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Long-term employees play an invaluable role in the life of UT Southwestern Medical Center. Their faithful, dedicated service has helped the institution become what it is today. In this special edition of *Center Times*, we showcase some of these employees and their varied interests. Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern Medical Center, will host a May 12 luncheon to honor employees with 40, 35, and 30 years of service, and to welcome new members of the Quarter Century Club.

PHOTOS BY DAVID GRESHAM

By Lin Lofley

Patricia Campise, a Unit Secretary in the Heart and Lung Transplant Unit at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, has been at UT Southwestern Medical Center 40 years in part because of her co-workers and her affection for the patients who come to UT Southwestern to get new hearts and lungs.

Reflecting the spirit of the Heart and Lung Transplant Unit, Ms. Campise's job is all about patient care. She greets patients when they arrive and makes sure that they're able to contact their nurses at all times. While they're in Clements University Hospital, she makes certain that they and their families have everything needed.

"I believe the people I work with are a lot like a family," says Ms. Campise, who started her career in 1974. "Most of us have been here for years, and when you work with people for a long time you learn a lot about each other."

And she's been firmly anchored in her job for basically the entire time she's been at the medical center. That enduring experience of making things happen daily for the patient makes her working life a steady joy, she says.

Ms. Campise's favorite memory from what is now a 40-year career is of a patient who was leaving the unit, but he wanted to do one thing: "He wanted to meet the person who answered his calls for a nurse while he was in the unit."

"That was me, and I appreciated that he had had a good experience here."



Her workplace experience is even better since Dec. 6, 2014, when Clements University Hospital opened. Still, a bit of a learning curve remains.

"The hospital is something to get used to," Ms. Campise says. "It's much bigger, of course, and I'm still finding my way around. But it's a beautiful place."

"The majority of our team came over from St. Paul University Hospital, which helped with continuity. And some of the people who are no longer in our unit are still in other places in the hospital, so we find each other and talk about how things are going."

Ms. Campise's large family includes her mother, three siblings, 10 nieces and nephews, and three grand nieces and nephews.

In her off-duty time, she likes to visit with family, to read, and work on puzzles.



By Lin Lofley

If you were trying to put together a list of the people who know best how to get around William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, then Helen Foreman would likely be high on the assembled collection of names.

Ms. Foreman has been taking special care of patients since she started at St. Paul University Hospital some 40 years ago.

She is now the Lead Bed Control Coordinator for Clements University Hospital, the person in charge of assigning rooms and keeping track of every patient who checks in and out of the newest clinical facility at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Ms. Foreman is proud of the relationships she has built with her co-workers, the staffs in various clinicians' offices, and other departments in the hospital. She says the fact that she "loves helping people" is one key to success, whether that be applied on a daily basis or to an entire career.

Outside the hospital, she enjoys attending Mt. Zion Church of God In Christ, where she also serves as Public Relations Coordinator and is a Pastor's Assistant, helping out in the Special Event Department, Banquet and Anniversary Department, and anywhere else she can be of help.

She enjoys traveling and spending time with her siblings and other family members, including her son, Ken, granddaughters, Briana and Kiana, goddaughter, Gabrielle, and her special great nephews, Kor'Dae, Kharami, and Marquin, her beautiful niece, Daisy, and very special friend, Leonard.

"We have great, fun times together," she says.



By Lin Lofley

People who have worked at UT Southwestern Medical Center as long as Sandy Wittie have a lot to share, in part because they can recall how it used to be.

Ms. Wittie, celebrating a career that spans 40 years, is a walking witness to the people, the expansion, and the history of UT Southwestern. She effortlessly can detail things most employees never knew occurred, and provide glimpses of the campus before it grew to nearly 400 acres on both sides of Harry Hines Boulevard.

A Computer Programmer-Analyst III, she began her UT Southwestern career as a programmer trainee with the Children & Youth Project in Pediatrics. The involved clinics were in West Dallas, where the patients resided, and, due to a shortage of floor space, administrative offices were off campus in the Stemmons Towers. The medical center bought computer time from a company whose computers were in Kansas City.

How different was the campus back in those days? "Definitely fewer buildings and people, and doctors saw private patients in a clinic in the Stemmons Flats. There has been an amazing growth at the university. We now have better parking and even a cafeteria," she says.

One of Ms. Wittie's unusual memories is from when she worked at the Medical Computing Resources Center. When two floors were added to the Fred F. Florence Bioinformation Center (E Building), there was a glitch.

"Wet laboratories had been built above the computer room with continuous flooring that wrapped

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When Andrea Blanton, Account Auditor in the Medical Science Research Development Plan (MSRDP) celebrates her 35 years at UT Southwestern Medical Center, it will be a day like never before. That's partly because Ms. Blanton has never taken part in the Employee Recognition Program before.

"I don't know why, I just didn't want to do it," she says. "But this year it seemed like a good time to join in."

Jokingly asked whether her first-time participation means that she'll stay at UT Southwestern, Ms. Blanton's booming laugh comes across the telephone line: "I do think I'm probably going to stick around for a while."

The MSRDP unit moved to UT Southwestern's Brookriver facility about a year ago. In the group, she works on the department's billing compliance procedures. In the past, she's dealt with credit reports.

"UT Southwestern has great benefits, as everyone knows," she says, "and I enjoy my job and the people I work with."

There are two sides to Ms. Blanton – one that's not noticeable, and one that's easy to hear, she says.

"I'd like people to know that I'm a quiet person, and I like to stay to myself," Ms. Blanton says, "but I know I have a voice that carries. I'm opinionated, and I say what I think."

Ms. Blanton, who wants to be known as someone "who made an impact



on many new employees" loves to shop when away from her work at the medical center.

One thing her co-workers know is that her greatest claim to fame is becoming a grandmother. Her daughter, Katessa, and son-in-law, DeWitt, have given her two grandchildren, Zoey and Zoinne.



BRIAN CURRY

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By Lin Lofley

When Brian Curry turned 50 a few years ago, his fellow Department of Accounting employees commemorated the milestone with posters announcing the birthday, and the fact that he was "over the hill."

No offense, and none taken.

"I was amused over it," says Mr. Curry, an Office Assistant in Accounts Payable. "It was one of the high points of my life. I still feel that my co-workers are a part of my family."

He's celebrating 35 years of service at UT Southwestern Medical Center and after all the time since he first started as a File Clerk in 1979, Mr. Curry still likes what he does.

"I handle invoices, and see that those are sent where they need to go," he says. "It's enjoyable work, partly because I know I'm helping the doctors at UT Southwestern. I like to believe one reason I still work here is because I like hard work – and our group is really hard working – and I'm not afraid to learn new things."

"It is enjoyable work, and it has been since Day One."

One of the best parts of the job, he says, is having been a witness to all of the changes at UT Southwestern from his office in the Paul M. Bass Clinical and Administrative Center.

"I've seen the medical center grow into a world-class leader in health care. That's something," Mr. Curry says.

His family includes his mother, Abby, brothers, Andy and Owen, and sisters, Mary, and Cecilia Pettit.

Mr. Curry is a theater aficionado, with both live theater and movies a part of his favorite pastime. He recently saw the Dallas Theater Center's production of *Medea*.

ANDREA LITTON

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By Lin Lofley

Diners in the food court on UT Southwestern Medical Center's South Campus might not even notice the lady who moves quietly from table to table cleaning the tables, moving trays, and changing the trash bags when they're full.

