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Introduction of the New Dean for the School of Nursing

By Nancy Renn, Ph.D. , RN

As many of you know, I came out of retirement to serve as the interim director for the School of Nursing in August 2015. When I returned, it was my goal and the goal of the School of Nursing to hire a new dean and I was glad to be able to step up and serve as the interim director while the search process was underway. In July 2016, our new dean, Dr. Michal "Miki" Goodwin, joined us. I could not have been more pleased to have my good friend and colleague return to the Idaho State University School of Nursing. I will continue to serve the School of Nursing as the interim assistant dean for the next year. I am hopeful in this new year, we will be able to hire a permanent assistant dean who can help with all of the good work that is done in the School of Nursing.

We are looking toward the future to assure we have great leadership in all that is done in the School of Nursing

Goodwin comes to Idaho State University from HonorHealth in Scottsdale, AZ where she created and served as Chief Nursing Officer for the Center for Nursing Excellence. The Center for Nursing Excellence oversees nursing education, practice, research, Magnet® accreditation, residencies, academic-practice partnerships and nursing innovations for a large five-hospital network.

Goodwin received her first nursing credential from University College Hospital in London, England, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Holy Names College in Oakland, CA, a master's degree in nursing from the ISU School of Nursing and a Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Goodwin holds Board Certifications as Nurse Executive-Advanced, public health nurse and school nurse.

School of Nursing New Dean Introduction



Dr. Miki Goodwin

It is time for me to formally say hello and thank you for the many kind words and welcomes I have received since I came on board. Many of you may know I was previously at Idaho State University School of Nursing (SON) from 2004 – 2011, when I ran the Accelerated Program in Meridian. My absence took me away to open two Centers of Nursing Excellence for large health care systems, in Boise and Arizona, and also to chair a Department of Nursing in California, which needed help with accreditation and stabilization. I was fortunate to come back to ISU and take over from Dr. Renn, who is now our interim dean. Dr. Renn came out of retirement to keep the School of Nursing working smoothly during the dean's search – which she did seemingly effortlessly and graciously. I am deeply indebted to her wisdom and the systems she put in place which enables us now to look forward and move on with the excellent programs we have at the SON.

Even though I have worked at ISU before, there have been many changes and I am on a steep learning curve while I catch up with all the work that is going on, as well as finding areas that may need attention so that we can prioritize and consolidate efforts. We have grown successful Doctor of Nursing Practice and Ph.D. programs since I was here and have truly become leaders in the state with research and grants for community projects. I like to be as involved as possible in the SON and also in the community. In fact, I am touring the state to connect and reconnect with partners and colleagues both in nursing and inter-professional fields so we keep at the forefront of current practice and health care issues. Moreover, we are making international connections for research collaboration and innovative practices which I hope to be able to share in future newsletters.

One of the most exciting features at the SON is the quality of our students and alumni. They are our biggest strength and our true reason for being. I am very proud to work with the dedicated SON faculty who are experts in their fields and committed to a student-centered approach for our learning community. With this combination we can, and will, go far in leading nursing education and making a positive impact through service to local and global communities. It is wonderful to be back!

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Idaho State University SON Welcomes New Faculty



Monica Mispireta



Renae Dougal



Gina Clarkson



Chris Smout



Phyllis Morris



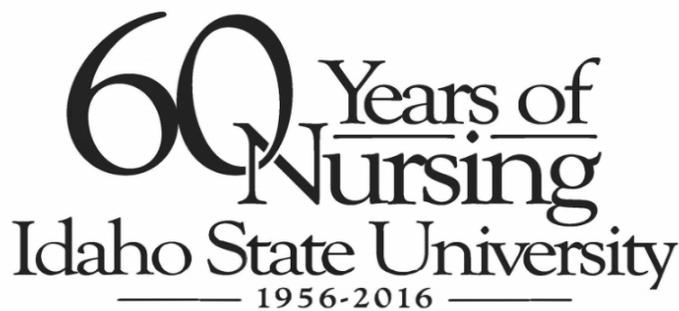
Elizabeth Damstrom



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Nursing website
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60 for 60 Campaign



60 Years of
Nursing
Idaho State University
1956-2016

<https://supportisu.org/campaigns/60for60>

For six decades, graduates from the Idaho State University School of Nursing have been making an impact in our state and the rest of the nation. This year, those nurses were honored with a series of events Pocatello and Boise.

