



### SCHEDULE OF CURRENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- March 24-25, Spring Holiday
- April 23, Research Presentations
- April 22-24, MOANA Spring Meeting
- May 5, Last Day of Class
- May 13, MSU Graduation
- June 3, New Student Orientation
- June 6, Summer classes begin
- June 10, SoA Graduation at Metro

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# Buzzard Business

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## MOANA Spring Meeting to be held at MSU



The Spring Conference for the Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists will take place from April 22-24 on the Missouri State University campus.

This year's new format will feature 15 Class A CEs with eight hours of hands-on sessions.

The brand new, state-of-the art classrooms in the O'Reilly Clinical Health Sciences Building will provide the following:

- Human patient simulation
- A cadaver lab
- Ultrasound scanning with live models
- Difficult airway with fiberoptic intubation
- Invasive airway management

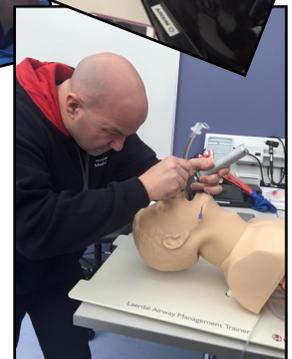
The eight hands-on break out sessions will be held on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a new upscale PAC event with a reception and auction on Saturday evening at the Springfield Tower Club.

Hotel reservations are available at the new Holiday Inn and Suites located a few blocks from campus.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).



Current students test their skills in the new Sim Lab. MOANA Spring Meeting participants will have the opportunity for hands on experience in the new Sim Lab.



# Program Director's Corner



**Dr. Monika Feeney, DNAP, MS, CRNA**

Wow, how time has flown! We are all moved in, and getting used to our new home. Our January class graduated, and that leaves only one more Master's class to graduate—Class number 36 of Master's students set to graduate in June. From that day forward we will have one graduating class per year. We are planning on a mural of photographs of our 650 + alumni, so if you have a class picture of your class please send it to us!

Our third class of DNAP students has been selected, and we are looking forward to them beginning their odyssey the beginning of June. We can't wait for them to begin. Awesome great group of people!

Our wellness program has expanded to include Yoga every day at noon, free for faculty and students, to our new

ping pong table – check out our [facebook](#) page for our round robin game!

Our first class of DNAP completion students will graduate in May, stay tuned for pics in the Fall Airway! If you are interested in completing your DNAP, our program is reasonably priced and is made for the working CRNA. You can get your DNAP in one, two or three years all distance.

We are honored to host the Spring MOANA meeting with CEU's in the new CPC method of recertification. Don't be afraid! We will have student guides to show you around the University and keep you on track! Please Come!

ACLS, PALS is offered twice a year for CRNAs or students. The next class will be in October and the cost is \$185 per participant.

Our faculty has grown, we welcome Dr. Chris Stein, MD, PhD, MPH. He is a wonderful addition to our team. Rick Albaugh, CRNA, continues as our clinical site coordinator as we have 38 clinical sites and growing. My commitment is for each student to see how a CRNA can practice to the top of their license if they so choose. It is a requirement to participate in a CRNA only rural site during clinical time. Dr. Tracey Poston, PhD, we welcome from Notre Dame, she assists us with our capstone projects and specializes in Research

Ethics and guides our IRB approvals. We congratulate our Assistant Program Director, Dr. Tracy Beckham, for completing her DNAP at MSU. We have a new staff member, Carol Plymire, she comes to us from within the University. She is in charge of accounting, and assisting the DNAP completion students. We have almost filled up our new space. One more spot is open for a CRNA. If you are interested in teaching, and have a doctoral degree, please let us know – we need you!

You are always invited to come see our new facility. We are so blessed, happy, and growing!

Celebrate your art!

Yours truly! Monika



School of Anesthesia faculty and staff show their green for St. Patrick's Day.

# School of Anesthesia Alumnus Gives Back to Underserved Areas



Ernest P. Ayo, DP, CRNA, graduated from Southwest Missouri State University School of Anesthesia in 1980. After applying to over 24 schools, he said there were two who were willing to take a chance on him and he gives credit to Bill Kirk. "This education has provided my family with security and enabled me to go on missions," Ayo said.