Andrea Litton, a Food Service Worker, is renowned for having a smile on her face and a song on her lips, and she's celebrating 35 years at UT Southwestern.

And she continues to seek to improve.

"I've always just wanted to be myself," Ms. Litton said, "to do my job right and work hard. But I think I could be nicer to my boss."

When the food court closes, her tasks shift to vacuuming the floors and helping with storing pots and pans, dishes, and paper products.

A gold medal winner off campus – she took home first place in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament – Ms. Litton revealed that that's her enduring hobby. She also likes to go to movies, to dine out, and go to parties. Not surprisingly, she can sing and dance, too.

By constantly circulating around the food court during working hours, she's also become a one-woman lost-and-found department.

"I'm always finding wallets, purses, umbrellas, and things that people left behind," Ms. Litton says. "I like it when I can locate the owner of something lost."

Those times make the job even more pleasurable, she says.

"I'm really happy to have worked at UT Southwestern all these years," she says, praising her "wonderful" fellow employees. "I hope to be remembered as someone who works hard and is never late."







By Lin Lofley

Maggie Pinson is fluent in Spanish, and was when she became Director of the Office of International Affairs 35 years ago.

It might seem to be simply intuitive to have a bilingual Director, but Ms. Pinson doesn't think that's so: "What you need is to be bicultural," she says. "Fluency in a foreign language is one way to gain insight into another culture."


The Office of International Affairs is centered on assisting the more than 1,000 students and trainees on campus, in addition to guiding UT Southwestern Medical Center components that are recruiting international faculty members.

"We provide a lot of support to clinical and basic science departments," Ms. Pinson says. "The process to move from temporary visa status to U.S. permanent residency varies based on the individual's specialized field, previous U.S. visa history, and professional accomplishments. An individualized strategy is required."

In addition, the office offers the English as a Second Language Program and the highly popular English Conversation program, which connects English speakers with their international counterparts in order to aid the newcomers in learning to navigate conversation.


"It's a challenge, and there's always something new to learn," she says. "But it's also a job that leaves me with the feeling that I'm really able to help people."

Personally, Ms. Pinson says she's known as a co-worker who is "patient and calm." Those traits have served her well throughout her career. "I've stayed for the challenge and for the service. There's always something new to learn, and I feel that I am able to really help."

A portrait of Maggie Pinson, a woman with short blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a patterned top. In the background, a world map is visible on the wall.

Ms. Pinson – who likes to read fiction in her off-duty hours – is sure that she'll write the great American novel sometime in the distant future after she retires from the medical center. She has a daughter, Alice, who's 25, a favorite nephew, and beautiful 2-year-old great niece.

Asked how she'd like to be remembered, she puts it simply: "I'd like to be known as the person who will go the extra mile to help someone in need."

A portrait of Honorable Williams, a man with short dark hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a blue button-down shirt with "UTSouthwestern Medical Center" embroidered on it.

By Lin Lofley

When contacted to discuss his 35 years at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Honorable Williams had just come back to the Facilities Office at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital from working on an isolation room door.

Mr. Williams said his life is more exciting, but somewhat more tiring, since the opening of the new hospital on Dec. 6, 2014.

"It's very exciting," says Mr. Williams, a Building Maintenance Specialist who moved his base of operations to the facility, and hasn't looked back. "I'm like a kid with a new toy, and I'm not the only one who feels that way."

Asked if it was true that it's more work because it's a bigger place, he countered. "It's actually a little easier because everything is new," he said. "It takes more skill to work on things, but that's the part that I enjoy most. "And there's more walking, but we all need that exercise."

Mr. Williams' first job at UT Southwestern was in the laundry. Now his main focus is working on the nurse call systems found in each hospital room, the tube system and linen chutes, and anything technical that might become problematic.

"I've felt for a long time that it's not just a job," he says. "It's a service to people. And when I retire from here – we're all going to have to retire sometime – I hope that they'll remember me as kind, helpful, and as one who always encourages people to do their best."

Away from work, he enjoys music and repairing automobiles.

Mr. Williams is 72, but he doesn't look it, and he can't single out his most rewarding memory of working at UT Southwestern: "There too many to name just one!"





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HELEN ARONOVICH

A Research Associate, Helen Aronovich works in the Department of Biophysics at UT Southwestern. Her job duties include supporting the Structural Core Laboratory. Ms. Aronovich started her career at UT Southwestern as a Research Assistant in the DNA Synthesis Core, a component of the Department of Biochemistry.



PATTI 'JEANNETTE' BURCHFIELD

Since 1984, Jeannette Burchfield has worked to make life better for mothers and their young children with a career in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology. A Senior Research Registered Nurse, she works in the divisional database for both Children's Medical Center NICU and Parkland Memorial Hospital NICU. Her first job at UT Southwestern was as an RN involved in a breast-feeding study. After 30 years, Ms. Burchfield still has the same response as to why she has had such a long career at one institution – "I enjoy my job."



ARTHUR CASH

Arthur Cash's goal was to become an accountant, and 30 years ago he accomplished that. As an Accountant III in the Aston Ambulatory Care Center, Mr. Cash prepares departmental budgets, analyzes subledgers for correctness, and manages credit card transactions. He can be described as empathetic, because he cares about all people. One of his favorite memories at UT Southwestern was a winter holiday function given by Dr. Charles Sprague, first President of the medical center. When he isn't working, Mr. Cash likes to play the piano and spend time at his church. He is the fifth child of a family of six boys and one girl.



MARY COOK

Mary Cook, an Education Coordinator in Neurological Surgery, loves the department she works in. "It has been rewarding to assist more than 40 doctors in completing the neurosurgery residency program," she says. Ms. Cook first started out at UT Southwestern as Secretary to Bob Heins, Director of Medical Services Planning. Now she coordinates residency programs, elective students, and CME activities. She says the "great people I work with, and the variety of tasks I do" has made her career at UT Southwestern rewarding. She has four nieces and nephews, as well as four great-nephews. Outside of work, she enjoys serving in her church, Mesquite-based Family Cathedral, and researching her family genealogy.



JAMES CRAWLEY

James Crawley has proven his mettle, and metal, while working one of the more heavy duty jobs at UT Southwestern. He keeps people comfortable with his expertise in Building Maintenance and Sitewide Services as a Sheetmetal Worker, where he repairs and welds metal equipment, and fabricates and installs air ducts. Mr. Crawley says he wouldn't be at UT Southwestern "without my great co-workers." Mr. Crawley's most rewarding memory is the time he spent working alongside other shops on special projects. He is a detail-oriented person who wants to be known as the employee who had the knowledge and experience to solve problems. When he isn't working around the medical center, he works on his house and yard, and goes to auctions.



MARILYN DIXON

Marilyn Dixon has worked in the Department of Pediatrics for Dr. Philip Shaul, Director of the Division of Pulmonary and Vascular Biology and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Pediatrics, for more than 29 years. She started out as a Secretary in 1984, but now Ms. Dixon works as an Administrative Associate and assists with grant submissions, reports, travel, and other tasks. While Ms. Dixon is serious when it comes to her job, she recalls a time where she was on the wrong end of a friendly joke. "A co-worker pranked me with a mechanical dead rat years ago," she says. "I have a good sense of humor, but was only able to laugh about it after it happened to another co-worker." Two of her long-term goals include staying healthy and overcoming her fear of flying.