The first celebratory dinner was held in Boise where alumni and friends gathered to reunite, share stories and hear a bit of the history about the School of Nursing. The festivities

continued in Pocatello with a dinner attended by five members of the first ISU School of Nursing graduating class of 1956. The events wrapped up with a champagne brunch at the Helen V. Beckley Nursing Building on May 6, National Nurses Day.

To continue the tradition of preparing nurses for the challenges their careers will demand, a scholarship fundraising effort is currently in progress. The 60 for 60 Campaign encourages ISU Nursing alumni to donate at least \$60 to celebrate 60 years of nursing leadership in the state of Idaho, and to help alleviate the financial barriers many students face. A video highlighting the legacy of the ISU School of Nursing has been placed on our website and can be accessed by clicking the '60 for 60' banner at isu.edu/nursing.

New DNP Program Coordinator for the School of Nursing



Dr. Daphne Solomon received her associate degree in nursing from the Weber State University/Southern Utah University cooperative program in 2003 and began a career as a Registered Nurse on the medical/oncology unit at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah. Solomon earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an emphasis in Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Utah and FNP certification and licensure in 2013. Her DNP Scholarly project was focused on the development of provider and patient education on the signs, symptoms, and diagnostic criteria for inflammatory breast cancer.

Solomon currently engages in practice as an FNP in primary care and child abuse. She consults for Intermountain Healthcare, Primary Children's Hospital and Safe & Healthy Families. Solomon

has a passion for helping children and families deal with the effects of abuse and provides exams for children who are affected. Solomon certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) in 2010 and is an active member of a SANE team. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Utah Nurse Practitioner Association.

Solomon, who has seven children and five grandchildren with her husband of 32 years, says she never planned to be an educator but now considers her career one of the most rewarding experiences of her life.

The Wharton Executive Leadership Program



This year, Dr. Miki Goodwin, Dean of the School of Nursing, represented Idaho State University School of Nursing at the Wharton Executive Leadership Program.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the globally recognized Wharton School of Executive Education at the University of Pennsylvania jointly offer a four-day executive leadership program for deans and directors of nursing programs. Held annually at the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 38 people were accepted through a competitive application process for this year's program.

In addition to networking with others in leadership positions who share similar responsibilities and issues, the program provided a comprehensive week, tailored to nursing, in which research was linked with practice in higher education leadership. Topics such as building learning communities; revenue generation in higher education; strategy and innovation; value innovation and stakeholder management were interspersed with case studies, intensive practice and innovative team work. Completion of the program entitles all fellows to access Wharton resources to continue the learning experience and stay connected to the Wharton community. This means Wharton's education can be available to every single member of the nursing faculty and their students so we too can benefit from and demonstrate intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across our discipline.

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Faculty Feature

Distinguished Fellow of the International Association of Forensic Nurses



Karen Neill, Ph.D., R.N., SANE-A, Professor and Associate Director for Graduate Studies in Nursing has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Fellow Award through the International Association of Forensic Nurses. The award recognizes the impact and significant contributions and accomplishments that the individual has achieved through the work in advancement of the profession of forensic nursing. One award is made each year.

Dr. Neill accepted the award at the 2016 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, held in Denver, Colorado, Sept 29 through Oct 2.

Distinguished Service Award



Idaho State University recognized Kim Jardine-Dickerson as the Distinguished Service Award recipient in 2016. Jardine-Dickerson is an assistant clinical professor at the Idaho State University School of Nursing. She has been teaching at the School of Nursing for 12 years, and has a master's degree in nursing education. She is a board-certified psychiatric mental health nurse and a certified alcohol and drug counselor.

Jardine-Dickerson was instrumental in starting Idaho Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) a model of advocacy, training and education for law enforcement and other community stakeholders. She works with CIT training in Pocatello.

Jardine-Dickerson was appointed by the governor to the Idaho State Behavioral Health Planning Council which is a regional behavioral health board. She has been the past National Alliance on Mental Illness board president. She is a member of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International and the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning.

Other finalists for the Distinguished Service Award, who are 2016 Outstanding Public Service Award winners, are David Hachey, Director of Pharmacy Clinical Services and Professor; Joshua Pak, Professor of Chemistry; James DiSanza, Chair and Professor of the Department of Communication, Media and Persuasion; and Gene Scalarone, Professor of Biological Sciences.

Professional Achievement Award Recipient



Mary Ellen Kelly

The School of Nursing at Idaho State University is pleased to announce that Ms. Mary Ellen Kelly is the Professional Achievement Award recipient for 2016. Kelly graduated with her master's degree from the Idaho State University Department of Nursing in 1983. She has had a long and successful career as a registered professional nurse, nurse educator, nurse leader and as a commander in the Idaho National Guard. Currently she serves as an active volunteer for community and military programs in the Treasure Valley.