After his kids left home in 2000, Ayo started doing relief anesthesia and had time to pursue mission work as a way of repaying social and professional dues. Usually every two years he found a mission group that needed anesthesia. Starting with Puebla, Mexico; Santa Cruse, Guatemala three times; Jacmal, Haiti, 10 days after the 2010 earthquake; Balfate, Honduras, and finally teaching in Thimphu, Bhutan. Ayo has also volunteered many times at [www.surgeryonsunday.org](http://www.surgeryonsunday.org) in Lexington, Kentucky.

On his most recent mission to Thimphu, Bhutan, Ayo worked with Health Volunteers Overseas ([www.hvovusa.org](http://www.hvovusa.org)). Health Volunteers Overseas is dedicated to improving the availability and quality of health care through education, training and professional development of the health workforce in resource-scarce countries. HVO is unique in that the focus is on education which allows a person's skills to continue on helping patients after the volunteer returns home. Ayo said many times there were patients left unserved when his



Pictured top: Ernest Ayo showing the colors of MSU; Pictured above: Students taking tea break at 10 a.m.; Pictured far right: Ayo with students for farewell dinner; bottom center: A student, Karma, making a presentation.



team had to leave, so the opportunity with HVO appealed to him. HVO puts out a list of countries and the specialties requested. Anesthesia was needed in Cambodia and Bhutan. Ayo applied for Bhutan to teach graduate students. These graduate students were the first four and hopefully will form the core for starting a nurse anesthesia school and nurse anesthetist organization in the kingdom. In six more years 12 more will graduate. "It was an honor to be part of the rotating facility of HVO," Ayo said.

Ayo taught his "Anesthesia Hacks for Third World Mission Work" course, developed by necessity in the field. He said although Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital in Thimphu is well equipped and supplied, the district hospitals are not up to third world standards. "We give anesthesia blind in the district which is why my grad students with 10 years practice returned for the two year grad course," Ayo commented. The students were delighted to learn "Hacks" for they will be returning to their districts after graduating. Ayo also taught the importance of organizing to network, how to create standards of care and the basics of teaching. He recommended the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists as a source for standards and starting a school. Ayo circulated in the 8 OR's, PACU & ICU observing and asking questions which led to the answers that solved the problems encountered, such as unable to wake patient up or PACU patient having seizures. During his time in Thimphu Ayo said he also learned from the students. "I believe we all owe the community that supports us," Ayo said. "If not to make the world a little better, why else are we here?"



# Student Spot

*Congratulations!* January 2016 Graduates!



Pictured from Left to Right: Todd MacDonald, Kelley Coggin, Alysa Barcus, Mallory Stith, Brook Glenn, Melanie Reed and Jim Holden.

## You Can Make a Difference for a Future Student



A Memorial Scholarship Fund in Memory of Dr. Wade Shipman has been established through the gracious help of the Mercy Foundation. Each gift will help future anesthesia students. To those that participate with a \$5000 pledge, the MSU School of Anesthesia will commemorate the gift with a name plaque on the wall of the School of Anesthesia under Dr. Shipman's picture located in the atrium. The pledge form can be found online at: [WadeShipman.com](http://WadeShipman.com). All donations are 100 percent tax deductible, and 100 percent of the contributions go to the fund.

Donations can also be made to the Missouri State University Foundation designated for the **Nurse Anesthetist Program Excellence Fund**. The School of Anesthesia is the only self-supporting program at MSU. That means our funds come from program fees, tuition, and donations.

**Giving online** is an easy, fast way to give. It saves postage and paper costs and is a safe, secure way to make a donation. Simply designate where you would like your gift to go at: <https://webapps.missouristate.edu/giving/pledge2.aspx?major=CHHS&sub=NA> and select: **NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM EXCELLENCE**

**FUND.** **Give by mail** by sending a check or money order to: Missouri State University Foundation, Nurse Anesthetist Program Excellence Fund, Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center, 300 South Jefferson, Suite 100, Springfield, MO 65806.