BRUCE FOLCHERT

Bruce Folchert served as a police officer for four years before he started his career at UT Southwestern as a Security Officer at St. Paul University Hospital. Now a Senior Business Analyst, he enjoys working in a place where he can help people and make them smile. "Working in health care, there are so many rewarding memories," he says. Mr. Folchert loves his job, and being there for people in need. "Health care can literally be life changing for our patients, and I like being part of that," he says. His co-workers would describe him as a social person who enjoys talking to everyone. Away from work Mr. Folchert likes to spend time with his brother, two sisters, his parents, and his friends.



ALICIA GUZMAN

A Clinical Data Specialist, Alicia Guzman loves her job within Pediatric Neonatal-Perinatal. She has the opportunity to work with numerous clinical studies, schedule research patients, and coordinate and assist the Developmental Specialist and Neurodevelopmental Examiner. Mrs. Guzman proclaims herself fortunate to have the most wonderful managers. Her co-workers describe her as "dedicated and caring" toward patients. While every day is an interesting one for her, she recalls one instance as more interesting. "The day I got stuck in the bathroom, there was no one in the clinic to open the door," she says. "I had to wait for security to rescue me." Her passion is attending church, and she hopes to travel after she retires. She is married and has two adult children.



MEREDITH JONES

A Senior Administrative Associate in the Physical Plant, Meredith Jones is a dependable and sweet person who is there whenever someone needs her help. As someone whose job is to support the Vice President for Facilities Management and all other members of the team at UT Southwestern, Ms. Jones would like to be known as a co-worker who is resourceful and who goes above and beyond to help. She has stayed at UT Southwestern because of "the camaraderie" and the eventual goal of retirement. Her long-term plans include living a peaceful and fulfilling life.



JING KAO

A Manager in Faculty Practice Financial Affairs, Jing Kao works to ensure that the Medical Services, Research and Development Plan's financial reporting is correct and completed. Looking back, she has been witness to many institutional changes. "I've watched UT Southwestern grow from five thousand employees to more than 12 thousand; from only South Campus to a 'big' campus; from Dr. Charles Sprague to Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky as the President," Ms. Kao says. She began as an Internal Auditor, and has remained because of "the school environment, and love for the job. I have never been bored here." In her free time, Ms. Kao enjoys swimming, reading, and walking. She has two daughters and a son, and will become a grandmother for the first time in June.



SHELIA MARTIN

As a meticulous person who loves to help, encourage, and motivate, Shelia Martin is in the perfect position to succeed at UT Southwestern. A Certified Medical Assistant in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ms. Martin escorts patients to exam rooms and performs tasks such as previsit interviews, measuring vital signs, and documenting information. She is most proud of how she interacts with patients, staff, and physicians. Her most rewarding memory was when she received a merit reward. However, she recalls one memory less prestigious. "My funniest memory at UT is when I walked in Dr. [David] Miller's office and my wig fell off," she said. When she isn't helping patients, she spends time with her grandson. Her hobbies include attending church, bowling, and dancing.





JEFFERY MOORE

Jeffery Moore has worked as a Senior Physical Therapist for most of his time at UT Southwestern. His job in Therapy Services at Clements University Hospital entails working with patients in post surgical and general rehabilitation, as well as orthopedic rehab. He says his co-workers would describe him as “homespun and wholesome.” Mr. Moore has stayed in part because of the many friends he’s made over the years, and he would like to be known as an employee who is always ready to help. Mr. Moore is also a Boy Scout chaplain, a musician at his church, and he is even a professional clown named “Dr. Silvester Silly.” He has published a book on Country Dancing and also hopes to eventually be a teacher. He and his wife, Jane, have two children, Ben and Lesley.



THELMA MORGAN

Thelma Morgan is a Medical Transcriptionist at UT Southwestern, working in Clinical Laboratory Services at Clements University Hospital. Some of her duties include transcribing pathology, cytology, and outside consultation reports, answering phones, and assisting in other areas when called upon. Ms. Morgan says she “loves my job, as well as her co-workers and their concern for patient care.” Her co-workers would describe her as many things, from “amazing and helpful,” to a dependable and spiritual person. She is the proud mother of a son, Jermaine, and a daughter-in-law, Ebony. She also has two grandsons, Marcus and Myles. Some of her hobbies include singing, bowling, collecting roosters, and watching Tyler Perry movies.



JORGE RUEDAS

In 1984, Jorge Ruedas first worked in the kitchen of St. Paul University Hospital. His current job at UT Southwestern is a highly important one. As a Housekeeping Attendant in the Environmental Service Department at Clements University Hospital, part of Mr. Ruedas’ job is to clean the surgery floor with a scrubbing machine. He enjoys what he does, and appreciates what he has around him. “I like the job,” he says. “[I like] the environment and the generous people we have.” Mr. Ruedas states that his co-workers would describe him as an employee who always listens to his supervisor. Mr. Ruedas says he strives to be someone who is always nice and generous. One of his away-from-work enjoyments is babysitting his grandchildren.



RAMONA SHEFFIELD

As a Senior Accounting Clerk in Cash Management Administration, Ramona Sheffield loves being a part of all the changes and the growth of UT Southwestern. She processes lockbox deposits for numerous clients. Ms. Sheffield recalls an important memory, and how it all seems like it was not so long ago. “[My] most rewarding memory was receiving my Five-Year Certificate,” she says. “Time passed by so fast. I could hardly believe it.” She is a comical person who is well loved around the office, but she is also strong willed and thorough on the job. One of her long-term goals is to keep up with the many changes of PeopleSoft. She is a big fan of 1970s classic rock and country music, spoils her nieces, nephews, and their children, and also follows the British Royalty Family tree.



BARBARA TAYLOR

A Registered Nurse II, Barbara Taylor works in Labor and Delivery at Clements University Hospital, where she takes care of patients and helps deliver their babies. It is a rewarding job, and she has stayed at UT Southwestern because of “the helpful doctors, nurses, lab technicians, and co-workers” around her. Mrs. Taylor is a helpful and easygoing person who is laid back when she is not on the job. Mrs. Taylor hopes to stay in her department until she retires. She is a proud Christian and likes to walk, read books, and babysit as Grandma in her spare time. She and her husband, Tom, will have been married 25 years in June and have three children and two grandchildren.



CARRIE TU

Carrie Tu is a Registered Nurse Surgical Coordinator at UT Southwestern. Her job at Clements University Hospital is to coordinate the Orthopedics Department in surgery. Ms. Tu has stayed at UT Southwestern because of her “good friends and co-workers.” She would most like to be known as someone who is a valuable resource and who takes good care of her patients. Ms. Tu’s co-workers would describe her as hard working and friendly, and she carries those traits outside of the office. Ms. Tu says people would be surprised to know that she remodels houses in her spare time. Her big passion is shopping. She has a sister and enjoys the company of her dogs.



FREDDY VIDAUD

For three decades at UT Southwestern, Freddy Vidaud has worked in the Pathology Department as an Office Assistant. Mr. Vidaud’s duties include preparing outgoing mail for distribution, maintaining equipment, and running errands for the office. As someone who enjoys meeting and helping people, he hopes to continue working at the medical center. Mr. Vidaud says his UT Southwestern job remains fulfilling because of “the people, benefits, and all of the friends I’ve made.” His most rewarding memory was moving from the South Campus to the North Campus where he works now. A surprising fact about Mr. Vidaud is that he had a kidney transplant at UT Southwestern recently. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, going to movies, bowling, and spending time with his family.



