

## School of Health Professions Office of Research Endowed Lecture Series, Professional Panel

### Student Introductions and Icebreaker

Each student will share his/her name, profession and one misconception others have about the profession.

**Jeffery Barnhart** of Canyon is the CEO of Deaf Smith County Hospital District in Hereford, Texas. He is Board Certified in Healthcare by American College of Healthcare Executives. He is currently a board member of the Texas Hospital Trustees Board of Directors and Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals Foundation. He is also a member of the Hereford Lions Club. Barnhart received a Bachelor of Arts in healthcare management from Ottawa University, and a Master of Science in Clinical Practice Management from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor in the TTUHSC Master of Healthcare Administration Program.

**Julie Bruce**, PT, ScD, ATC, COMT is the Supervisor of Team Rehab at Zach's II, a service of University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. Julie received her BS in physical therapy in 1995, her master's degree in athletic training in 2002 and her Doctor of Science in May 2008 all from TTUHSC. She has 24 years of clinical experience and is a Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist through the International Academy of Orthopedic Medicine. In 2008 Julie was inducted into the 2008 TTUHSC Hall of Fame followed by receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award for the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in 2012. Julie remains involved with education through fostering students in her clinic as well as teaching leadership classes to new administrators for University Medical Center.

**Moumita Choudhury**, AuD, CCC-A, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. Dr. Choudhury received a Doctor of Audiology degree from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. Previously, she worked at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles. Dr. Choudhury is experienced in providing comprehensive audiological evaluations for adults and pediatric patients, specializing in hearing devices, and neurodiagnostic assessments. She takes immense interest in helping her patients cope with hearing loss, teaching compensatory strategies and helping patients and their families come to a better understanding of the impact of hearing loss. Her research focuses are in neurodiagnostic audiology and aural rehabilitation. Dr. Choudhury holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

**A. Stephen Lenz**, Ph.D., LPC, NCC is an Associate Professor in the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education at The University of Mississippi. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified Counselor, and Past-President of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling. Dr. Lenz has been Project Director for several training programs that integrated mental health counselors within healthcare settings. These programs have provided training and support for students, clinicians, and administrators to deliver evidence-support treatments to individuals and families. Dr. Lenz and his practice-based research team have made substantial impact in promoting individual and community resilience through Texas and the United States with more than a dozen community-engagement projects. Dr. Lenz's activities have resulted in 3 books, more than 100 publications, and have been acknowledged through the American Counseling Association's *Best Practices Award* and the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling's *Exemplary Practices in Counseling Research and Assessment Award*.

**Fiona R. Prabhu, MD**, completed medical school at Texas A&M University in 1995. She completed residency training in Family Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine in Lubbock, Texas in 1998 and was hired to stay on as faculty. In 2005, Dr. Prabhu was promoted to Associate Professor. She currently serves as the Medical Director of The Free Clinic at Lubbock Impact, Director for Development of Clinical Skills 1 and 2 for the School of Medicine and Co-Clerkship Director for the Family Medicine Clerkship Accelerated Track 2. In addition, Dr. Prabhu is the faculty advisor for the Family Medicine Interest Group and co-faculty advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance Chapter at TTUHSC School of Medicine.

**Sandra Whisner** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and the program director of the Master of Occupational Therapy program. Dr. Whisner has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University (1992), a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (1997), a master's degree in occupational therapy (2003), and a PhD in occupational therapy from Texas Woman's University (2014). She has served as an assistant professor in occupational therapy program at TTUHSC since 2003. Her area of academic expertise is in occupational therapy theory and psychosocial interventions. Her teaching interests include applied theory, behavioral health interventions, therapeutic use of self, and performance-based assessment. Clinical practice has focused primarily in occupational therapy services for adults with psychiatric disabilities and children/youth with emotional regulation disorders. Her research interests include identification of the essential components of the therapeutic process with specific focus on therapist-client interactions and operationalization of interventions. Dr. Whisner has six peer reviewed journal publications, and over 30 professional presentations. She is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA).