

Program Notes



Program representatives assist the School in compiling program notes for the Academic Nurse by securing alumni demographic data updates, including employment information; developing strategies for Career Resources (by program); and identifying fellow alumni worthy of recognition and awards from the School of Nursing and University.

Acute Care

Program Representatives

Kaedi Rae Fehlberg Garvin '03, '05
Joan Ostrander Valas '90, '91, '95

LAUREN DE LUCIA '02 writes, "I am a recreational North Bergen basketball and soccer coach and I recently passed my board certification in emergency nursing and added BCEN to my title. I was hired at Bayonne Medical Center as one of their first staff nurse practitioners to work on a new pilot program. The initiative of this program is to reduce length of stay at hospitals and improve the continuum of care. I am also studying for the CLNC recertification exam.

Adult

Program Representative

Robert David Rice '93, '97

CARROL BRANDT '06 is a women's health nurse practitioner in the OB/GYN clinic at the New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell campus.

REBECCA BALDWIN FULLER '04,'07 writes, "I am working as a palliative care nurse practitioner doing inpatient palliative care consultation and hospice care for Capital Hospice in northern Virginia. I have also joined the faculty at George Washington University School of Nursing and am teaching nurse practitioner students in a post-masters palliative care certificate program. I continue to be aware that the unique professional opportunities that have come my way are a direct result of the fact that I chose to combine specialties in both oncology and palliative care as I completed an ANP Program. Personally, things are going well too. Our family grew in June when our son Aidan was born. He is a happy little baby who is adored by his big brother, two-year-old Malcolm."

Anesthesia

Program Representative

Laura Ardizzone '04, '10

LAURA ARDIZZONE '04,'10 recently became a Diplomate of Comprehensive Care, a distinguished honor.

Faculty members Dr. Laura Ardizzone '04,'10 and Dr. Janice Smolowiz '05 held a training session for their research team in November 2010. Dr. Ardizzone is one of the inaugural post-doctoral fellows through the Center for Clinical Practice at CUSON.



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Program Representative

Rita Marie John '05

LORA PEPPARD '08 attended the DC reception in March with her husband Jonathan. Lora is now working as a clinical assistant professor at George Mason University in Virginia.

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Anesthesia Program class of 2011

above, top right: Clockwise: students Nancy Collado, Karen Heinsch, Nicole Terwilliger, Dr. Laura Ardizzone and Dr. Janice Smolowitz

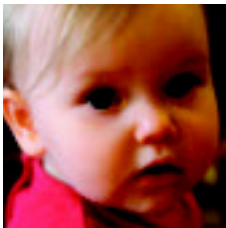
above, center right: Norma Stephens Hannigan '07 at the 2010 Alumni Reunion where she moderated the "Then and Now" Panel

above, bottom right:

Lora Peppard '08 and her husband, Jonathan



REBEKAH RUPPE '00,'01, '09 and husband Morgan Henderson welcomed Charlotte Rose Henderson on May 19, 2010.



Charlotte Rose Henderson

NORMA STEPHENS HANNIGAN '07 is an assistant professor of clinical nursing at Columbia University School of Nursing. She teaches Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Chronic Illness Management. Since 1982, she has worked in community health settings and her current faculty practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Governor Healthcare Services on the Lower East Side. Dr. Hannigan earned a DNP from CUSON in 2007 and became a Diplomate of Comprehensive Care through the American Board of Comprehensive Care in 2008. She was

top left: Monica Buff '09 spoke at the 2010 Annual Scholarship Reception at the Faculty Club