WINNETKA WALTON

For 30 years, Winnetka Walton has worked with numbers at UT Southwestern. Ms. Walton started in the Data Entry Medical Services, Research and Development Plan. Now, as a Senior Payment Application Specialist, she posts billings and works with patient payments, among other duties. Ms. Walton loves to make others laugh, and wants to be known as the employee who has a positive attitude toward life. Similarly, her co-workers describe her as a friendly person who loves to laugh and always smiles. A few things people may be surprised to know about her are that she is very energetic, loves to travel, and loves religious study. When she isn’t working, she enjoys skating, swimming, horseback riding, making pastries, and thrift shopping.



LINDA WATKINS

Linda Watkins helps keep vital research going at the highest levels at UT Southwestern. Mrs. Watkins works as a Senior Grants and Contracts Specialist, managing the numerous grants and contracts for Nobel Laureate Dr. Bruce Beutler and the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense’s staff. Her first job was as a Research Tech II for Dr. Bob Lu in Comparative Medicine, a Division of the Department of Pathology. Her career has included a life-changing experience. In 1985, she met her future husband in one of the Arc rooms in the Harry J. Moss Clinical Science Building. Mrs. Watkins has stayed because of her co-workers and the many friends she has made. She and her husband, David, have a son, Tanner.



ROBERT WEBB

As a Maintenance Supervisor in Building Maintenance and Sitewide Services, Robert Webb has a challenging job of managing the electrical department. Mr. Webb started his career at UT Southwestern as an Electrician, and he is confident that he, along with his co-workers, have made a difference in medical research and care. Mr. Webb says co-workers would say he is “fair and professional” and, if you ask him, he would like to be known as someone who treats people with respect. When he isn’t working, Mr. Webb likes doing yard work, going to the movies, and skiing, which he won a bronze medal for in the NASTAR Circuit, the world’s largest recreational ski and snowboard race program. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Ben and Amanda.



RAY WHEATLEY

Ray Wheatley, who first came to UT Southwestern in 1984, is Director for Technology Commercialization in the Office of Technology Development. Mr. Wheatley manages the commercialization of intellectual properties developed here. “The people I work with in our office keep me here,” he says. “They are all dedicated, hard-working people who strive to do the right thing.” There’s strong confidence in his expertise as well. “While meeting with two investigators, one brought up a very serious problem to consider,” he said. “Before I could answer, the other investigator said, ‘Just do what Ray says and everything will turn out OK!’ I appreciated their confidence.” When he isn’t working, Mr. Wheatley spends time with his wife, Vicki, and their daughter, Claire.



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EVANGELINE V. ALTAMERO

As a Registered Nurse II, Evangeline Altamero calls patients and helps set up their appointments, and performs other critical tasks, such as giving pre-operative instructions and handling patient records at Zale Lipshy University Hospital. Mrs. Altamero says that working with her patients is always a rewarding task. "Even though my contact with patients or family is through telephone encounter, it's rewarding when at the end of our conversations they ask if they will be able to see me," she says. "I know I have made an impact and done my job." She is married with two daughters, and has two grandchildren. Her hobbies include playing games, watching movies, and cooking.



LISA BELSER

Lisa Byrd Belser likes to keep everything in focus – not a surprising trait, since she's the Medical Photographer for Plastic Surgery. Since the summer of 1989, she has worked to communicate through photos and graphics, initially with Medical Illustrations/Biomedical Communications. At the Plastic Surgery Clinic, Ms. Belser's work includes photographing both pre- and post-operative patients. "It's most important to reassure every patient that they are being treated by the best doctors," she says. Her career at UT Southwestern has been aided by "the great health and retirement benefits, and also knowing that I work for a world-class medical institution."



SANDRA BOYD

Sandra Boyd is so engaged in her job, she even received an award for her efforts. "[My] most memorable moment [at] UT Southwestern was when I received the best transporter of the month reward," she says. As a Transporter at Clements University Hospital, Ms. Boyd efficiently moves patients to certain areas of the facility. She stays at UT Southwestern because of "the nice and friendly environment, as well as the opportunity to help patients." Her co-workers would describe her as a productive and caring leader, but more importantly, she would like to be known as the employee who "would extend a helping hand to all of the patients." Ms. Boyd has a big family, and when she isn't working she attends church, goes to movies, and enjoys eating at restaurants.



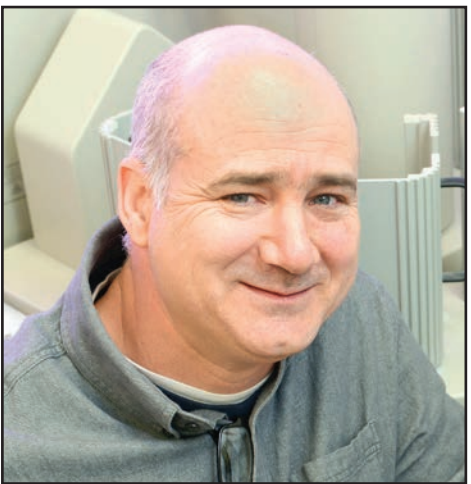
CONNIE F. CERVANTES

During her time at UT Southwestern, Connie Cervantes has flourished as a Clinical Data Specialist through the diversity and growth of the medical center. A patient person who is always willing to help, Mrs. Cervantes has had the privilege to work with clinical research data for patients on Phase 1 Clinical Research Studies, where she also reports toxicities. "I started here at UT Southwestern with Hematology-Oncology Pediatrics and left for a brief time and returned," she says. "Now I'm with Hem-Onc Internal Medicine-Clinical Research, and I feel like I've come full circle!" When not working, Mrs. Cervantes spends time with her husband of 39 years, five children, and three grandchildren. She also loves to travel and make great memories.



BETTY CHAMBERS

Betty Chambers has stayed at UT Southwestern because she feels she makes a true difference. Mrs. Chambers is Director of Case Management at University Hospital Administration, where her duties include overseeing social work, utilization review, and clinical documentation. She is a passionate and thoughtful person who has enjoyed her time at UT Southwestern, which includes the opening of Zale Lipshy University Hospital in 1989 and Clements University Hospital in 2014. "I have lots of memories and have met and worked with some awesome people," she says. "I consider that a privilege." Mrs. Chambers hopes to continue working and to retire at UT Southwestern. She and her husband, Neill, are members of the Lone Star Camaro Club. Currently, Mrs. Chambers is obsessed with genealogy.



JEFFERY CORMIER

Jeff Cormier has one of the most fascinating jobs at UT Southwestern. He is a Research Scientist in the Department of Molecular Genetics. He started out in the same department in 1989, working with oligonucleotide synthesis. Mr. Cormier loves his job, and says it has been a rewarding experience. "Over the years, the Department of Molecular Genetics has been home to countless fascinating scientists from all over the world," he says. "I've greatly enjoyed getting to know and work with so many amazing individuals." In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family and volunteering with his sons' Boy Scouts of America troop.



