCVVS. It included the unveiling of nationally collected data on violence against persons with disabilities by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

“The event was so successful that two years later funding was again awarded to put on a second national conference,” Petersen said.

The National Conference on Responding to Crime was held in Florida this last December.

“Both conferences resulted in changes to communities around the country,” Petersen said.

Conference funds were used to support scholarships for teams from states that submitted action plans for improving services to crime victims with disabilities in their communities.

“These action plans matured into outcomes ranging from the development of new services and better collaboration among existing services, to digital and web-based resource guides and improved service delivery,” Petersen said.

Teams were assigned mentors chosen from lists of nationally recognized professionals in the field. These mentors guided teams through the development and implementation of their action plans.

Petersen said the conferences have become model national conferences devoted not only to the dissemination of evidence-based information but to making change.

Addiction Counselor Ready to Educate Others Through New Program

After more than 15 years of clinical practice, Brenda Ridgeway wanted to move over to the pedagogical side, teaching others to be addiction counselors.

She will get that chance this fall as an assistant professor in Washburn University’s new Master of Arts in Human Services Program for addiction counseling.

“What appealed to me is that I will get to address the addiction field in class,” Ridgeway said.

She comes to Washburn from South Carolina, where she was the lead clinical counselor for the Richland County Adult Drug Court Program, developing its curriculum for the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council. Her work involved client assessments, group and individual therapy for both patients and families, and development of individualized treatment and social planning.

Ridgeway first taught as an adjunct faculty member at Cumberland County College in her native New Jersey, where she taught the psychology of addictive behaviors.

A certified addiction counselor in several states, Ridgeway earned a master’s in human services from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and a doctorate in professional psychology with a specialization in education from Walden University in Minneapolis.

“I am very excited to be coming to Washburn,” she said, adding that, while teaching will be her full-time commitment, she hopes to keep a hand in the clinical side of addiction counseling as well.
Alumni Fellow Maintains Ties to WU Programs

Ron Marshall’s involvement with Washburn University didn’t end when he received his bachelor of science degree in medical technology in 1973. The former administrator of Holton Hospital, in Holton, Kansas, serves on the advisory committee for Washburn’s clinical laboratory science program and has also served on the selection committee for student admissions to the Allied Health Program.

“Washburn has always been special for me,” said Marshall, who this fall will be honored as a School of Applied Studies Alumni Fellow.

The Alumni Fellows Program recognizes graduates who have distinguished themselves in their careers. As part of the honor, he will be invited to return to campus to interact with students and faculty in the classroom and other settings.

Marshall came to Washburn from Holton High School and completed his clinical laboratory training through the Lattimore-Fink School of Technology, working at both St. Francis and Memorial Hospitals in Topeka. After graduation, he continued working at St. Francis, holding a number of positions, including medical technologist, chemical laboratory supervisor, clinical laboratory director and radiology director. Marshall also found time to earn a master’s degree in health sciences administration from Creighton University in Omaha, which led to his position as CEO at Holton Hospital, an affiliate of St. Francis. He served in that position for four and one-half years.

“I’ve kind of gone full circle, going back home,” Marshall said about returning to his hometown hospital.

Today, Marshall takes particular interest in promoting careers in medical technology, which now is called clinical laboratory science, not only because it’s the field he started out in but also because of the growing need for qualified laboratory employees.

“Many of the current staff in hospital laboratories are in their 50s and 60s,” he said, “and there aren’t enough qualified applicants to replace them.

It’s one of the most severe shortages, especially in rural Kansas. In Holton, the whole lab staff is from the Philippines.”

But he is optimistic about the program Washburn is offering and the students who are enrolling in the courses.

“I was really impressed,” he said. “There’s been an amazing growth of knowledge and skills.”

WU Graduate Hus Joins Radiation Therapy Program Staff

Stacey Hus has returned to Washburn University, her alma mater, as the new clinical coordinator for the Radiation Therapy Program. As clinical coordinator, she works one-on-one with students to find them a clinical site. This also requires communication with the designated clinical instructors at affiliated sites which, since this is an online program, are located throughout the United States. Hus also teaches online courses and mentors students throughout their clinical experience.

