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School of Health Studies Welcomes New Dean

Roberta Graham, M.M.F.T.
Department of Psychiatric Nursing

Brandon University and the School of Health Studies are pleased to welcome Dr. W. Dean Care as Professor and Dean of the School of Health Studies. His five-year term as Dean extends from August 1, 2008 until July 31, 2013.

"I am excited and honoured to join Brandon University as Dean of the School of Health Studies," says Dr. Care. "I look forward to working with faculty, staff, students, and collaborative partners to expand upon the excellent reputation of the School. I wish to acknowledge the leadership shown by Dr. Linda Ross over the past 10 years as Dean of the School and look forward to build upon the solid foundation that she has established."



Dr. W. Dean Care appointed Dean of the School of Health Studies

Dr. W. Dean Care received his Registered Nursing diploma from Winnipeg General Hospital in 1972, and his Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Manitoba in 1976. Dr. Care was awarded his Master of Education in 1984 at the University of Manitoba and his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) at Nova Southeastern University in 1995, with a major in Adult Education.

From 1972 to 1997, Dr. Care worked in various positions at St. Boniface General Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He began teaching as a Nursing Instructor in the St. Boniface Diploma School of Nursing in 1977. In 1984, Dr. Care was named Director of the Diploma School of Nursing,
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Shirley Jo Paine Awarded Honourary Doctorate

Cathy Foster, R.N., M.S.N.
Department of Nursing

At the Brandon University Convocation in May 2008, Mrs. Shirley Josephine Paine received a Doctor of Science (honoris causa). Members of the School of Health Studies and the Brandon University community were pleased to submit the nomination in recognition of her substantial contributions to nursing education, nursing leadership and nursing practice.
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Shirley Jo Paine
Honourary Doctorate Recipient

Greetings from the Dean

I am thrilled and excited to have joined Brandon University as Dean of the School of Health Studies — a school that is known for its excellence in education and strong leadership. The theme for my first address is Transitions. I feel this theme is appropriate given the recognition we are offering in this newsletter to the students who have successfully completed program requirements. Graduation is one of the most significant transitions in one's life. In reality, we face a lifetime of transitions. Some we move through with ease, others we find more difficult and stressful. William Bridges, a psychologist and preeminent authority on managing change, describes transition as a psychological process that we go through in order to come to terms with a new situation. Each transition starts with an ending. This seems paradoxical, but it is true. We must let go of the old situation, the old identity, and the old reality. This holds true for students entering the workforce as graduates and for those of us starting a new position or changing career paths. Bridges believes we then move into a "neutral zone" phase — the no-man's land between the old reality and the new. I found myself in this neutral zone over the past few months as I anxiously awaited the start of this new phase in my career. By the time this newsletter is in press, I will have met all faculty and staff and received an extensive orientation to my role and new surroundings. Bridges calls the third and final phase of transition a "new beginning". It is this phase that I am most looking forward to. This will involve getting to know many people who must also get to know me. It means listening and learning. It means working with faculty and staff to establish a new strategic vision for the School. It means forming partnerships with other agencies. It means celebrating successes and modeling sound leadership behaviours. It means helping others deal with their own transitions that have resulted from the arrival of the new Dean. It also means focusing on our students as our highest priority.

It is a dynamic and exciting time to be in health care and post-secondary education. I look forward with great anticipation to my "new beginning" at Brandon University and the School of Health Studies.



Dr. Dean Care, RN
Dean, School of
Health Studies

Shirley Jo Paine Awarded Honourary Doctorate

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Mrs. Shirley Josephine Paine (nee Tomlinson) was born, raised and educated in Saskatchewan. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saskatchewan in 1953 and a Master of Science in Nursing (Education) from the University of Western Ontario in 1973. The majority of her professional work experience was in nursing education. She held positions in the School of Nursing at the Saskatoon City Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg, and the Brandon General Hospital. Mrs. Paine retired in 1992, having been the Director of the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing since 1977.

Beginning in 1974, and continuing to 1993, she was actively involved in a wide variety of efforts to establish degree programs in nursing and psychiatric nursing at Brandon University. In 1987, she was seconded from Brandon General Hospital and appointed Acting Chairperson, Department of Health Studies, Faculty of Science at Brandon University. This was the beginning of the post-diploma Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for registered nurses and the Bachelor of Science in Mental Health for registered psychiatric nurses. The Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses (now the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba) was the main focus of her professional activities. She was a member of many committees and of the Board of Directors and served as President of MARN from 1988 to 1990. Although now retired from nursing, the contributions of Shirley Jo Paine are far-reaching as is her influence in nursing and nursing education.