KAREN COSTANZO HOLLON

Karen Costanzo Hollon has one big goal in mind, and that is to get better every day at what she does. As an Administrative Associate in the Department of Urology, Mrs. Costanzo Hollon routes calls for the department, and makes transcriptions for Dr. Claus Roehrborn and Dr. Arthur Sagalowsky. She enjoys being a part of an expanding department. "[My] most rewarding UT Southwestern memory was when I became a member of the Urology Department and seeing it grow from a few people to a large number of people," she says. She is described as "a team player and a people person." A few hobbies she and her husband, Michael, share include decorating their home, attending church activities, and garage sales.





COLLEEN DEBES

Colleen Debes is a Registered Nurse II in the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at Clements University Hospital. Her duties as a clinic nurse include working behind the scenes as a coordinator for Adult Cystic Fibrosis patients. Mrs. Debes started at UT Southwestern in 1989 as a Heart Failure Research Coordinator for Dr. Clyde Yancy. She says her “wonderful co-workers and the opportunity to help patients” have helped make her career fulfilling at the medical center. Her co-workers would describe her as an exemplary employee who is a team player with a constant positive attitude. She and her husband of 20 years have two children and a yellow labrador retriever.



SHIRLEY DIXON

A Clinical Staff Assistant III, Shirley Dixon loves being a part of UT Southwestern and Internal Medicine’s Subspecialty Clinic. “It is gratifying to work for and be a part of an organization whose purpose is to treat and find cures for diseases and sickness that affect the world,” she says. Ms. Dixon manages and schedules templates and clinic cancellations, and schedules patient appointments. As a compassionate and respectful professional who knows the importance of giving her best effort, she wants to be known as the employee who “can make you smile.” Mrs. Dixon is the youngest of 11 children.



JAIME DOWNIE

As a Maintenance Supervisor in the Utilities Department, Jaime Downie takes his job seriously. He maintains all mechanical equipment, such as exhaust fans and pumps, as well as steam pressure reducing stations and condensate systems. Mr. Downie started his career working in maintenance, and he has stayed due to his “co-workers and the positive atmosphere.” He is dedicated to his work, takes pride in what he does, and every year, he and his fellow co-workers take part in the annual Heart Walk. When he isn’t working at UT Southwestern, he is at home working on home improvement projects and in his yard. He and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter, Ashley.



KATHY DURHAM

As a Support Services Coordinator at UT Southwestern, Kathy Durham works in Respiratory Therapy at Clements University Hospital. She manages computer applications, provides staff education and orientation, tracks licenses and certifications, and is a resource for assistant managers. “I sense the desire for excellence, not just in words, but also in action and policy,” she says. Her co-workers describe her as “honest and consistent.” Mrs. Durham has been married for 37 years and has three children; two daughters and a son. Her hobbies include knitting, reading, cooking, singing, and playing the handbells.



EULA EDWARDS

For 25 years, Eula Edwards has worked as a Housekeeping Attendant in the Environmental Services Department. Mrs. Edwards has stayed at UT Southwestern because of “the people, benefits, and all the friends I’ve made.” She would like to be known as the Zale Lipshy University Hospital employee who works diligently at everything she does. When she is not working hard in the hospital, Mrs Edwards is working hard on her health. When asked about her long-term goals, she said she’s determined to stay focused on excellent health and fitness. Mrs. Edwards has a husband and a daughter, and her passion is spending time with them. Her hobbies include traveling, watching movies, and bowling.



KIMBERLY ‘KIM’ EDWARDS

Kim Edwards works in the Department of Pharmacology, where she is a Financial Affairs Manager. She coordinates the accounting operations of the department, which includes planning, budgeting, and reporting the state and grant financial data. The wonderful opportunities provided by UT Southwestern have kept her here. “UT Southwestern has so many opportunities to offer its employees,” she says. “There is room to advance in your career or switch careers. I enjoy working with all different people and have made some really great friends along the way.”



JOHN FAISON

A Surgical Services Implant Coordinator, John Faison is a tenacious worker who wants to be known as the employee who always tried to do an excellent job. Mr. Faison started at UT Southwestern as a Surgical Technologist, and now works in the OR Management and Support Department at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, where he orders implants, posts positions, and posts OR changes. He plans on retiring within the next five years to spend more time with his wife, two daughters, and two grandsons. Outside of work, Mr. Faison enjoys riding motorcycles.



KENNY FLICK

Kenny Flick takes pride in working hard at UT Southwestern, and for 25 years he has delivered – literally. Mr. Flick is a Mail Clerk in Mail Services Administration, and his job is to work delivery mail routes and meter machines. He has stayed at UT Southwestern due to the job security and benefits offered. A “nice and reliable” person as described by his co-workers, he has a great sense of humor. Mr. Flick’s long-term career goal is to work long enough so his sons can go to college. His wish, of course, is to win the lottery. Outside work, his hobbies include playing poker, traveling, and attending school activities. He and his wife have two sons, Brad, 13, and Kyle, 15.



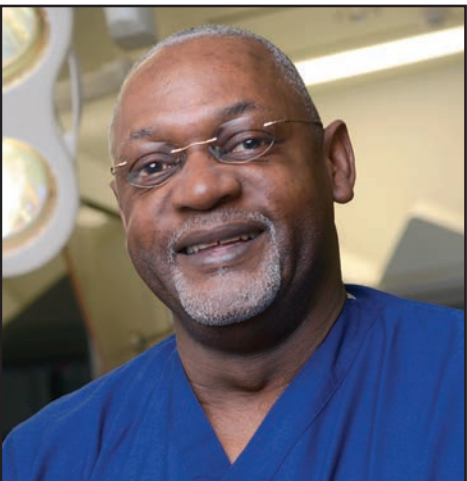
REGINALD GIDDENS

Reginald Giddens has worked in the Environmental, Health, and Safety Department since 1989. As a Safety Specialist I, he collects and disposes of radioactive wastes from UT Southwestern laboratories. Mr. Giddens likes the job security offered at UT Southwestern, as well as his co-workers and the nice work environment. Although not an earthshaking event, he says he’s happy to have “survived my first earthquake at UT Southwestern!” He is funny and dependable, but, more importantly, Mr. Giddens says he still looks the same after 25 years. Away from work he loves motorcycling and working on old trucks. A faithful Christian, Mr. Giddens’ family includes his wife, Arlene, and Alex, Richard, Jackie, and Ana.



KEITH GRAVLEY

Keith Gravley works as a Senior Moving Attendant in the Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center, where he has had the opportunity to watch the campus grow. Mr. Gravley is a laid-back person who began his career at UT Southwestern in 1989 as a Carpenter Helper. If he got his wish, Mr. Gravley would probably tell you that he hit the Powerball and is now out fishing. His long-term goal is to retire and live a happy life with his wife, Alison. The couple has a son, Nathan, and a daughter, Devyn, who is going to nursing school on a full academic scholarship. When he isn’t working, Mr. Gravley is helping both of his kids build their first cars.



DANNY GREEN

As an Operating Room Attendant in the Surgery Department, Danny Green enjoys coming into work every day at Zale Lipshy University Hospital. Although his self-proclaimed greatest claim to fame would be to retire one day, Mr. Green still looks forward to working and learning at UT Southwestern for as long as he can. He has stayed at the medical center because of his job and its benefits, the atmosphere, and the people around him. His co-workers would say he is a man who does his job without complaining, and is willing to continue working if asked to do so. For fun, he likes to do yardwork, travel, and spend time with his family.