## Students Participate in Lobby Day at the Capitol

In February, several MSU School of Anesthesia students had the opportunity to lobby at the Capitol in Jefferson City with the Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Lobby Day 2016 in Jefferson City Missouri started early with coffee and breakfast at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Speakers for MOANA welcomed us and updated us on current issues and news regarding CRNAs in Missouri. We all were assigned groups and given information packets to hand out that explained who we are and what we do as a profession. We walked from the Capitol Plaza Hotel to the Capitol Building. Once in the Capitol Building, we were welcomed by a state representative and then broke off in our groups to visit with different representatives throughout the districts of Missouri. We were able to hand out our information packets and visit with several representatives of Missouri. We then joined the Senate session and moved over to the House session as they joined together to welcome Missouri's new Supreme Court Justice, Patricia Breckenridge. The Capitol Building was full of interesting history, art and people. The CRNAs were very eager to visit with the students and make us feel welcome. It was a great experience to be exposed to such an important aspect of our careers as CRNAs.

-Trish Kiersey, Senior, MSU School of Anesthesia



Yoga and table tennis offer students and faculty Health and Wellness



# CRNA Scale



<i>Quality of Performance</i>	<i>Far Exceeds Job Requirements</i>	<i>Exceeds Job Requirements</i>	<i>Meets Job Requirements</i>	<i>In Need of Improvement</i>	<i>Does Not Meet Minimum Requirements</i>
<b>Work Quality</b>	Leaps tall buildings with a single bound	Leaps tall buildings with a running start	Can leap short buildings if prodded	Bumps into buildings	Cannot recognize buildings
<b>Promptness</b>	Is faster than a bullet speeding	Is as fast as a speeding bullet	Would you believe a slow bullet	Misfires frequently	Wounds Self when handling guns
<b>Initiative</b>	Is stronger than a Locomotive	Is as strong as a Bull Elephant	Almost as strong as a Bull	Shoots the Bull	Smells like a Bull
<b>Adaptability</b>	Walks on Water	Keeps head above water under stress	Washes with water	Drinks water	Passes water in emergencies
<b>Communication</b>	Talks with God	Talks with the Angels	Talks to self	Argues with self	Loses arguments with self

## ALUMNI

## SPOTLIGHT



Aubrey Moncrief pictured wearing a kilt with his family's tartan.

**Aubrey Moncrief** graduated from Southwest Missouri School of Anesthesia in 1983.

He has since gone in many directions all over the United States. His first job was in Vermont after graduation.

Moncrief has worked as a self-employed CRNA since 2002. He is licensed in 12 states and is currently working in Virginia as a locum tenens. He has worked all sorts of scenarios from solo to team anesthesia, from rural to big city hospitals.

Moncrief has given back by being past president of Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has

been on their board for 10 years. He is also past president of Missouri State Board of Nursing. Moncrief has been very politically involved to protect the rights of CRNAs. He has participated in lobby day at the state capitol. That experience benefited him in knowing how government works and how slow a process it can be. "Knowledge and being able to speak to the point with our legislators is very valuable," Moncrief commented.

One of Moncrief's most memorable anesthesia moments was his last day of anesthesia school. The way it worked back then was that a student finished clinical and showed up at the next morning meeting to receive his diploma. On Moncrief's last day he was on call. As the senior student, he did all the big cases. His day started with a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). He was just finishing up and was told there was another AAA in the ER. Moncrief thought it was a joke, but no, number two was coming in with military anti-shock trousers on. When that one was finishing, Moncrief was told the third AAA was coming up on the elevator. He finished the third AAA and made it to the 6:30 a.m. meeting to receive his diploma. He was proud to have learned so much from Southwest Missouri School of Anesthesia.

"I am very happy being a CRNA and would not have done anything else," Moncrief stated. "I love it and I think I'm good at it and hope I have made a difference."

ON SITE  
COORDINATOR  
SPOTLIGHT

**Bob Zinn**, CRNA, is a clinical site coordinator at Cox Medical Center, Branson. Zinn graduated from Southwest Missouri School of Anesthesia at St. John's Hospital in 1980. He has been a site coordinator for 10 years. Five of those years have been with MSU School of Anesthesia. Zinn believes his strongest attribute in teaching students is his experience as a CRNA and his love for what he does each day as an instructor and clinician. Some of Zinn's favorite things to teach students are regional anesthesia techniques and theory. He also values teaching professionalism and respect that all CRNAs should possess when interacting with their patients. Zinn said having students gives him the opportunity to help future CRNAs learn and develop their clinical skills, as well as reinforcing their knowledge of practice theory and pharmacology. "I feel like I am helping shape the future of our profession," he said.



