

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF MEDICINE

I am writing to share the news that Dr. Janice Smith has recently accepted a faculty position in the Department of Family Medicine at Scott and White in Temple, Texas. Dr. Smith will leave UTMB effective October 9, 2009. Susan C. Weller, PhD, Professor in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and Family Medicine, will serve as Interim Director for the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center for Training in International Health during the search for Dr. Smith's successor. Dr. Weller's appointment is effective October 10th.



Dr. Smith joined the UTMB faculty in 1999, and has served as Director of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center for Training in International Health since 2003. She is a skilled clinician-educator, and has co-directed the four year global health track in the SOM. Her interests include women's health in developing countries, health care for underserved populations, and training medical students and residents to work in a global environment. She has served on the board of the Global Health Education Consortium for the past three years, and chaired the UT System Global Initiatives Working Group on Global Health. Dr. Smith earned her MD degree in 1982 from UTMB, where she completed a residency in Family Medicine in 1985. She was in private practice in Galveston before coming to UTMB. Dr. Smith earned her MPH in 2005 from the University of Texas School of Public Health, with a focus on international and family health.



Dr. Weller has been a member of our faculty for over two decades. She is nationally and internationally recognized for her expertise in the area of research methods (statistics, epidemiology, and data collection), and is skilled in both qualitative and quantitative methods. Dr. Weller's other research interests include the measurement of beliefs about AIDS and other diseases. Most recently, her research has focused on diabetes. She has authored or co-authored more than 70 papers in peer-reviewed journals as well as a number of book chapters and editorials. She has obtained funding from the NIH, NSF and other sources, and has presented her work at national and international conferences. She has served on numerous expert scientific advisory committees and boards, including the consensus panel to summarize research concerning condoms and sexually transmitted diseases. She currently serves on the editorial boards of *Field Methods*, *Human Organization*, and *American Anthropologist*. Dr. Weller is a reviewer for a number of scientific journals, and for the National Science Foundation and March of Dimes. In addition, she actively participates in service at

UTMB, including as a member of the University Core Committee for Support of Women Faculty, the School of Medicine Nominating Committee and the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee. She contributes to the teaching mission of the university, training many students in both the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Weller earned her PhD degree in Social Science in 1980 from the University of California, Irvine, where she served as an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics and Social Science. Prior to coming to UTMB in 1988, Dr. Weller served on the faculty in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Graduate Group in Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Weller currently serves as Director of the Research Program in the Department of Family Medicine.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Weller in her new role and in thanking Dr. Smith for her contributions to the Center and the University, and wishing her continued success in her new role at Scott and White.

Sincerely,

Garland D. Anderson, MD
Executive Vice President and Provost
Dean, School of Medicine
Thomas N. and Gleaves T. James Distinguished Chair