SANDRA HALL

In five years, Sandra Hall will have completed her doctorate in Physical Therapy. As a manager in Outpatient Therapy Services at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, Mrs. Hall manages the physical medicine and rehabilitation practice on both the physician and therapy sides. She loves everything about her job, from her co-workers to the patients. Mrs. Hall wants to be known as the employee who is passionate about patient care. “Marge Head was my mentor and boss for many years,” she says. “She taught me to engage and laugh with my patients, [and] it gives you a connection of laughter.” She is married, and has two sons who are firefighters, as well as a daughter who is in physical therapy school. Once retired, she hopes to use her degree in the mission field.



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LEAH HAYDEN

Leah Hayden, an Accountant III in University Hospital Administration's Finance Department, started out in 1989 as a Receptionist in St. Paul University Hospital. She credits "great co-workers and having challenging work" for keeping her here at the medical center. Her co-workers playfully tease her because her work space is decorated like home. "I have really appreciated the support and encouragement that I have received from my co-workers throughout the years," she says. "I have worked with many wonderful people who have been like family to me." She plans to retire at UT Southwestern and open a small antique or gift shop. Ms. Hayden has two sisters, Carol and Lisa – her identical twin – a brother-in-law, Brian, a niece, Stefany, and two cats, Romeo and Juliet.



CINDY LAWSON

Before joining the Department of Molecular Biology, Cindy Lawson worked in Internal Medicine and Cardiology for more than 15 years. Now, as an Administrative Manager, she manages a basic science department. Ms. Lawson has stayed at UT Southwestern due to a number of factors, including "a sense of contributing to the missions, co-workers, the supportive supervisors, and opportunities for further growth." A loyal and dedicated person, she hopes to grow professionally over the rest of her career. In her free time, Ms. Lawson enjoys reading and has a strong interest in silky terriers.



SAUL LOPEZ

Saul Lopez likes the idea that he can learn new things every day from his job. Mr. Lopez began his career at UT Southwestern as a Carpenter's Helper. Now as a Building Maintenance Specialist within Building Maintenance and Sitewide Services, he repairs any electrical fixtures and plumbing systems, along with damage to walls, floors, and ceilings. He has enjoyed working with people to accomplish their goals, and his co-workers would describe him as "a responsible and respectful man" with great skills. Away from work he enjoys cooking, gardening, and spending time with his wife, Lupita.



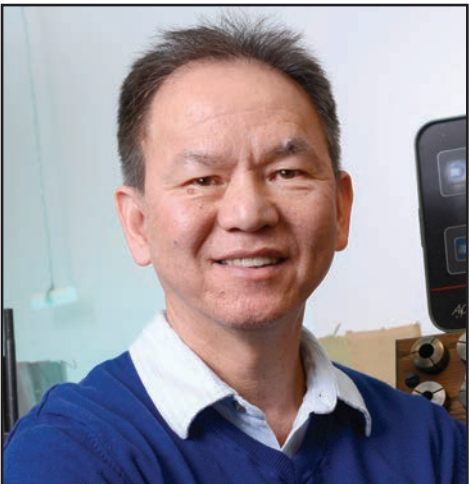
STEPHANIE McNEALY

Stephanie McNealy started her career at UT Southwestern working with medical records. Now as a Billing Coordinator in Radiology, she ensures that all billing issues are followed up and handled. Her co-workers would call her a funny person, but more importantly she would like to be known as a dependable employee. Mrs. McNealy has two children of her own, but has also nurtured and raised many others. Her hobbies include spending time at her church and traveling as much as possible.



LETICIA MOLINA

Friendly, helpful, and caring. These are the words co-workers would use to describe Leticia Molina. Mrs. Molina is a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Department of Radiology. She works hard and offers help to anyone she sees that needs it. "The people and friends" around her have kept her at UT Southwestern, and so has her work ethic, which earned her an award. "I was given the Merit Award when I was in the Pain and Anesthesia Department for being an exemplary employee," she says. Mrs. Molina hopes to retire in a few years alongside her husband, and spend more time with her family. She and her husband of 45 years have three children, a son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



TRUNG V. NGUYEN

For 25 years at UT Southwestern, Trung V. Nguyen has designed and manufactured medical equipment for biomedical investigations. As a Research Scientist, Mr. Nguyen continues to contribute as a team member in the Department of Radiology, and his co-workers even have assigned him a nickname. "[They call me] Mr. Smith because my last name is as popular in Vietnam as Smith is in [the] U.S.," he says. Mr. Nguyen's long-term career goal is to keep up the development of his medical equipment, which he hopes will help find a cure for cancer. His family includes his "beautiful wife and two smart daughters." His hobbies include photography and traveling.



DEBBY NOBLE

If you ask Debby Noble what she does, she may tell you more than a few things. One claim to fame? She is a self-proclaimed "pig whisperer." More importantly, however, she works in the Department of Plastic Surgery as a Lab Manager, where she manages preclinical research. Described as someone who is always willing to help, Mrs. Noble hopes to continue to support Plastic Surgery research. When asked what has kept her in the same department for 25 years she says, "The chance to do research in a great place, my co-workers, and interacting with students and international fellows." In her spare time she loves to read, craft, and scrapbook. She is married and has two sons.



STEPHEN OSTERMANN

Stephen Ostermann, a reliable Laboratory Technical Assistant II in the Internal Medicine - Infectious Disease Department, has never used a sick day in more than 25 years, even when he was hit by a truck on his way to work. Mr. Ostermann monitors, cleans, and maintains materials, glassware, waste, and facilities. He says he'd like to be known as the employee who works hard with a smile, and hopes to be the best employee in any position he holds. "I am honored to have worked for so long for this fine institution, and to have made so many good friends," he says. He loves to bake, bowl, and travel, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal service organization.



SHERIA OSWALT

Sheria Oswalt loves to bring up UT Southwestern in conversations. "When I tell people where I work I always brag that I work at a medical school, a clinical facility, and a research facility that has six Nobel prize winners, and numerous members of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine," she says. As a Senior Program Coordinator, she has the job of reviewing annual statements of financial interests for potential conflicts of interest. Mrs. Oswalt has also held positions at the medical center in the Department of Psychiatry, Printing Services, Business Affairs, and Auxiliary Enterprises, where her sister Sheila works. She has a husband of 26 years, Tom, and two children, Jillian and Annelise.



ANTHONY PEDRAZINE

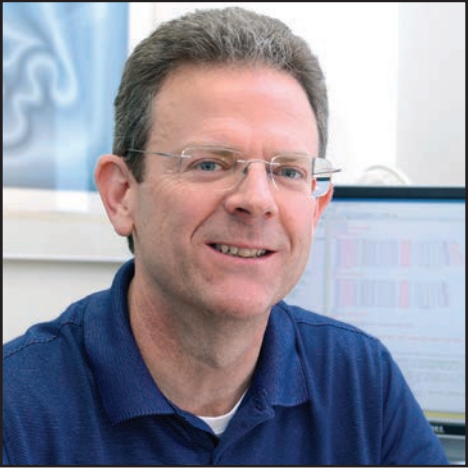
Anthony Pedrazine is someone who could be described as a "ninja guru," because of his ability to quietly tame misbehaving computers and web pages. He works as a Programmer Analyst II in Psychiatry Administration. Mr. Pedrazine develops databases, e-newsletter/HTML email designs, and works in technical support. He says he enjoys informing people about what is going on at UT Southwestern. "I have enjoyed the opportunities to tell a global audience about the wonderful research and programs going on at UT Southwestern via the Internet," he says. Away from work, he enjoys volunteering, going to concerts and live theater, and sharpening his gaming skills.



