

# Gradnurse Gazette

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## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Julie Bliss, EdD, RN  
Chairperson

### Getting Involved to Promote Nursing as a Profession

President Barack Obama has done more for nursing in his first 100 days in office than the former administration in eight years. Every week he has made an informed statement related to nurses, nursing, nurse faculty, education and workforce development. Nursing leaders have been invited to the healthcare reform policy table. How has this happened? President Obama has restored and expanded the funding for nursing education capitation, educator loan repayment and workforce development. Dr. Mary Wakefield, RN was appointed Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The ANA (American Nurses Association) President R. Patton, MSN, RN was invited to discuss healthcare reform. Dr. Bednash, RN of the AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing) testified on the continuing nursing shortage and the need for nursing faculty. In February, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that increased funding programs to support primary care nurses, physicians, and dentists under Title VIII Public Health Service Act. The NLN (National League for Nursing) praised the president's stimulus package for its \$500 million directed to health professions. Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) are circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter seeking support from their fellow Representatives to fund Title VIII – Nursing Workforce Development Programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) at a level of \$215 million for

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, APN, FAAN

### Greetings

Recently on February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law (P.L. 111-5). \$787 billion has been allocated, and this is referred to as the Economic Stimulus Package. President Obama considers health care as a priority in his administration. This law provides \$500 million for the health professions. Nursing can allocate funds to the education of nurses along with loan repayment and scholarship programs. Under the Workforce Investment Act, about \$685 billion will assist in "training and employment" to prepare individuals for health care careers. The National Institute of Health (including the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)) will receive \$10.4 billion for research grants, while the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be given \$1.1 billion to evaluate the effectiveness of research. The National Science Foundation (NSF) will be provided with \$3 billion for research related activities. The other funds will be allocated to higher education, state assistance and health information technology.

What does this mean to you as graduate students?

As many students have and are currently enrolled in NUR 570, Health Legislation and Social Policy, getting involved in health care policy is a responsibility. The funding opportunities in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can directly affect you, nursing staff, your patients and families, along with educating future health care personnel.

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*Dr. J. Bliss, continued*

FY 2010. Senator Durbin (D-IL) has introduced the NEED Act (Nursing Education, Expansion and Development Act).

It provides for capitation funding for nursing schools to increase faculty, retain faculty, repair and expand infrastructure, enhance clinical laboratories and purchase educational equipment.

How can you get involved? Are you a member of a professional organization? How many? If the answer is one organization and you attend meetings and speak out, then you are doing your part. If the answer is, "I am not currently a member of any organization", then JOIN one. The respect of this nation for nurses and nursing can only be accomplished by hearing from nurses. (Read *Silence to Voice*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed (2006) by Bernice Buresh and Suzanne Gordon)

*Dr. Kem Louie, continued*

I would recommend each graduate student learn more about these opportunities and share them with your colleagues. The following websites would be helpful in learning more about the American Recovery Reinvestment Act.

[www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)

[www.hhs.gov/recovery](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery)

[www.nih.gov/recovery/index.htm](http://www.nih.gov/recovery/index.htm)

**I have good news!**

The nursing education track has been revised to reflect current knowledge and skills. Contact me to discuss any changes in your course progression. The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program also was approved by the University Senate and now will be forwarded to the William Paterson University of NJ Board of Trustees and New Jersey Council of Presidents.

**ALL GRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE**

**RESEARCH FORUM**

**STUDENTS COMPLETING THEIR  
MASTER'S THESIS WILL PRESENT  
THEIR POSTERS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**APRIL 27, 2009**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM**

**HUNZIKER WING 120**

International Nursing Honor Society  
Sigma Theta Tau, Iota Alpha Chapter  
& the Graduate Nursing Program  
will sponsor:

**Annual Research Day**

**April 20, 2009**

**Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Nadine Aktan**

**“The Relationship Between Social Support,  
Anxiety, and Demographic Variables and  
Functional Status After Childbirth”**



## SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Packets for student practica are available for pick up from Elaine in Hunziker Wing 240 or from Dr. Joanna Hayden in Hunziker Wing 149

### ***Why not consider a career as a Certified School Nurse?***

*If You Love:*

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Children</i>          | <i>Your Profession</i> |
| <i>New Challenges</i>    | <i>Great Benefits</i>  |
| <i>A Shorter Workday</i> | <i>Summers Off !!!</i> |

*Here at William Paterson University we offer a comprehensive course of study leading to full certification as a Certified School Nurse.*

*Many of our students receive job offers and become emergency certified even before they complete the program.*

*Come learn more from students currently enrolled in the program and experienced school nurses*

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2009

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Place:** Hunziker Wing 120

**Call the Graduate Nursing Office  
(973) 720-3511**

**for more information**

**We look forward to meeting you**

**Janice Loschiavo, C.S.N., R.N., MA  
Mary Ellen Miller, C.S.N., R.N., MA**

## STUDENT EMAIL

It is important that all students in the Graduate Nursing Program and School Nurse Certification Program check their WPUNJ student e-mail on a regular basis each semester and throughout the summer months.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

New Sigma Theta Tau Inductees

Debra Dunn, BSN, RN  
Michele S. Boonstra, BSN, RN  
Sharyn Boyle, MSN, RN

## ALUMNI NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS  
JUDY KUTZLEB, DNP, RN,  
CCRN, APN**

Was awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University

## Graduate Nursing Student Organization (GNSO)



**Marcelo Marin, President**

Despite of reduction in funds from the National Institutes of Health for the 2008 fiscal year and presently struggling economic situation of many students, the graduate nursing program continues to promote professional growth through educational experiences of their students.

New programs such as the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) are being planned at the university. It is important to recognize the graduate faculty team for their mission on working hard and finding opportunities to gain a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to prepare nurse faculty. Our graduate nursing programs once again achieved a 90-percent pass rate on the required exam (AANP) to practice as an adult nurse practitioner in 2008.

The virtual simulation nursing lab has been open recently with an advance technology to simulate hands-on, real-time patient experiences, including computer-controlled mannequins that can be programmed to display certain health conditions and complications in humans. Hopefully, this patient simulator lab will be accessible to graduate students allowing them to practice skills/procedures and make judgments-errors in a controlled setting.

## GNSO OFFICERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2009 – 2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

If you are interested please contact  
**Dr. Kem Louie**  
973-720-3215  
louiek@wpunj.edu

### Overview of the GNSO

The Graduate Nursing Student Organization is the focal point for student participation in the governance of the Graduate Program in Nursing, and the Student Government Association of the University.

### Procedure

1. Student becomes a member upon enrollment in graduate course in the nursing program.
2. Each year students will be elected to hold executive, committee, and representative offices within the GNSO.
3. Students will plan and implement seminars and programs related to graduate student needs and interests. There will be a minimum of two such activities each year.
4. The Graduate Program Director will serve as advisor to the GNSO.
5. The President of the GNSO will serve as the representative to the Department of Nursing Advisory Board.
6. The President or delegate will serve as liaison to the Student Government Association.

Student representatives from the Graduate Program are non-voting members of the following faculty committees:

Curriculum Committee  
Retention, Tenure and Promotion Committee  
Appointment Committee  
Assessment Evaluation Committee

# **Graduate Nursing Program Collaborative Approved for \$2.5 million grant funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) *New Jersey Nursing Initiative Faculty Preparation Program***

*The goal of the grant is to address the state's nursing faculty shortage by developing, implementing and evaluating a statewide curriculum model for the recruitment and retention of future nurse faculty. The RWJF New Jersey Nursing Initiative Faculty Preparation Program will provide funding in two areas:*

- **Curriculum Enhancement**

William Paterson University in its proposal created the New Jersey Nursing Education Collaborative of three other state funded colleges/universities (Kean University, The Richard Stockton College and The College of New Jersey) to develop, implement and evaluate curriculum models that integrate education and faculty preparation into graduate nursing programs to better prepare nurses with advanced clinical expertise for faculty roles.

