SSH Announces Staff Changes and Promotions

WASHINGTON, DC – JULY 25, 2018 -- The Society for Simulation in Healthcare announced today that four staff members have either been promoted or are taking on new responsibilities:

Credentialing Department

- Kristyn Gadlage, promoted to Director of Accreditation after serving five years as Accreditation and Certification Coordinator
- Andrew Spain will continue as Director of Certification and as the staff liaison to the SSH Fellows Academy and Technology Committee

Education Department

- Sara Kagarise accepted the position of IMSH Education Coordinator after serving two years as Educational Program Coordinator
- Hannah Trainer, new full time SSH employee, accepted the position of Online Education Coordinator

“I am thrilled to announce these well-deserved promotions and staff changes,” said Jennifer Manos, MBA, MSN, RN, Executive Director, SSH. “Every one of these professionals bring numerous talents and a great deal of enthusiasm to SSH, and I’m honored to have them on our team.”

About the team:

- **Kristyn Gadlage** holds a Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Vanderbilt University and is certified as a project manager. Prior to her roles within SSH she worked as a design engineer for a medical device manufacturer, Cook Medical Technologies, where her role included design, development and implementation of interventional radiology devices specifically within gastroenterology. Kristyn holds several patents from her time with Cook Medical Technologies. She is an avid runner and lives in west Tennessee with her husband and three children.

- **Sara Kagarise, B.S., PMP, RT(R)(CT)**, has a background in Radiology and Simulation Education. Her career experiences include working as a Radiologic Technologist, followed by a transition to healthcare simulation where she was involved in scenario and evaluation development, simulation activity facilitation, and manikin operation. She has worked closely with multiple healthcare disciplines to develop simulation-based activities and has been involved in several research projects examining the impact of simulation-based training on learner confidence level. Sara graduated in 2008 with her A.A.S in Radiologic Science. In 2014, she graduated from Old Dominion University with a B.S. in
Healthcare Science & Management. She is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Adler University. Sara resides in Roanoke, VA with her husband, dogs, and cat and enjoys hiking, kayaking and yoga.

- **Andrew Spain** joined SSH in November of 2010 first as the Manager of Certification, and then later became the Director of Certification, and has since been made the Director of Accreditation as well. He is a nationally certified EMS Educator, and also is a licensed paramedic in Missouri. He has been a Paramedic for 25 years, first in the Denver area, then Missouri, doing both ground and air ambulance work. This evolved into directing an EMS Education program for five years prior to coming to SSH. He has an MA in Political Science and is currently working on his dissertation for a PhD in Education at the University of Missouri (emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis).

- **Hannah Trainer**, BS, has a background in operational and account management. For the past six months, she served as a contracted Educational Program Coordinator in SSH’s Department of Continuing Education. In that role, she was instrumental in the launch of the new Online SSH Certification Blueprint Review Program and has managed the initial phases of the new SSH Certification Blueprint Review Host Site program for live offerings. Hannah has also taken over management of the SSH Live Learning Center. In addition, she has provided support to the Education Department for IT infrastructure, program development, and content review management and design. Hannah graduated from Radford University in 2013 with a BS in Science and Design and resides in Roanoke, VA with her husband and dogs. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking, camping, running and being with her friends and family.

**About SSH**

The purpose of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare is to serve a global community of practice enhancing the quality of healthcare. SSH seeks to improve performance and reduce errors in patient care through the use of simulation. Established in 2004, SSH membership is 3,700+ strong—an international community of physicians, nurses, technologists, professors and other specialists advocating and implementing healthcare simulation in education, practice and research. SSH fosters the improvement and application of simulation-based modalities such as human patient simulators, virtual reality, standardized patients and task trainers for all healthcare disciplines.