VALERIE POPE

Valerie Pope works in the Ophthalmology Clinic as a Clinic Manager. Her passion for people helps her excel at her job, and it is also the base of her most rewarding memory. "A patient's son came back to thank me for getting his mother an appointment that saved her life," she says. Ms. Pope started her career at UT Southwestern as a Billing Data Entry Clerk. As an outgoing and humorous person, Ms. Pope wants people to know her as the employee "who made you laugh." In her free time, she loves to bake and play chess. Ms. Pope also hopes to start her own consulting business in the future.





CHARLES RICHARDS

Charles Richards has had a highly rewarding experience at UT Southwestern, meeting his wife, Amy, at the medical center. Mr. Richards is a Senior Database Analyst. He manages the IT group in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Mr. Richards says he has stayed at UT Southwestern because of the continuing opportunity to learn new things, and working on projects that make an impact on campus. His long-term goal is to stay healthy, and his hobbies include cooking, cycling, and hiking. The Richards have two sons, Colby and Brandon, and a daughter, Sarah. When asked about his time at UT Southwestern, he had a perfect response: “25 years ... I would do it all over again in a heartbeat!”



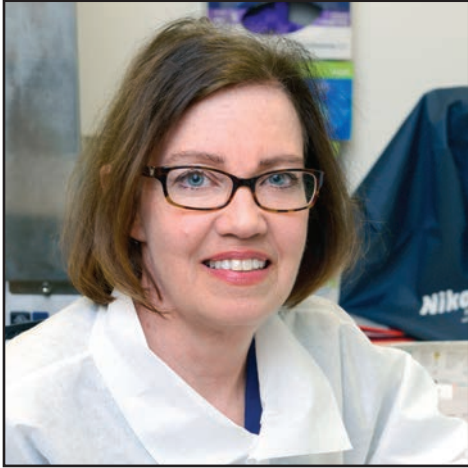
CYNTHIA ‘CINDY’ RODGERS

Working in the Department of Psychiatry has shown Cindy Rodgers one of the many positive aspects of UT Southwestern. “It has been a privilege to know the outstanding faculty, staff, and students in the Division of Psychology,” she says. “They are intelligent, generous, and genuine people.” Mrs. Rodgers is a Manager of Clinical Research, which has her managing projects and overseeing division personnel, finances, resources, and reporting. She started out as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at UT Arlington before moving to UT Southwestern. “When I interviewed, I said I was looking for a challenge. So far, I have not been disappointed,” she says. Mrs. Rodgers and her husband, Barry, have two sons and two daughters, and four grandchildren.



HAYNIE SANDLE

Haynie Sandle is Director of Information Quality in the Office of Administrative Systems, managing the PeopleSoft Student Information System as well as the MyLearning, OnBase, and HRMS/OAS/iAim Legacy systems. Mr. Sandle, who started in 1988 as a Computer Programmer I, stays at UT Southwestern due to the wonderful area he works in. “It is exciting to be able to support the missions of the university in patient care, research, and education,” he says. “I am learning new things every day.”



KIMBERLY ‘KIM’ STEWART

A Medical Technologist in Clements University Hospital, Kim Stewart stays at UT Southwestern because of the learning opportunities it affords. “I love microbiology,” she says. “We have interesting cases here, and there is always [an] opportunity to learn something new. I also have really great people to work with.” Mrs. Stewart performs lab work, where she identifies bacteria and fungus from patient cultures, and performs susceptibility testings. Her favorite memory at UT Southwestern was when Dr. Richard Jones would visit departments, playing his saxophone and handing out candy. She has been married for 27 years, and has a daughter enrolled at UT Austin, and a University of North Texas-bound son.



BILLY THOMAS

Billy Thomas is a mover, if not a shaker, at UT Southwestern. He is a Supervisor in Sitewide Services General Administration’s Physical Plant, where he relocates departments throughout the campus. Mr. Thomas has stayed at the medical center because of the opportunity to “perform customer service at difficult times,” and he views his experiences as fulfilling. “It is rewarding to do what I can to aid professionals in medical research,” Mr. Thomas says. He is a fair and honest man who claims there is nothing surprising about him. Aside from making things better on campus, he hopes to eventually invent tools and machinery. Mr. Thomas’ hobbies include playing basketball and working in his yard. He and his wife, Peggy, have a son, Billy.



BRENDA THOMPSON

For 25 years, Brenda Thompson has worked at UT Southwestern as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Now in the Division of Cardiology’s Heart and Lung Center, she has a challenging job taking care of patients with advanced heart failure. That has been a major reason why she has maintained her career here. “The most rewarding memories are the ‘Thank You’s’ from the patients and their families,” she says. Mrs. Thompson is not only a caring and compassionate person, but she always gives 150 percent. Her passion is reading journals, and she has seen every new animated movie over the past seven years. Mrs. Thompson has been married for 43 years and has three children and nine grandchildren.



VIVIAN TOLOR

A Histology Lab Aide, Vivian Tolor has worked in the Physiology Department for 25 years, and a big reason she stays at UT Southwestern is due to the great people in her department. “When I was out with breast cancer, the department was very supporting,” she says. “When I returned it was my 50th birthday, and they gave me a surprise party. That meant the world to me. THANKS PHYSIOLOGY!” She is married with two sons, a daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren, along with her two wonderful parents. “That is a lot of love,” she says.



LARRY WINE

Described as a “movie star” by his co-workers, Larry Wine says his greatest claim to fame is that he made it. Mr. Wine began his career at UT Southwestern as a Housekeeper, and now works as an Environmental Services Lead at Zale Lipshy University Hospital. It is his job to supervise in the Department of Environmental Services. Asked why he’s stayed at UT Southwestern, Mr. Wine gives credit to his co-workers and the patient care, as well as the opportunity to learn new skills at his position. His favorite memory is receiving awards for his job duties. Mr. Wine hopes to be remembered for his hard work. “[I’m] always willing to go that extra mile,” he says. In his free time he loves to play dominoes, watch football, play cards, and hang out with friends and family.

MEIFANG ZHU

Meifang Zhu has been at UT Southwestern since 1989, when she was hired in the Department of Cell Biology. Now a Research Associate in the Department of Ophthalmology, she helps with the study of corneas. Mrs. Zhu is a kind and outspoken employee who is also energetic. Her greatest claim to fame? She participated in the 2013 Boston Marathon, where she placed 5th in her age group. She is married and has two children. Her hobbies include running and working out at the gym.



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# Beutler to deliver brief history of time at medical center

## Three stints on campus include work as a trainee, as a faculty member, and as an esteemed Nobel Laureate

By Deborah Wormser

Dr. Bruce Beutler, Director of the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense, will address some of UT Southwestern Medical Center's most steadfast employees when he delivers the keynote address at this year's Employee Recognition luncheon on May 12.

The event's honorees have all worked at UT Southwestern for at least 25 years.

Dr. Beutler shared the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that an important family of receptors allows mammals to sense infections when they occur, triggering a powerful inflammatory response. That work was done at UT Southwestern in 1998 and the Nobel Prize was announced only months after Dr. Beutler arrived to work at UT Southwestern for the third time.