- **Scholarships**

Full-time graduate nursing students who participate in these curriculum models will be eligible for comprehensive scholarships covering tuition and fees in addition to living stipends of \$50,000 per year. Students must be pursuing full-time graduate education in the master's degree program and be committed to serving as faculty upon graduation in a New Jersey-based nursing program for three years. The grant will support a total of 14 students in the program.

## **THE PROGRAM**

The *New Jersey Nursing Education Collaborative* aims to develop, implement and evaluate curriculum models that effectively integrate education and faculty role preparation into clinical master's programs. The program will cultivate a cadre of nurses with advanced clinical expertise who are prepared to teach in a New Jersey-based nursing program and are committed to pursuing a career in New Jersey nursing education. The grant program has been funded till 2012.

The first cohort of Nurse Scholars will be accepted for fall 2009. Potential scholars must be approved for matriculation into Kean University Graduate Nursing Community Health program, The Richard Stockton College Graduate Nursing Adult Nurse Practitioner Program, The College of New Jersey Adult / Family Nurse Practitioner Program or William Paterson University of NJ Adult Nurse Practitioner program. Application for the Nurse Faculty Scholars Program will be available January 2009 and close April 2009 for the first cohort of scholars.

Dr. Kem Louie is the director of the funded program. Contact information for the Nurse Faculty Scholar's Program:

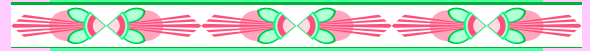
- Kean University- Dr Minnie Campbell, Chair- Department of Nursing  
Email: [mcampel@kean.edu](mailto:mcampel@kean.edu)
- The Richard Stockton College- Dr Leslie Rice, Coordinator, Graduate Program  
Email: [riceles@tcnj.edu](mailto:riceles@tcnj.edu)
- The College of New Jersey- Dr Beverly Bradbury-Golas, Assistant Professor ,  
Email: [kathleen.bradbury-golas@stockton.edu](mailto:kathleen.bradbury-golas@stockton.edu)
- William Paterson University- Dr Kem Louie, Director, Graduate Program Email: [Louiek@wpunj.edu](mailto:Louiek@wpunj.edu)

The Graduate Program in Nursing  
welcomes  
*Christine*



Christine has been hired under the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant for the New Jersey Nursing Initiative Faculty Preparation Program

For information on the New Jersey Initiative Faculty Preparation Program please contact Christine at 973-720-3493



## Job Well Done!

Lori Agis, RN, MSN  
Passed the AANP exam

Geraldine Kiefer-Necklen  
Passed the Certified Nurse Educator exam

Maria Monda, RN, MSN  
Passed the AANP exam

Jeannie Couper, RN, BSN  
Passed the ANCC Pediatric Certification Exam

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Applications for Graduation are due on the following dates:

May Graduation – February 1<sup>st</sup>  
August Graduation – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
January Graduation – October 1<sup>st</sup>

Clinical Placement Information Sheets, which are available by contacting Elaine in the Graduate Nursing Department, are due back to Graduate Program Director:

Fall Semester – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Session – April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Semester – November 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Summer 2009 & Fall 2009 Registration begins on April 6, 2009**

**Registration Timetables  
Are available online at:**

<http://ww2.wpunj.edu/adminsrv/registra/registration2.htm>

**Please contact Dr. Kem Louie,  
Graduate Program Director for  
advisement prior to registering for  
classes  
973-720-3215  
louiek@wpunj.edu**

# Operation Smile

Claire P. Donaghy, PhD, RN, CCRN, APN  
William Paterson University Faculty

As I prepare for my fourth mission as a Recovery Room Nurse volunteer with Operation Smile I thought I would share my experiences with the William Paterson University Community. About a year ago I wrote a short article for the Gradnurse Gazette on my first mission, a trip to Qena, Egypt during the World Journey of Smiles in celebration of Operation Smile's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 2007. For the World Journey, Operation Smile had 40 simultaneous missions in 25 countries throughout the world. My experience was life altering. I couldn't wait to volunteer for my next mission.