Mrs. Paine married musician Leslie "Cham" Paine in 1953, and together they raised three children: Matthew, Nancy and Patricia. The family settled in Brandon in 1964 and the community has been home ever since.

Bachelor of Nursing Program Approved by CRNM

Cathy Foster, R.N., M.S.N.
Kathryn Hyndman, R.N., Ph.D.
Department of Nursing

In February, the Bachelor of Nursing Program underwent its first review after full implementation of the four-year degree program. News of its success, resulting in a two-year approval of the nursing program was received in May.

Dr. Lynette Leeseberg Stamler (University of Saskatchewan) and Professor Marion

Clauson (University of British Columbia) visited the School of Health Studies at Brandon University and assessed the nursing program through discussion with administration, faculty, staff and students, as well as clinical partners in the Brandon RHA. Reviewers were supplied with a written report submitted to CRNM by faculty members of the Department of Nursing. Discussions and documentation provided evidence for the assessment of the program in relation to standards that all nursing education programs must meet.

The CRNM regularly reviews all nursing education programs within the province. The Brandon University Bachelor of Nursing Program was awarded a two-year approval, at which time another review will be undertaken to ensure that the program is preparing graduates to meet revised Entry Level Competencies as approved in September of 2007. The external reviewers made special mention of the progress that has been made given the newness of the baccalaureate program at Brandon University.



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and in 1987, he took over as Director of the Diploma and Practical Schools of Nursing. As Care states, "my experiences at St. B included working closely with the other Directors in the province to bring about the establishment of the Manitoba Nursing Education Strategy. This initiative saw the closure of diploma nursing programs in Manitoba and the achievement of baccalaureate education. It was a very significant time as it brought BN education to Brandon".

In 1997, Dr. Care joined the University

of Manitoba, Faculty of Nursing as an Assistant Professor and Four Year Program Coordinator. He was named Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs in 1999. From 2000 to 2004, he worked as Academic Assistant to the Dean before becoming Acting Dean in 2004. During his time as Associate and Academic Assistant to the Dean, Dr. Care served as the liaison to the Brandon site where he "got to know the faculty and staff very well". He then assumed the position of Interim Dean, which he held from 2005 to 2007. Dr. Care was named full professor at

the University of Manitoba in 2007.

In addition to his wealth of practical, research, teaching and administrative experience, Dr. Care has an extensive publishing history in nursing education and distance education, and is the recipient of several awards, including Invited Professor at Havana Medical University in Cuba (2007), and two Outstanding Teacher Awards from the University of Manitoba.

Please join Brandon University and the School of Health Studies in welcoming him to his new position.

Homecoming 2008 – Keeping the Connection

Carla Eisler Alumni Relations

Brandon University's Homecoming 2008 is slated for October 17-19. Fellow classmates, faculty and friends will come home to become re-acquainted with each other and re-discover Brandon College/University. It will be a time of reflection and a time to celebrate. This year marks many milestone anniversaries, including a special celebration of the School of Health Studies. To commemorate this celebration we have a line-up of activities and special events taking place throughout the weekend. We encourage you to take in as many as you can.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening with an Opening Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. at the School of Health Studies, followed by a Wine & Cheese Reception. Pick up your name tag and your weekend's agenda and enjoy the company of fellow graduates. On Saturday morning, catch up with old friends during your class reunions starting at 10:00 a.m. At noon, join in a special luncheon and dedication in honor of Brandon College graduate, Dr. Thomas McLeod '40 (posthumously) and his wife Mrs. Beryl McLeod, in recognition of their support to Brandon College/University. After lunch, reminisce as you take a walk around campus on a guided



tour, then step onto the awaiting bus for an excursion around the City with stops at the newly renovated Brandon Regional Health Centre and the former Brandon Mental Health Centre Nurses' Residence (now the Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts). Relax during the evening reception and banquet beginning at 6:00 p.m. and join us in recognizing the 2008 Alumni Association Award recipients for: Excellence In Teaching, Distinguished Service, and the Wall of Fame. Conclude the evening with special entertainment by BU alumnus, Anders the Magician (Anders Boulanger '99). Throughout the day, the First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling (FNAC) Program is hosting a series of professional workshops including a traditional feast. Sunday morning, join in the Sunrise Ceremony hosted by FNAC. Close the weekend with the Farewell

Brunch beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tell your stories during our informal open microphone session and say good-bye to friends until next time!

