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Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, will present the lecture, "Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk," on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus.

As the founder and executive director of the advocacy program The Truth About Nursing, Summers has generated a national media campaign to refute popular media's portrayal of nursing. She argues that the media reflects a negative image of not only the nursing profession, but also the delivery of healthcare in the United States. Summers is the co-author of the book "Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk."

Since 2001, Summers has led the effort to change how the world views nursing by challenging damaging media depictions of nurses and promoting an accurate portrayal of nurses as autonomous, highly educated professionals. Summers' presentation promises to be provocative and thought provoking and will utilize popular media clips to illustrate her points about damaging media depictions of nurses. She argues that it is a crucial matter for patient safety to understand the vital role that nurses play in health care. Her work challenges audiences to consider the hierarchical systems within healthcare as well as the ramifications of stereotypical representations in the media.

Summers holds masters degrees in nursing and public health from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of science in nursing from Southern Connecticut State University. Her work has

won media awards from the American Academy of Nursing in 2004 and 2005.

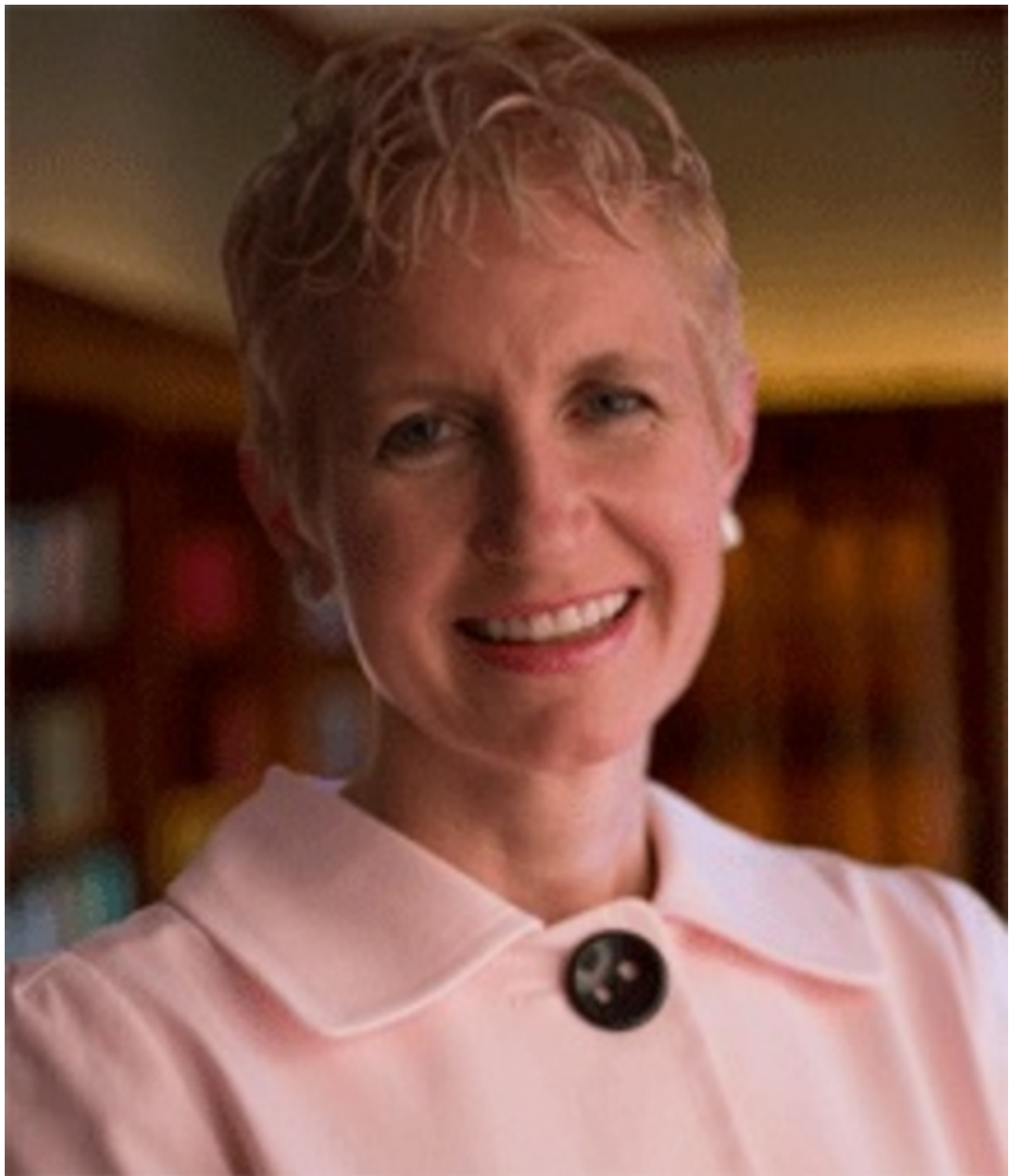
Prior to her graduate work, Summers practiced nursing in the emergency departments and intensive care units of San Francisco General Hospital; Charity Hospital in New Orleans; Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.; Georgetown Hospital; and D.C. General Hospital.

From 1994 to 1997, Summers lived in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she taught nursing teachers at the Central Nursing School and undertook nursing research for the International Research Development Centre and Redd Barna.

The presentation, "Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk," is co-sponsored by the Luther College Nursing Department, the Center for Ethics and Public Life and the Lecture and Fine Arts Committee.

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