

**Campus Speaker**

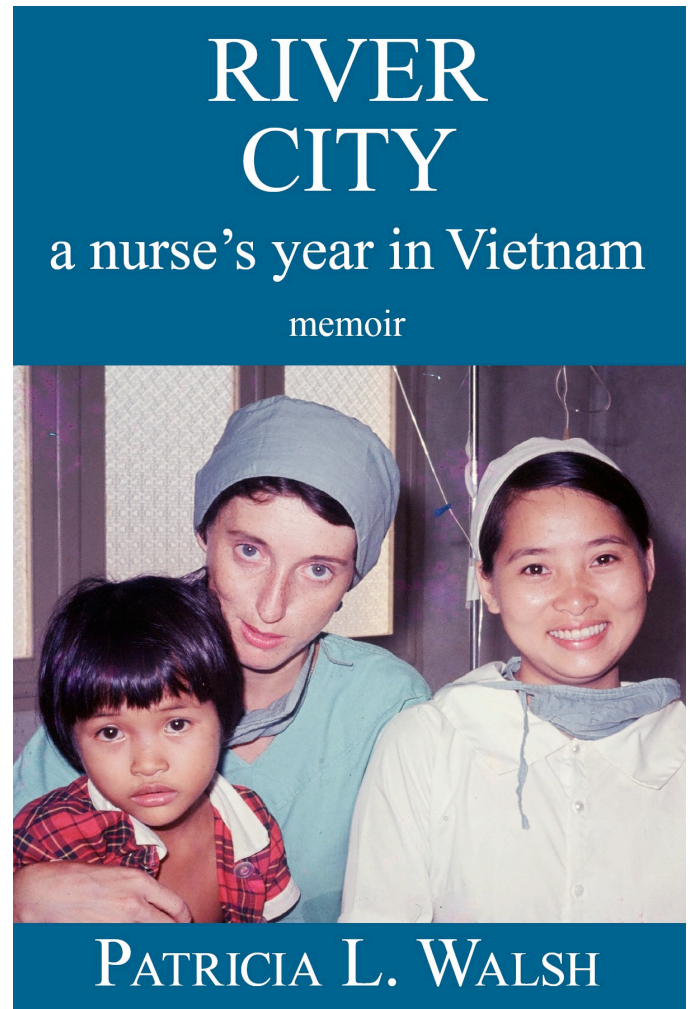
**May 7, 2009**

**12-12:50pm**

**Peterson Hall 201**

# Patricia Walsh

Patricia grew up the eighth of fifteen children in a poor farm family in Minnesota. After working her way through nursing school and anesthesia training, she volunteered in 1967 to serve as part of a civilian medical team in a primitive Vietnamese hospital in Danang, caring for people caught in the cross-fire. The medical supplies for this largest casualty handling facility in South Vietnam were mostly diverted to the black market, forcing Pat and her colleagues to beg from military hospitals and airbases in the area to stay in operation. She injured her back in the Tet Offensive and returned home in denial of the severe PTSD she had developed. **River City** chronicles the dedication, self-sacrifice, trials, and triumphs of practicing combat medicine.



Patricia also produced, directed, wrote and narrated **The Other Angels**, a 1-hour documentary on her medical team. It won the audience award at the Denver International Film Festival, aired across the country on PBS, was named "Editor's Choice" by the American Library Association, and won a Gracie and the Grand Award from American Women in Radio and Television.

Patricia will be showing clips from **The Other Angels**, reading from **River City**, and answering any questions about her experience practicing combat medicine!