"I came to UT Southwestern the first time as an intern and worked in Internal Medicine and Neurology," he said, adding that he then spent three years at Rockefeller University as a postdoctoral researcher and assistant professor. There, he isolated tumor necrosis (TNF) and was the first to recognize TNF's key role in the inflammatory response. TNF mediates the endotoxin lipopolysaccharide (LPS), a component of the cell wall in gram-negative bacteria.

Returning to Dallas in 1986 as a Howard

Hughes Medical Institute Investigator at UT Southwestern, he designed recombinant inhibitors of TNF that are now widely used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.

That process was much faster than the five years he worked to clone the mammalian gene for the LPS receptor, said Dr. Beutler.

He left the university in 2000 for Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, and returned in 2011. Today, Dr. Beutler runs one of the largest mouse mutagenesis programs in the world, with plans to identify and archive mutations in every gene in the mouse genome. New technology and teamwork are making that goal possible, he said.

"We sped up the whole process. Going from phenotype (trait) to finding the causative mutation is now instantaneous, and it's only instantaneous here and nowhere else in the world," he said, adding that he is looking forward to explaining how his team found ways to work faster: something the institution's longtime employees could appreciate.

*Dr. Beutler, a Regental Professor, holds the Raymond and Ellen Willie Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research, in Honor of Laverne and Raymond Willie, Sr.*



DAVID GRESHAM

Dr. Bruce Beutler will give the keynote address at the Employee Recognition luncheon.

## About the Speaker

Dr. Bruce A. Beutler, who shared the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, is an internationally recognized leader in immunology and the Director of the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Drs. Beutler and Jules A. Hoffmann of Strasbourg University in France shared the Nobel Prize "for their discoveries concerning the activation of innate immunity," the first step in the body's immune response. The late Dr. Ralph M. Steinman of Rockefeller University in New York was also honored in 2011.

Dr. Beutler is known for his work in unlocking the secret of how the body detects infection and launches an inflammatory response. His current endeavors involve an attempt to identify every gene involved in the response to potentially infectious agents like bacteria or viruses.

At UT Southwestern, Dr. Beutler runs one of the largest mouse mutagenesis programs in the world. He and his group have tracked down several hundred mutations that cause abnormalities in mice. Many of these mutations have important implications in infectious diseases or autoimmune conditions in which the body turns on itself, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Dr. Beutler's team also has identified many thousands of other genetic mutations that form the nucleus of a mutation archive that eventually will encompass all mouse genes.

Dr. Beutler earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago

after graduating from the University of California, San Diego. His postgraduate career at UT Southwestern includes an Internal Medicine internship and Neurology residency.

During a brief fellowship and faculty appointment at Rockefeller University, Dr. Beutler isolated tumor necrosis factor, one of the most important mediators of inflammation. He then returned to UT Southwestern as a faculty member and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator from 1986 to 2000. His seminal work during this period was broadly relevant to host responses to viral infection, cancer, and autoimmunity, and ultimately led to the Nobel Prize. Between 2000 and 2011, Dr. Beutler was at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

He was elected to both the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine in 2008, and to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2013. Dr. Beutler's numerous awards and recognitions include the 2011 Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine, the University of Chicago Professional Achievement Citation in 2010, the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research in 2009, the Balzan Prize in 2007, the Gran Prix Charles-Léopold Mayer from the Académie des Sciences in France in 2006, and the Robert Koch Prize in 2004.

*See the endowed chairs held by Dr. Beutler above.*

## Wittie Continued from page 1

up the walls to contain liquids," she recalls. "Before the final plumbing connections were made, we shut down the mainframes and covered everything with plastic. Unfortunately, when the first rain hit after the building was complete, a clogged drain on the roof sent water into the computer room. That slowed things down for a while."

But the computer team made it work, and still does.

"The people I work with, the work itself, and the work environment are the reasons I've stayed here," says Ms. Wittie, who now provides programming support of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Her husband, Bill, is now retired from the aviation division of the Texas Department of Transportation. Ms. Wittie says that retirement for her will come "someday."

In the meantime, she proudly talks about son, Matt, an analyst with the City of Austin, and daughter, Meredith, a medical student at Texas Tech University Health Science Center at El Paso.



IN RECOGNITION OF  
20  
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ANESTHESIOLOGY AND  
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Rebecca D. Sheldon – Admin Coord

ASTON AMBULATORY  
CARE CENTER

John Henry Luke Jr. – Assist Dir, Ambulatory Services-Admin

CARDIOVASCULAR AND  
THORACIC SURGERY

Bonnie H. Bratcher – Mgr Fin Aff

CENTER FOR GENETICS  
OF HOST DEFENSE

Maggy Weston Fina – Research Scientist

CLEMENTS UNIVERSITY  
HOSPITAL

Yohannes Alema – Med Techngst, Transfusion Med

Felicia L. Burns – Unit Secretary, Presurg Assessment

Shonna Shaw Cade – Scheduling Coord, Transplant Admin HL

Fatmata Dawo – Mgr Lab Chem, Core Lab

Ida L. Dunn – Sr Onc Cert RN, SCC-Hem-Onc-Infu

Beth M. Hernandez – RN II, Delivery Room

Linda Sue Hickman – RN II, NICU

Gary Leon McEntyre Jr. – RN II, Emergency Room

Christy Ann Moore – Onc RN, SCC-Surg Onc CI

Raymond R. Munoz – Card Cath IR Lab Techn, Inv-Cardio

Cary S. Orrick – RN Clin Educator, Emergency Room

Mark R. Socin – Therapy Techn, Physical Therapy

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Annette Thompson – Med Techngst, Microbiology

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Andrea D. Williams – Sr HRIS Anlyst, Admin

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Levia Lynne Alford – Admin Assoc, Hematology Oncology

Tammy Louise Lightfoot – Clin RN Admintr Clin/Transl Sci, Nephrology CTO

Carol A. Lynch – Sr Admin Assoc, Rheumatic Diseases

Dolores Santoyo – Research Study Coord, Allergy and Immunology

Glynis Marie Taylor – Lab Technl Assist II, Cardiology



DAVID GRESHAM

Thousands of UT Southwestern employees took advantage of pre-dedication tours at the new William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. Here, a group is shown the facility's patient discharge area. This year's new Quarter Century Club members include nine who work in Clements University Hospital, and another 11 who have hit their 40-, 35-, and 30-year service milestones.

John T. Tran – Software Sys Spec II, Digestive and Liver Diseases

INVENTORY CONTROL

Michael D. Young – Supv Warehouse, Admin

IR ELECTRONIC MEDICAL  
RECORD SERVICES

Lisa Mellor Timson – Supv Bus Anlyst, Admin

IR REPORTING & ANALYTICS

Jenny Gin Liou – Programmer Anlyst IV, Admin

McDERMOTT CENTER FOR  
HUMAN GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT

Sijing Niu – Research Scientist

MICROBIOLOGY

Rachel Harrington Cassady – Mgr Admin

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Kasey Colleen Thompson – Admin Assoc

MSRDP BILLING OPERATIONS  
ADMINISTRATION

Cheryl A. Bell – Claims Anlyst, Blue Team

Bridget Rachaele Lee – Bill Spec, Front Ed Revenue Cycle

Joyce L. Osborne – Claims Anlyst, Physn Bill and Supp

Angela Sheffield – Bill Coord, Front Ed Revenue Cycle

Robin Kay Underwood – Bill Coord, Front Ed Revenue Cycle

NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

Annie M. Cheeks – Bill Coord

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– ADMINISTRATION

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