# Welcome to Newest Faculty

## Christopher Stein

obtained his M.D. and PhD (physiology) degrees from St. Louis University School of Medicine. He subsequently completed an OB/Gynecology residency and was in private practice for several years. He recently

completed a Preventive Medicine Residency and obtained a Master of Public Health from University of Kentucky. He comes to Missouri State University after completing a one year fellowship in Clinical Drug Safety and Pharmacovigi-

lance in Princeton, New Jersey. He will be teaching medical physiology, neurophysiology, and 'Wellness in the Healthcare Setting'. We are happy to have Dr. Stein and welcome him to our de-



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Study while  
others are  
sleeping-

Work while  
others are  
loafing-

Prepare  
while others  
are playing-

Dream while  
others are  
wishing!

-William  
Arthur Ware

## Guardians of Our Galaxy:

We Appreciate our Clinical Sites and Site Coordinators!



Benewah Community Hospital St. Maries-  
Rick Watts

Citizens Memorial Hospital-Shane Severens  
Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics-Wendi  
Richardson

Freeman Surgery Center, Freeman Hospital,  
Freeman Neosho Hospital-Mandy Evans  
Freeman Independent Surgery Center, Joplin-  
Curt Carlile

Ft. Leonardwood Army Hospital-Barbara Kane  
Green County General Hospital-Dane Lee

Grittman Medical Center-Steve Reitz  
Hillcrest Medical Center-Jason Whitley, Brad Hook  
Integris Mayes County Medical Center-David White

Little Colorado Medical Center Winslow, Arizona-  
Bill Tremble

Mercy Aurora-Darrell Meredith

Mercy Berryville-Robert Phillippe

Mercy Cassville-Susan Small

Mercy Joplin-Chris Garde

Mercy Lebanon-Dennis Bray

Mercy Washington Hospital-Joe Hassler  
Missouri Valley, Allegiant Health-Tom Rice  
Palouse Surgical Center-Bob Smitt

Pemscott Memorial Hospital-Mark Clark  
PHELPS COUNTY REGIONAL HOSPITAL-John Byrd

Premiere Center for Cosmetic Surgery-Rick Young  
Premiere Surgical Institute-Don Enyart

Skaggs Regional Hospital Branson-Bob Zinn, Walker  
Myers

St. Lukes McCall-Sherry Balog

St. Mary's Hospital and Clinics-Wendi Richardson

St. Vincents Little Rock, Arkansas-Donna Wheeler

Stateline Surgery Center, LLC-Don Enyart

Sullivan County Community Hospital-Dane Lee

Syringa Surgical Center-Richard Snyder

The Surgery Center of Poplar Bluff-Don Faust

Twin Rivers Medical Center-Mark Clark

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**Alumni  
News**

We are eager to share news about our alumni. If you have information to share we would love to include it for others to know! **Join the MSU**

**Anesthesia Alumni Association.** Missouri State University Alumni Association welcomes you with open arms. Visit their website

<http://alumni.missouristate.edu>

We look forward to inviting you to future alumni events and hope you are able to join us!

**ACLS, PALS and  
BLS  
Recertification  
Time and Day TBA**

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information call**



**Do you want to be part of the future?  
Part of Where Anesthesia is going?  
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the following positions:**

- 1. Faculty, 9 or 12 month tenure  
Faculty position (DNAP or PhD)**
- 2. Per course Faculty**

**Please call (417) 836-5039  
for more information.**

**Shel'Lee's Corner**

Good Day All!

Hoping this letter finds you all healthy and happy and getting ready for the Easter holiday.

As you know we have been super busy moving into our new building and getting settled. We had over 50 applicants for the new cohort that starts in June of 2016 and we selected 24 students which all accepted. We are excited to welcome them and get them started on their anesthesia journey.

The Spring MoANA meeting will be at the end of April and we are hosting it here at the university so we hope for a great turn out.

I am excited to have Carol Plymire, my new co-worker, to help with keeping the office running smoothly. She is the assistant to our program director, Dr. Monika Feeney.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the school or a shirt order. You can contact me anytime at 417-836-5039.

Till Next Time,  
Shel'Lee