To view a complete list of events and/or to register, please visit our website at alumni.brandonu.ca/homecoming. You may also call 1-204-727-9697, toll free at 1-877-282-4483, email alumni@brandonu.ca or send in the registration form from the latest *Alumni News* magazine to: Brandon University Alumni Association, 270-18th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9. We look forward to seeing you there!

Update on Naming the Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee has received several excellent ideas for naming the School of Health Studies Newsletter. We anticipate finalizing the name at the next Faculty Council Meeting in the early fall. If you have a creative idea for a name, it is not too late to send it to a member of the Newsletter Committee.

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School of Health Studies Graduates 2008

Wendy Haidey
Department of Nursing

Brandon University's 97th Annual Spring Convocation was held on Saturday, May 31, 2008, and this year, 37 students from the BU **Bachelor of Nursing Program** received their degrees. **Amber Wiens** was the recipient of the Brandon University Gold Medal in Nursing and the Brandon Regional Health Authority Gold Medal in Nursing, **Gina Anderson** was the recipient of the Brandon Regional Health Authority Silver Medal in Nursing, and **Stephanie Dutka** was the recipient of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Bronze Medal in Nursing.

The Brandon University School of Health Studies Bachelor of Nursing program proudly presents the Class of 2008!

Graduating from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post Diploma) program was **Maureen MacDonald**.

Thirty-nine students from the **Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program** received their degrees this year. **Andrea Young** was the recipient of the Brandon University Gold Medal in Psychiatric Nursing and the Brandon Regional Health Authority Gold Medal in Psychiatric Nursing, **Monica Desjarlais** was the recipient of the Brandon Regional Health Authority Silver Medal in Psychiatric Nursing, and **Carrie Sokolan** was the recipient of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Bronze Medal in Psychiatric Nursing.

The Brandon University School of Health Studies Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing program proudly presents its Class of 2008!

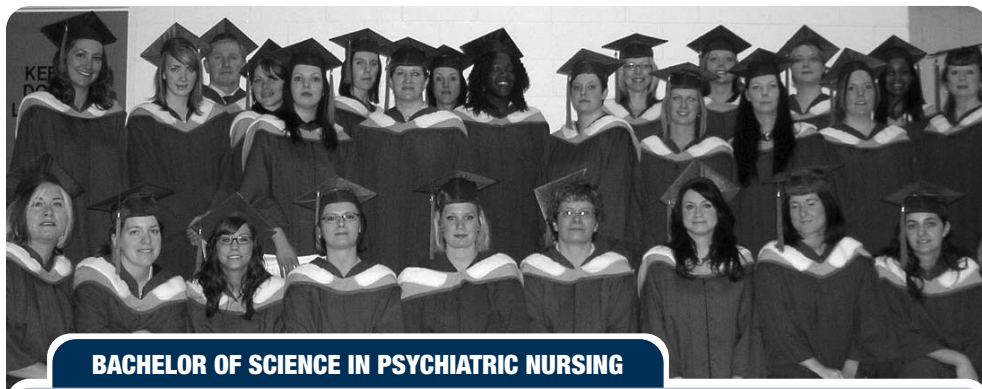
Graduating from the Bachelor of Science in Mental Health (Post Diploma) program was **Misti Bertrand**. Misti was the recipient of the Brandon University Gold Medal in Mental Health.



BACHELOR OF NURSING PROGRAM

- Jamie Allen
- Allison Anderson
- Gina Anderson
- Tricia Anderson
- Kelsey Boisvert
- Marnie Boyd
- Charles Dauphinais
- Lana Dunham
- Stephanie Dutka
- Tawny Eastman
- Elizabeth Farthing
- Amy Foster
- Melanie Foster
- Michelle Groulx
- Lisa Guest
- Heather Hall
- Robyn Jardine
- Janice Kirkham
- Jana Kozar
- Erin Leclerc
- Brianne Lough
- Nicole McCorrister
- Brae McKenzie
- Nicole McKerchar
- Gwen Muir
- Leslie Pringle
- Destiny Reader
- Christa Scott
- Jennifer Scott
- Tenille Slimmon
- Janelle Tomchuk
- Leah Tomlinson
- Randeana Ullberg
- Amanda Ward
- Amber Wiens
- Brea Wood
- Suzanne Woods

Congratulations to all of our graduates!