Hus received an associate degree in radiologic technology from Washburn in 2006 and was graduated from the WU radiation therapy program in 2007 with a bachelor of health science degree.

“I have always been interested in teaching, so it feels good to be back,” Hus said.

For the last five years she has worked as a radiation therapist at the University of Kansas Hospital, an independent Hospital Authority which receives no state funding. The hospital is located in the same multiplex as the University of Kansas Medical Center.

“We are very excited to have her come back,” Pat Munzer, chair of the Allied Health Department, said. “It’s always neat to have our graduates come back as instructors.”
Several years ago, a graduate student working with Peggy Smalley in a hospital told her, “You ought to teach.” Smalley took that advice to heart and in January became the clinical coordinator in respiratory therapy at Washburn University.

Smalley came to Washburn after 15 years of teaching at Concorde Career College in Kansas City, Mo., where she had been an advanced respiratory therapy program instructor and, most recently, lead respiratory care instructor.

“I like Washburn,” she said. “Everyone has been really nice, and it has a great reputation.”

At Washburn, she works with students in both the classroom and clinical settings dealing with respiratory instruction in adult, pediatric, neonatal intensive care unit and home care.

In addition to a bachelor of arts in management from Webster University in St. Louis and an associate of arts degree from Kansas City Metropolitan Community College, where she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society, Smalley has earned numerous professional certificates in respiratory and pulmonary care. She was an honor graduate, receiving the respiratory therapy technician professional certificate from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo. She also studied at the University of Missouri and the California College for Health Sciences.

Physical Therapist Assistant Students Present Papers at International Conference

Physical therapist assistant students Adam Walker and Kelsey Maxwell, assisted by PTA program director Zach Frank, presented papers this spring at the Business and Health Administration Association Conference in Chicago, with Walker’s presentation earning Best Paper in the Finance and Accounting Track.

Walker’s presentation, titled “Increased Utilization of Direct Access to Physical Therapy: A Model for Reducing Health Care Expenditures,” described the impact of individuals accessing PT services without getting a referral from a physician.

Studying statistics from states that require physician referrals and those that don’t, Walker found that direct access resulted in fewer visits and lower costs than when physician referrals were involved. In looking at safety issues, the study found little difference in malpractice rates or in litigation cases, whether referrals were needed or not.

Maxwell’s paper, “Use of Allied Health Professionals as Leaders in Wellness and Health Promotion: A Cost Analysis and Guideline for Implementation,” looked at how a local health facility has implemented such a program and showed how others could do the same.

Frank served as mentor for both students, who already have bachelor’s degrees and will receive their associate degrees to become physical therapist assistants in May. He also joined them in their presentations at the BHAA conference and helped answer questions following the presentations.

About 80 papers were presented during the conference. This was the first time for Washburn students to make a presentation. Walker and Maxwell did it as part of their Washburn Transformational Experience.

“Both really enjoyed the experience, and both really look forward to going back next year and presenting again,” Frank said.
Two physical therapist students from Finland are completing 12 weeks of clinical rotations at Washburn University this year. Nina Sokura and Anne Eerola from Mikkeli University in Mikkeli, Finland, are completing two clinical rotations of six weeks each.

“During that time they are being exposed to a number of different training and treatment techniques,” said Zach Frank, director of Washburn’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Sokura and Eerola will have another year of study in Finland before finishing their degrees.

Frank, who will travel to Finland this summer to help set up the opportunity for Washburn students who will be studying in Finland this fall, said the Washburn nursing program has had an exchange program with Finland for several years. “Nursing kind of paved the way for the physical therapist exchange,” he said.

The exchange program offers new experiences and challenges, including learning creative ways to communicate, both verbally and non-verbally, when language differences make understanding difficult.

“That is extremely important,” Frank said, “because you may have a patient who speaks another language. Or a person may have limited verbal ability because of a medical condition, such as a stroke.”

Students from Finland who are used to a single-payer system get introduced to America’s multiple insurance system. Likewise, this fall Washburn students will get to see the single-payer system in operation.

It is undetermined at this time how many Washburn students will be going to Finland in the initial exchange, but Frank thought it likely would be two.
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