Kelly worked in a number of leadership positions throughout the years – Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, West Valley Medical Center, Central District Health Department, Bannock Regional Medical Center, Pocatello Regional Medical Center and many small rural facilities in southeastern and central Idaho. She served on the Idaho Board of Nursing from 1994-1996. She continued to work with the Board on a consultant basis until 1999. She worked as a nurse educator at Idaho State University for many years. She taught the clinical practicums for psychiatric nursing, the senior leadership theory courses and she served as project coordinator for the rural nurse preceptor project. She has a long distinguished military career, joining the Idaho National Guard in 1982 and rose to the rank of Commander for the Idaho Guard. She continues to serve as the Region VI Chairman of the State Employer Support for the Guard and Reserves committee.

Kelly is a good support for nursing, Idaho State University, the military and their families and her community.

Outstanding Student Achievement Award Recipient

Danielle Zander with Dr. Arthur Vailas, President of Idaho State University

The School of Nursing at Idaho State University is pleased to announce that Danielle Zander is the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Student Achievement Award. Zander graduated from the baccalaureate nursing program in December 2015. She is currently working at the Caribou Memorial Hospital in Soda Springs.

Danielle excelled in her nursing education, providing safe and individualized care to all of her clients and community. She is a consistent leader both in academics and in the clinical area and has served as the group leader on many projects during her time at the School of Nursing.

The person who wrote her nomination said, "Since the first day I met Danielle in her sophomore year in the nursing program she has had a deep passion about giving back to the community. Coming from the small town of Soda Springs she was bubbling with ideas on how to give back to the community. She participated in every community event that came through the nursing program and brought as many events to Soda Springs when she could."



Nursing Research at the School of Nursing



Tamara Rose, first Ph.D. in Nursing graduate from the ISU School of Nursing with her mentor Dr. Mary Nies

PROMOTE NEW NURSING KNOWLEDGE

At Idaho State University you have many opportunities to advance in the nursing field. Work with a variety of researchers and make an impact yourself.

Nursing research at Idaho State University is improving care and health for communities across the nation through contributions to nursing science. We consider the future directions and needs of nursing science as identified by the NIH, National Institute of Nursing Research.

JONAS NURSE SCHOLARS

Ashley Anderson, 2nd year Ph.D. in Nursing
Karen Stevens, 2nd year Ph.D. in Nursing
Tamara Tasseff, 2nd year Ph.D. in Nursing

\$1.5 MILLION

Idaho Senior Refugee Interprofessional Holistic Health Project

Kelly Fanning and Mary A. Nies, principal investigators

\$30,000

Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholars Program

Mary A. Nies, principal investigator

\$68,162

The Patient Voice in Healthcare

Susan Tavernier, principal investigator

\$15,000

Impact of Patient Voice on Outcomes

Susan Tavernier, principal investigator

For more information, please contact Dr. Mary A. Nies at niesmary@isu.edu.

ISU Professor Receives Third Alumna Award



The Director of Nursing Research at Idaho State University was honored by her alma mater in May. Mary A. Nies, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHB received the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing 2016 Distinguished Nurse Alumna Award. Nies received her Ph.D. in Nursing Science from the University of Illinois. She has previously received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Loyola University School of Nursing where she obtained her Master of Science in Nursing and the Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Dr. Nies is also a Professor in the Division of Health Sciences at Idaho State University. She is Co-Project Director on the Idaho Senior Refugee Interprofessional Holistic Health Project funded by Health Resources and Services Administration for \$1.5 Million. Dr. Nies is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and in the American Academy of Health Behavior. She was also inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in 2011.

ISU Graduate Research Day Event

Lillian Jones and Mary A. Nies, *A Nursing Intervention to Decrease the Risk of Depression in Rural Community Living Older Adults* received Top Poster Presentation award in the category "Psychosomatic and Societal Dynamics"



DNP Student Mallory Miner Receives External Funding



Aloha! I am Mallory Miner and am from Hawaii. I am in my third and final year of the ISU School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing (DNP) Program Family Nurse Practitioner option here at Idaho State University. Recently I was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,566 from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for my DNP evidence-based population health project titled Improving the Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Screening Process Using the Shared Decision Making Model. My faculty mentors are Dr. Karen Neill, Dr. Ana Schaper and Dr. Tina Mladenka.