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

- Robyn Aboud
- Shannon Alexis
- Raquel Almeida
- Uzoma Asagwara
- Lindsay Beaudry
- Erica Belding
- Mary Louise Bemister
- Christina Chernick
- Jamie Darling
- Melissa DeBackere
- Monica Desjarlais
- Dora Diamond
- Lindsay Drummond
- Bonita Fanzega
- Sharran Forsman
- Patricia Forster
- Tracy Forsythe
- Michelle Funk-Haney
- Michelle Gabrielle
- Laverne Gordon
- Yasmin Hajian
- Jana Lawson
- Alison MacKenzie
- Bonni-Leigh Martens
- Jennifer McDougall
- Cara Miller
- Alexandria Pocken
- Amanda Pomehichuk
- Karen Reimer
- Robert Richardson
- Robin Romanik
- Jodi Schindel
- Carrie Sokolan
- Mark Surowich
- Angela Thomas
- Krista Waldie
- Corrine Wareham
- Sue-Ann Weitkowitz
- Andrea Young



Health Studies Award Recipients



Right to left: Dr. Linda Ross, Dean of Health Studies; Amber Wiens, BU Gold Medal in Nursing, CRNM Medal of Excellence, and Brandon RHA Gold Medal in Nursing recipient; Gina Anderson, Brandon RHA Silver Medal in Nursing recipient; and Stephanie Dutka, Brandon RHA Bronze Medal in Nursing recipient.



Andrea Young receives BU Gold Medal in Psychiatric Nursing and the Brandon Regional Health Authority Gold Medal in Psychiatric Nursing from Dr. Linda Ross.



Monica Desjarlais receives Brandon Regional Health Authority Silver Medal in Psychiatric Nursing from Dr. Linda Ross.

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Dr. Hyndman to Chair Nursing Department

Dr. Kathryn Hyndman took over the helm as the Chair of the Department of Nursing in early June. As a tenured, associate professor in the School of Health Studies, she is thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute as Chair of the Department to the ongoing development and implementation of this newly created undergraduate nursing education program for registered nurses in Manitoba.

Kathryn Hyndman, R.N., Ph.D. joined the Department of Nursing at Brandon University in 2004 with the launching of the new four-year degree program. She brings teaching and administrative experience from her years as an educator and nursing leader with the Brandon General Hospital, School of Nursing and the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Nursing in Brandon. Dr. Hyndman teaches fundamentals of professional nursing, nursing research, leadership, management, and a variety of clinical nursing courses. She is published in nursing journals nationally and internationally.

Her research interests are in the area of knowledge transfer, specifically related to clinical practice guidelines in nursing. In her work on strategies to reduce consumption of tobacco products and improve respiratory health for Canadians, Dr. Hyndman is particularly proud of her involvement in the project *Integrating Clinical Practice Guidelines on Tobacco Reduction into a Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program*. In her leisure time she loves to travel, swim, snorkel, scuba dive, garden, and enjoy nature.



Dr. Kathryn Hyndman,
Chair, Department of Nursing

Dr. Ek to Chair Psychiatric Nursing Department

Dr. Ek became Chair of the Department of Psychiatric Nursing in early June. As a tenured faculty member in the School of Health Studies with prior experience as Chair, she is prepared to embrace the challenges ahead. Noreen Ek, R.P.N., Ph.D. teaches Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing I, Psychiatric Nursing with Child and Adolescents, and has taught a variety of counseling related courses to students in the Psychiatric Nursing Program and the First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling Program. She has developed numerous courses including Trauma-Informed Practice and Assessment of Children for Developmental Risk. She has specialized training within the trauma field including certification in traumatic incident reduction and emotional freedom techniques and will be training in eye movement desensitization and reprocessing this fall.

Her research interests are primarily related to children and to trauma across the lifespan. She has been involved in multi-site research with Health Canada projects, the *Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centered Prairie Communities* and the *Center of Excellence for Child Welfare*. Her research in trauma has included the assessment of traumatic reactions in Emergency Services personnel and the exposure to trauma within student senior practicum experiences.



