



**Dr. Bandana
Chakraborty
Joins the
Primary Care Research
Institute**

Bandana Chakraborty, MS, MPH, DrPH, joined the Family Medicine/PCRI/NorTex faculty January 4, 2010. She will be responsible for independent primary care and clinical research projects and will serve as Assistant Professor providing education in areas of primary care and public health research.

Dr. Chakraborty joins us from the Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio where she served as Assistant Professor since 2001. She has lectured in the seminar series of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics while serving at the University of Cincinnati and has provided lectures and talks on subjects such as measurement of obesity, detection of obesity and health consequences in adolescents and women, and gene-environment interaction in relation to chronic exposures of environmental insults (such as lead exposure). She has also studied the differences of health behavior and health disparities in relation to belief and culture systems in different minority populations.

**Dr. Susan
Franks, Associate
Professor, Returns to
Family Medicine
Department/PCRI/
NorTex**

Dr. Susan Franks, PhD, has returned to the Department of Family Medicine as an Associate Professor in the Primary Care Research Institute.



She started her career at UNT Health Science Center in 1993 as an Assistant Professor and Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Department of Psychiatry. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and served in the Department of Family Medicine and Psychology from 2000-2007 as an Assistant Professor, and as Graduate Advisor of Health Psychology in the Graduate School of Biomedical Science. She was promoted in 2004 to Associate Professor with tenure. She served in the Department of Psychiatry from 2007 until 2010.

With her return to the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Franks will conduct research related to the mission of the PCRI. Her primary interests include psychosocial aspects of medicine, obesity, and eating behaviors.

Information about Dr. Franks' most recent research can be found on page 7 of this journal issue.

**HAHN RECEIVES
GRANT WRITER
ACCREDITATION**

Kristen Hahn, MPH, Program Project Coordinator for the Primary Care Research Institute, was recently accredited as a certified grant writer by the American Grant Writer's Association. Ms. Hahn attended the AGWA Grant Writing Workshop in Clearwater Beach, Florida and received her accreditation in November, 2009.



Ms. Hahn has collaborated on and coordinated the drafting and editing of research grants and manuscripts and currently is responsible for the Tarrant County Mental Health Screening and Treatment Initiative (see related article on page 9 of this Journal). Ms. Hahn's training will help the PCRI and its collaborators secure funding from federal and private sources. Additionally, Ms. Hahn will serve as a resource to help new investigators apply for funding and produce scholarly activity.