Scholarly Project: I am working with Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) at the eight clinics in district six. For more than a decade, both the CDC and the United States Preventive Services Task Force have recommended routine STD screening for all sexually active young women ages 26 and under. The goal of this project is to enhance health outcomes by increasing uptake of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screening. A Shared Decision Making approach integrating a decision aid will be used to positively influence uptake of screening by acknowledging the patient's preferences, allowing the patient to make informed choices, showing respect for the patient's decisions, and is associated with improved satisfaction with healthcare decisions.

Funding: The AACN-CDC Academic Partnership Cooperative Agreement is a federally funded cooperative agreement intended to create opportunities for the higher education community to collectively meet the challenges of improving the population's health. The program is designed to facilitate the development of qualified, knowledgeable, and experienced students and emerging health professionals for public health practice in governmental, health care or other settings. The award will support evidence-based projects contributing to public/population health outcomes.

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John William Jackson Scholarship



JOHN WILLIAM JACKSON FUND

John William Jackson Fund Helps Nursing Students

A uniquely-funded scholarship is helping students across the state, including at the Idaho State University School of Nursing. The John William Jackson Fund has distributed grants totally over \$600,000 to advance academic excellence, performing arts and outdoor sporting for Idaho youth. Students at the ISU School of Nursing have benefited from these grants through the Dr. Brenda Williams and Barton C. Douglas memorial scholarship funds, totaling nearly \$20,000 and helping 12 students.



Raising Funds Through Recycling

One of the primary ways the John William Jackson Fund generates money is the Idaho Youth Education Recycling Partnership (iYERP), an initiative developed by John's father Bill "Action" Jackson. The innovative program works by supplying scrap metal collection containers to partnering businesses, those materials are then recycled, the money is donated to the fund and the

business receives a tax-deductible receipt. So far, the iYERP program has raised over \$350,000 to supply grants from the John William Jackson Fund. Please consider donating your scrap metal to Pacific Steel and Recycling to help benefit more of our deserving accelerated nursing students. If you would like to become a member of this partnership or want more information, please contact: Bill "Action" Jackson at (208) 890-8503 or iyerp2010@gmail.com.

About John William Jackson

John Jackson, raised in Meridian, graduated from Centennial High School in 1994, and went on to Georgetown University where he received his degree in psychology in 1998. John was an accomplished soccer player, and had many interests that included music and rock climbing/mountaineering. At the time of his death, in a climbing accident in Central Asia, John was conducting graduate research at the University of Montana in Missoula. This fund, established in 2000, hopes to capture the enthusiasm, passion, contemplation and enterprise that John exhibited in his life and individual pursuits.

Funding Awards

Kirsten Rosin received a \$500 award from the School of Nursing for the 2016-2017 academic year to travel to Baltimore, MD to present a poster titled Educational Tools to Decrease Vaccine Hesitancy. She presented her poster at the American School Health Association Annual School Health Conference held in October 2016. Rosin presented with Michelle Anderson, DNP, FNP-C who is a 2016 graduate of the DNP degree program in the School of Nursing.

Faculty Mentors Dr. Cathy Arvidson and Dr. Karen Neill.

Dr. Michelle Anderson, DNP, FNP-C and graduate of the DNP degree program at ISU SON was awarded \$500 to present a poster at the Ninth Annual Doctor of Nursing Practice National Conference held October 5-7 2016 in Baltimore, MD. The poster is titled, Educational Tools to Decrease Vaccine Hesitancy. A Collaborative Approach.

Faculty Mentor Dr. Cathy Arvidson.

Linda Larson Spagon received a \$300 travel award from the International Society for Neurofeedback and Research (INSR) to present a poster presentation titled Neurofeedback Treatment in Response to Veterans Arrested for Domestic Violence with History of Head Injury: A Pilot Study, at the INSR 24th Annual Conference. The conference was held in Orlando, FL, September 2016. Spagan also presented the poster at the International Association of Forensic Nurses Annual Conference in Denver Colorado in September 2016. She received a \$1,000 award from the School of Nursing for the 2016-2017 academic year to support her efforts in presenting her research.

Faculty Mentor Dr. Karen Neill.

Karen Stevens received a \$1,000 award from the School of Nursing for the 2016-2017 academic year to present a podium session at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2017 AACN Research Leadership Network (RLN) Conference to be held in January 2017 in San Diego, CA. The podium presentation is titled "You've Got Mail to #Hashtags: Faculty Relevancy in a 140 Character World."

Faculty Mentor Dr. Mary A. Nies.