Dr. Noreen Ek,
Chair, Department of Psychiatric Nursing

“Family as Focus” Workshop Coming to Brandon

Roberta Graham, M.M.F.T.
Department of Psychiatric Nursing

The School of Health Studies is pleased to host *Family as the Focus of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Care*, an all-day workshop on the family as the unit of care. Dr. Maureen Leahey has extensive experience in interdisciplinary and interprofessional care of families, from assessment through intervention. She will facilitate the workshop for health professionals and those studying to engage in such careers. The workshop will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Victoria Inn in Brandon.

Dr. Leahey, a well known author and researcher, is currently manager of the Mental Health Outpatient Program of the Calgary Health Region. She is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing and the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Calgary. Dr. Leahey is a Registered Nurse; a Registered

Psychologist; and a Clinical Member, Approved Supervisor, and Fellow in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Her passion for family nursing is evidenced in her vision and leadership in the Calgary Health Region. Dr. Leahey brings together her skills and training in nursing and nurse education, and her expertise as a family therapist and gives life to her belief “nurses have a commitment and a moral and ethical obligation to involve families in health care.” Together with her colleague Dr. Lorraine Wright, Dr. Leahey has written the widely used text *Nurses and Families: A Guide to Family Assessment and Intervention*. She co-authored the article in the January 2007 issue of the *Canadian Nurse*, *Integrating Mental Health into Urgent Care in a Community Health Centre*, highlighting a program which she has been instrumental in creating in the Calgary Health Region.

The workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to



Dr. Maureen Leahey to facilitate workshop in Brandon

learn from Dr. Leahey's wisdom and experience in family nursing. For more workshop information and registration please go to our website at www.brandonu.ca/Academic/Healthstudies or contact Viola Fast Braun at (204) 727-7475 or braunv@brandonu.ca.

Bachelor of Nursing Mentor Program... A Success!

Tracey Collyer, R.N., B.Sc.N.
Faye Simpson, R.N.
Department of Nursing

Faculty members of the Department of Nursing, in collaboration with students, developed and implemented a Peer Mentor Program in September 2007. Through this voluntary program, a peer support network for Bachelor of Nursing students was created. Students in the third year of the Bachelor of Nursing program fulfilled the role of mentors for the students in the second year of the program. Students interested in participating completed the form identifying their common interests, ages and personal traits. Seventy-two students were paired and met at the initial *Meet Your Mentor* meeting. Group members interacted with ease and everyone enjoyed their social time together.

During the year, mentors have been

instrumental in maintaining contact with their mentees assisting them with specific course or clinical questions and acting as sounding boards to minimize course related stress. In late November, Mentors and Mentees met together to continue to strengthen relationships and encourage socialization and communication across the different years of the program.

Students are to be congratulated for the initial success of the program as they have embraced the idea and participated with great interest and enthusiasm. For their voluntary participation, Mentors will receive a Peer Mentor Certificate, which can be added to their professional portfolios. The Peer Mentor Program is anticipated to continue to ease the transition for future students entering the Nursing program. This mentoring program offers an opportunity for students to experience and embrace the benefits of participating in such a

program. It is hoped that this experience will encourage their future involvement in mentorship throughout their professional practice.

Trauma-Informed Practice Offered for Health Professionals

Trauma Informed Practice will be offered over 2008/09 fall and winter session. Professionals from AFM and mental health providers at Shilo will take the course across both terms under a one class per month format (with a few extra required to meet the 39 contact hours). This format will allow busy professionals the leeway they need to meet their work demands as well as the course demands. For more information contact Dr. Noreen Ek at 727-7432.



BU Student Off to Kenya

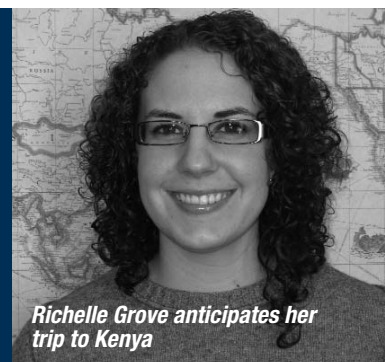
My name is Richelle Grove and I am in my third year of the psychiatric nursing program. I am also the co-chair for a club on campus called the World University Services of Canada, a leading international development agency. This summer WUSC has provided me with an opportunity to attend the Refugee Study Seminar in Kenya.

WUSC has a long and distinguished history of sending

young Canadians overseas to participate in development activities and gain first-hand experience of life in a developing country. I will support the work of local organizations in the refugee camps who are delivering programs and services in areas that include health, education, sports and communications. I will also have the chance to meet students sponsored through WUSC's Student Refugee Program who are headed to Canadian campuses in August 2008. I will have time to exchange ideas with them as well

as explain how the sponsorship Canadian educational system works.

