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College of Nursing and Health Sciences Presenting Lecture By Leading Researcher on the Stigma of Living with AIDS

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. William L. Holzemer, dean and professor of nursing at Rutger’s University, will deliver a lecture on “Perceived AIDS Stigma: A Multinational African Study,” on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the University Center, Lone Star Ballroom at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The lecture hosted by the University’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences is the highlight of the University of California San Francisco International Nursing Research Network winter meeting being held on the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi campus from Thursday, Jan. 19, through Saturday, Jan. 21. The network’s goal is to promote optimal health and quality care for people living with and affected by HIV disease through leadership in nursing research, clinical practice, and training.

“We are excited to have Dr. Holzemer join us to share his international research project on stigma,” said Dr. Mary Jane Hamilton, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. “His research has enhanced the lives of hundreds of patients living with HIV/AIDS.”

Holzemer’s research has centered on living with HIV as a chronic illness, focusing on symptom management, adherence, stigma, and quality of life for people with HIV, nationally and internationally, with a special emphasis on Africa. Currently, Holzemer is examining the role of stigma and discrimination on quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS and on quality of work life for nurses caring for AIDS patients in Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, and Tanzania.

From 1999 to 2003, Holzemer collaborated with nurse faculty members from universities in Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland on self-care and family-care symptom management in the home for people living with HIV/AIDS. His work resulted in the

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development and validation of the Symptom Management Manual: Strategies for People Living with HIV/AIDS.

Holzemer is a member of the Institute of Medicine, fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and member of the Japan Academy of Nursing. He is a former Fulbright Scholar (Egypt) and Project HOPE fellow (USA-Mexico border), and is a visiting professor at St. Luke’s College of Nursing.

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