top center: Alumni Association board member William Robert Wagner '03, '05

top right: the ENRS brochure cover



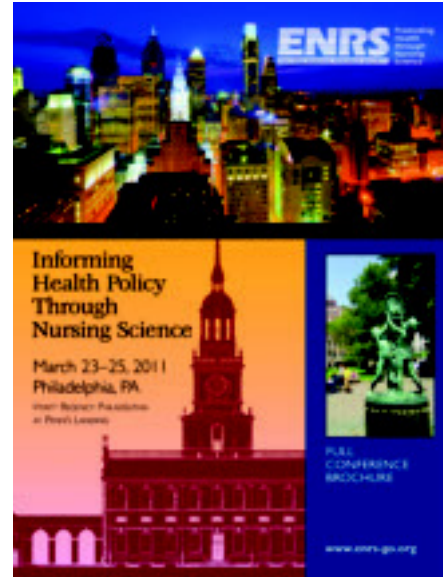
recently funded for the DROLL study – Diabetes: Relationships of Laughter on Living with Diabetes – to investigate the effects of frequent laughter on glycemic control, self-care, and depression in Spanish-speaking patients. She has traveled around the world, worked for the Peace Corps, and is the mother of three children.

JULIE ALEXANDRINE LINDENBERG '07 is associate professor of clinical nursing at the University of Texas Health School of Nursing at Houston and also is the Clinical Quality Manager at RediClinic, the largest independent retail health/convenient care operator in the country. Since June 2010, Dr. Lindenberg has worked to establish an advanced practice model for nurse practitioners and physicians assistants, while expanding the number and types of clinical services delivered in the retail health setting. She oversees all elements of the clinical quality program and collaborates with management, clinicians, and staff.

Entry to Practice (ETP)

ELLA GRAY '08 writes, "I currently work as a registered nurse for Doctors Without Borders. I recently returned from my first assignment, at a cholera emergency project in Saint Marc, Haiti. I will spend six weeks in France learning French before returning to the field in April."

TRACY RINALDI HARDY '04 writes, "I worked in the Pediatric ICU at Yale until the birth of my second child Elise two years ago. I am about to have our



third child and will stay home for a little while; I hope to return to pediatrics in a few years."

MONICA BUFF '09 spoke at the annual School of Nursing scholarship reception. She was the first Harold W. and S. Wilhelmina Shipley Named Nursing Scholar. Monica is now enrolled in the Nurse Anesthesia Program at CUSON.

Entry-to-Practice students LAURA VILLEGAS, KRISTINA KORDESCH, and JESSICA LEMEN were awarded 1st place in the BS/MS Poster and Exposition Category at the Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS) 23rd Annual Scientific Session "Informing Health Policy Through Nursing Science" held in Philadelphia, March 23-25. Their presentation, "Implementing Evidence-based Practice: Shared Strategies and Insights from the Perspective of Nursing Students" generated great interest and discussion at the conference.

Family

Program Representative

Dawn Aubel '98

MONTE WAGNER '99,'03, '06 completed his MPH at the Mailman School of Public Health in 2008 and began work as a nurse practitioner with Community Health Center in Connecticut. Since September, he has also worked as the on-site medical director for three sites in Fairfield County, CT.



**Geriatric
Program Representatives**
Mary Ellen Sennert '93
William Robert Wagner '03, '05

WILLIAM ROBERT WAGNER '03,'05 recently began working in a part-time private practice in the Bronx. He also began an online DNP program at the University of Alabama.

**HIV/AIDS
Program Representative**
Bernadette (Candi) Capili '96, '02

**Midwifery
Program Representative**
Hilary Prager '04, '05

After graduation MEREDITH CASELLA JEAN-BAPTISTE '03,'04 worked as a midwife for Médecins du Monde in Haïti as well as Médecins sans Frontières in the Republic of Chad and the Republic of the Congo. She was also recently married and she and her husband welcomed their first child this year.

KATE PAXTON '09,'10 started a new job at Bethany Women's Healthcare in Phoenix, AZ.



JENNIFER JEROME WILLIAMS '05, '07 had the privilege of delivering the 8000th baby at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA. Jennifer helped Cullen and Donielle of Somerville, MA welcome their son, Jeremiah Bui into the world on December 29, 2010.

**Neonatal
Program Representative**
Anne Jorgensen '94

**Oncology
Program Representative**
Velta Sandia Willis '04

**Pediatrics
Program Representatives**
Lauren O. Blum '89
Ann Glosser Houck '72

MARJORIE MAINE-NYARKO '97 writes, "After graduating from Columbia, I worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. I now reside in Pennsylvania, where I am pursuing my doctoral degree and am employed as a full-time professor in the nursing department at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania."