WUSC is a network of individuals and post-secondary institutions whose mission is to foster human development and global understanding through education and training. WUSC development projects overseas assist with education and health, including basic and higher education, water and sanitation, and HIV/AIDS; sustainable livelihoods, including vocational training and agriculture/rural development; and governance,



Richelle Grove anticipates her trip to Kenya

including strengthening civil society, promoting human rights, and building peace. To learning more about WUSC and our local committee, please contact me at buwusc@gmail.com.

Nursing Program Advisory Committee Ensures Quality Nursing Education

Kathryn Hyndman, R.N., Ph.D.
Department of Nursing

The Advisory Committee provides advice and direction in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Brandon University Bachelor of Nursing Program. For example, a current topic of discussion is student clinical placements. This past year approximately 150 students have been involved in clinical nursing practice, a key component of nursing education. Each student spends approximately 1640 hours in clinical settings during the Program. At the November meeting, Advisory Committee members provided ideas for individual student projects and suggestions for the Year 4 senior practicum placements. The topic of a computer booking system was discussed and the experience of sending and confirming requests for student learning was reviewed. This kind of dialogue is important for the effective and organized approach to planning for student clinical learning.

In 2004, members of the Department of Nursing under the direction of the Dean of Health Studies began the work of establishing an Advisory Committee to the Program. The terms of reference were approved by the School of Health Studies Faculty Council in February 2005. This

Committee meets twice per year, and addresses the requirements set forth in the CRNM Standards and Regulations for Registered Nursing Education Programs. The Advisory Committee demonstrates to the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba that consultation has occurred with the CRNM, relevant employers and other groups. The aim is to promote wide consultation to meet current and future needs of the health care community.

Graduates of the Program are eligible to write the Canadian Registered Nurses' examination. As new RNs, they are then licensed to practice nursing in the Province of Manitoba or other provinces across Canada. Brandon University maintains several processes to ensure the quality of the Baccalaureate Nursing Program. As expected within the University, the Program must meet standards set by the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee of the Senate of Brandon University. All courses and curriculum changes must be approved by this Committee and by Senate. Because the graduates of the Program practice as health care professionals, the Department is also legally responsible to the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and must meet the nursing education program standards.

The Advisory Committee is composed of individuals from the CRNM, employers, alumni, current students, the Dean of Health Studies, faculty members, and health care consumers. An alumnus of the Brandon site of the University of Manitoba Bachelor of Nursing program, Mr. Rick Paddock Thiessen, is serving as Chairperson. Current members include Mrs. Bev Cumming, Mrs. Cathy Morgan, and Mrs. Debbie Poole (Brandon Regional Health Centre), Mrs. Judy Wright and Mrs. Kathy Tschetter (alumnus of the Brandon/UM nursing program) Brandon RHA-Public Health; Jenn Sager-Hlady (Central RHA); Larissa Kominko and Glenda Short (Assiniboine RHA); Dr. Linda Ross (Dean of Health Studies); Professor Teresa Henderson, Dr. Renee Will, Dr. Kathryn Hyndman, Vicki Wenger, (Course faculty-Department of Nursing); Jill Norminton (BN Student representative); Catherine Hopfner (CRNM representative); and Leanne Taypayosatum (health care consumer from the First Nations community). Membership is expanding to include a representative from Parkland RHA. The Advisory Committee welcomes input from, and dialogue with, interested members of the public and they are encouraged to contact any Committee member.



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Names of members of the School of Health Studies are in bold.

Publications

Racher, F., & Annis, R. (2008). The Community Health Action Model: Health promotion by the community. *Research and Theory for Nursing Practice: An International Journal*, 22(3), 181-192.

National Presentations

Karpa, J. (2008). *Addictions and Ambiguous Loss: Reaching a Spiritual Understanding*. Presented at the Providence Health Care Conference — Spirituality: The invisible ingredient in health and healing, Vancouver, BC, May 8-9.

Racher, F., Moss, A., & Mosset, L. (2008). *Community Collaboration to Improve Health Care Access of Northern Residents*. Poster

presented at 20th Annual Rural Policy Conference of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation and the National Rural Research Network, Inuvik, NT, June 18-21.

