The 2018-2019 academic year promises to be a busy one, whether engaged in doctoral coursework, entrenched in dissertation research, or entangled in future career decisions. We are a community of scholars, but more importantly we are a community who cares. I am reminded of two quotes from one of my favorite authors, Viktor Frankl: *Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose.* and *Success, like happiness, is the unexpected side effect of one’s personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself.* As you look back on what you have accomplished, and look ahead to what you hope to achieve, please take time to reflect on the here and now, be kind to yourself, and look out for one another.

In the words of Albert Einstein, Creativity is intelligence having fun!

**Pam Burke**
Innova is a three day course for 20 Tufts Medical Center nurses. The course will provide theoretical foundations of business planning, strategy and execution. This process includes a review and critique of principles of business fundamentals as it relates to nursing and health care. Nurses will explore entrepreneurship and identify strategies for achieving business goals in light of political, social, economic, legal and social context that are informed by the literature and applied theoretical knowledge.

Date: November 2nd-4th
Location: Northeastern University, Robinson Hall, Room 411

If interested please refer to the NU Innovation center website for additional information: https://nuhealthcareinnovation.com/

**Recent Dissertation Defenses**

*August 16, 2018 Meredith Scannell*
*Exploring the Issues of HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis and Sexually Assaulted Individuals*
Dissertation Chair: Barbara Guthrie, PhD, RN, FAAN

*September 11, 2018 Rachel Pozzar*
*Charting the Path from Diagnosis to Treatment: A Grounded Theory Study of Ovarian Cancer*
Dissertation Chair: Donna Berry, PhD, RN, FAAN
WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Vanessa Vath, MSN, RN has joined us as a Triple Husky, graduating with her MSN in 2012 and her BSN in 2006. She has worked as staff nurse in various settings including Medical Intensive Care, Medical-Surgical, Telemetry, Post-Partum, and outpatient Family Practice. She has spent the last 5 years teaching in an Associates Degree in Nursing program and is passionate about nursing education.

After seeing the anxiety and stressors that negatively affect nursing students, her desire is to focus research on a formal wellness program for nursing students that could potentially aid students to be successful and balanced both in school and in the workplace. In her downtime, she loves outdoor activities and continues to strive for work-life balance while caring for her two young children.

Presentations & Publications

Structured Discussion
Jackie Brady, Healthcare of Vulnerable Populations, Northeastern University School Health Academy, August 6, 2018, Cape Cod, MA.

Poster Presentation
Celsea Tibbitt, Racial Identity Formation in Biracial Adults, RISE Northeastern University, April 5, 2018, Boston, MA.

Structured Discussion
Celsea Tibbitt, Mutedness in STEM: Broaching Fugitive Topics That Perpetuate Exclusion, Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture, Boston College October 20th, 2018, Boston, MA.

Structured Discussion Development
Celsea Tibbitt, Salient Barriers to Equitable Maternal Outcomes for Black Women, Black Health Matters, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health October 20th, 2018, Boston, MA.

Honors & Awards

Liz Henderson - has been selected as the American Academy of Nursing’s 2018-2020 Jonas Policy Scholar. She will be working closely with the Psychiatric Mental Health and Substance Abuse Expert Panel under the mentorship of Dr. Madeline Naegle, Professor Emerita at NYU.

Jessica Wallar - has been selected as our 2018-2020 PhD Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar. Jessica is among the scholars who will be focusing on chronic health issues. She has been participating in research at Dana Farber Cancer Center and will be assisting Dr. Lisa Duffy in her research on patients with Multiple Sclerosis at Boston Children’s Hospital.

Christopher Gill - recently concluded his second term as Emerging Leader Fellow (2016-2018) on the National Board of Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) and has been seated as Chair for the upcoming professional practice analysis looking at the Continuing Professional Certification (CPC) program administered by the NBCRNA.

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.”
– Winston Churchill

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