NATALIE DEL MURO GALANTE '06, '08 writes, "We welcomed our first baby, Arden Snow Galante to our family in December 2009, and I started a new job as pediatric nurse practitioner in endocrinology and diabetes at Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland"

JULIE SCHNUR '03, '05, is currently pursuing a DNP at the School of Nursing. A certified pediatric nurse practitioner at a busy family practice in Brooklyn, she is a preceptor and a part-time instructor in clinical nursing at the School. She has worked as a staff nurse in a pediatric hematology clinic at Children's Hospital of New York. Julie has created a patient handbook for her Brooklyn patients and has started visiting schools to teach children about leading a healthy lifestyle. She earned her BA in child development from Tufts University. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Theta Tau, and was elected to a three-year term as a director on the CUSON Alumni Association board.

top left: Kate Paxton '09,'10

top right: Jennifer Williams '05, '07 with the parents of the 8,000th baby born at Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA



PhD

PATRICIA DYKES '04 writes, "I started a new position in November at Brigham and Women's Hospital Center for Nursing Excellence as Senior Nurse Scientist."

Psych-Mental Health Program Representatives

Mary K. Devine '94,'97
Penelope Buschman Gemma '64
Illouise Rosita Murillo-Tucker '97

MARY CULLEN-DRILL '94, '08 writes, "Since graduating from the DNP program at Columbia in 2008, I moved into full-time psychotherapy/psychopharmacology private practice in Montclair, NJ. I have expanded my practice to include treatment of adolescents in addition to adults and older adults. I recently submitted an article for publication to a professional nursing journal and am exploring the possibility of teaching in the future. I enjoy spending time with my husband and teenage sons and playing a lot of tennis."

MY HANH 'THERESA' NGUYEN '03, '07

Theresa works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at New-York Presbyterian Hospital Payne Whitney women's program which provides comprehensive care for mental health



concerns that are unique to women. She is involved in both clinical and research work and holds a dual appointment as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and as a staff research associate at Weill Cornell Medical College. In addition, she has a small private practice. Theresa is the first psychiatric nurse practitioner in the Weill Cornell Physician's Organization and was named a 2010 Distinguished Young Alumna at last year's Alumni Reunion.

ROSALIE PEREZ '04,'07 completed the Combined BS/MS Program in 2004, and began her career in nursing as a full-time labor and delivery nurse at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. While working, she earned her master's in nursing with a specialty in women's health. In 2008, she became the maternal neonatal nurse coordinator for the Center for Prenatal Pediatrics at Columbia University Medical Center – a center that manages high risk pregnancies with fetal anomalies. Rosalie is the nurse coordinator for the only center in the city currently performing fetal procedures, such as selective fetoscopic laser photocoagulation, in the treatment of Twin Transfusion Syndrome. Her work was acknowledged in *Advance for Nurses* publication. Rosalie was named a 2010 Distinguished Young Alumna at last year's Alumni Reunion.

In November, alumni from the **PSYCH/MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM** met for an evening of networking, laughter and shared memories. Program Director **PENNY BUSCHMAN '64** was there to greet former students and discuss issues in practice.

Graduates of the PMH Program have established a scholarship for deserving student in psychiatric mental health nursing. The School of Nursing is currently accepting gifts and pledges for the Psychiatric Mental Health Endowed Scholarship. Please call Sarah Monrraga at (800) 899-6728 for more information.

above, left: Alumni Association board member **Julie Schnur '03,'05**

above, top center: **Theresa Nguyen '03,'07 and Roxana Sasse '92**

above, top right: **Rosalie Perez '04,'07 with Roxana Sasse '92**

above, bottom right: **Dean Bobbie Berkowitz (center) with Jeannemarie Baker '90 (left) and Alison Stier '70,'07 at the November Psych-Mental Health event**