International Presentations

Clements, K., **Karpa, J.**, & Panteluk, L. (2008). *Reflective Practice*. Presented at the World Congress for Psychiatric Nursing, Regina, SK, May 22-24.

Robinson, J. R., & Roos, L. L. (2008). *Rural Mental Health Services: Organization and Effectiveness*. Presented at the World Psychiatric Association — Section of Epidemiology and Community Health, Saskatoon, SK, May 11-14.

Awards and Announcements

Co-occurring Disorders Spring Summer Institute 2009 Funding Award. A \$3,000.00 contribution from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and a \$10,000.00 contribution from Manitoba Health have been awarded to support a Co-occurring Disorders Spring/Summer Institute in 2009. Brandon University, the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority have formed a collaborative partnership to provide further learning opportunities to address the needs of clients with co-occurring disorders. The Institute will offer intensive training and workshops related to current practice needs and capacity building related to mentorship at the front-line, including a three-day conference related to serving clients with complex needs and their loved ones. A call for papers will be initiated in early fall of 2008. Steering Committee members to date include **D. Dusome**, School of Health Studies, Brandon University; **B. Fogg**, the Addiction Foundation of Manitoba; as well as **S. Chipperfield** and **K. Southworth** of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. Recruitment of additional Steering Committee members is in process.

- **Foster, C.** Promoted from Lecturer to Assistant Professor, School of Health Studies, Brandon University, Brandon MB.
- **Graham, R.** Promoted from Lecturer to Assistant Professor, School of Health Studies, Brandon University, Brandon MB.
- **Hurley, J.** Promoted from Instructional Associate II to Instructional Associate III,

School of Health Studies, Brandon University Brandon MB.

- **Hyndman, K.** Promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, School of Health Studies, Brandon University Brandon MB.
- **Hyndman, K.** Awarded Tenure in the School of Health Studies, Brandon University, Brandon MB.
- **Wenger, V.** (2008). Earned Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), Athabasca University, Athabasca AB.

Research Grants

Psychiatric Nursing Theory Development Utilizing an Ambiguous Loss Framework. (2008). \$500.00 CRPNM Research Grant. **J. Karpa**, principal investigator will explore the ambiguous loss experienced by clients and their loved ones facing mental health challenges and how this loss impacts the practice of psychiatric nursing.

Pathways to Mental Health Treatment. (2008-2013). A \$1.5 million Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funded mental health research project will be based at St. Boniface General Hospital. The research team is being led by Dr. John Walker, a professor in the University of Manitoba's department of clinical health psychology and head of the Anxiety Disorders Program at St. Boniface General Hospital. The team includes **K. Ryan-Nicholls**, co-applicant, and colleagues from McMaster, York and Brock. The Centre of Excellence in Youth Engagement is facilitating the involvement of young adults in the project.

Coming Events

Epilepsy Education Conference is hosted by the Brandon Epilepsy Support Group on **Saturday, September 27**, at the School of Health Studies at Brandon University. Keynote Speaker **Dr. Aghakhani** is one of only 2 epileptologists in Manitoba and directs the Manitoba Epilepsy Clinic at Health Sciences Centre. Topics include pediatric and adult epilepsy, and speakers will address

managing stress, special diets, seizure medications, and the latest research regarding epilepsy. The conference will be of interest to people with epilepsy and their friends and family, health care providers, teachers, day care workers, social workers and health professional students. For more information or registration forms contact **Dr. Kathryn Hyndman** at Brandon University (204-571-8579) or go online with the Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba at www.manitobaepilepsy.org.

Family as Focus for Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Care is a one day workshop with **Dr. Maureen Leahey, RN, PhD** hosted by the School of Health Studies on **Friday, October 3, 2008** at the Victoria Inn in Brandon. **Dr. Leahey** is the Manager, Mental Health Outpatient Program, Calgary Health Region. For more information and registration please go to our website at www.brandonu.ca/Academic/Healthstudies or contact **Viola Fast Braun** at (204) 727-7475 or raunv@brandonu.ca.

BU Homecoming – October 17, 18 & 19

Join the SHS faculty, students and alumni in celebrating BU's more than 40 years in contributing to the education of nurses and psychiatric nurses. Check out the website at www.alumni.brandonu.ca/homecoming for more information, to register and to post a message.



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Submissions to the next newsletter should be forwarded to **Roberta Graham** at grahamr@brandonu.ca by November 7, 2008.

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