My next mission was scheduled for June 2008 to Mudonjiang, China. Due to the earthquake in China the mission was postponed until July. Luckily my schedule still permitted my participation. The China mission was different from Egypt in that China has its' own Operation Smile organization. So Operation Smile China supplied most of the team and was supplemented by a small international team.

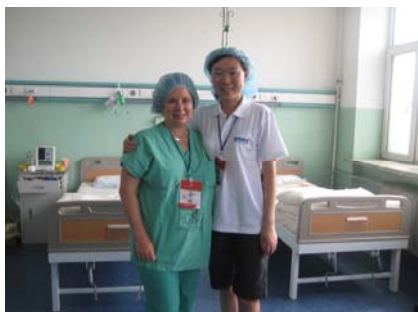
I was the only international team member for the Recovery Room and worked with three nurses from China. KPMG, a corporate sponsor of Operation Smile supplied volunteer interpreters for the duration of the mission. Christina was my interpreter and there were other interpreters who assisted in the Recovery Room. The nurses from China were intelligent, energetic, and eager to learn as were the interpreters. They all did an excellent job of providing empathetic, competent care to the children and adults undergoing surgery.

After the mission the team had a day in Beijing before flying home. We were fortunate to go to the Great Wall as well as see the exteriors of some of the Olympic venues including the Bird's Nest. I was psyched for my next mission even after spending more than a day traveling in each direction.

My next mission was in December 2008 to Jimma, Ethiopia. Sadly there are only eight plastic surgeons in Ethiopia for approximately 30 million people. Our services were sorely needed. Families traveled hundreds of miles for the opportunity to get surgery for a family member with a cleft lip or palate. Often livestock had to be sold in order for the family to afford the trip. One man who traveled for days shared that his sister also had a cleft lip but the family did not have money for both of them to travel to Jimma for the surgery. Quietly one of the volunteers gave the man money for bus fare for his sister. Both brother and sister had successful surgery.

It is truly amazing how life altering this surgery is for people with facial deformities who have been shunned for years. One man after cleft lip surgery asked the OR nurse to kiss him. He was 42 years-old and had never been kissed! She gave him a gentle kiss. Watching a patient after cleft lip surgery look in the mirror for the first time will bring tears to the eyes of even the most stoic person.

Next I am off to Lima, Peru in May for another mission. To learn more about Operation Smile or to make a donation please visit <http://www.operationsmile.org>.



Dr. Donaghy with her interpreter Christine



with a post-op cleft lip repair and nursing student in China



feeding a post op infant in Ethiopia

# FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Grant Awards

**Louie, K.** Project Director. Awarded \$2.5 million for New Jersey Nursing Initiative Faculty Preparation Program from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2008-2012.

## Degrees Awarded

May 2008 – **Christina McSherry PhD**, presented her Doctoral Dissertation, “The Inner Life at the End of Life” in Nursing Research & Theory, New York University.

January 2009 - **Nadine Aktan, PhD, RN, FNP-BC** presented her Doctoral Dissertation Research Findings at the Eastern Nursing Research Society in Boston the week of March 16, 2009. Her topic was The Relationship between Social Support, Anxiety, and Demographic Variables in functional Status after Childbirth. Rutgers University.

January 2009 – **Lizy Mathew EdD**, presented her Doctoral Dissertation "An Examination of Transformational Leadership Among Baccalaureate Graduating Nursing Students and Practicing Nurses" in Nursing Education, University of Phoenix.

## Published

**Sarah Valentine-Maher**, “The Transformative Potential of Realigning Agape and Eros in the Continued Development of Nursing’s Role.” Research & Theory for Nursing Practice 22.3 (2008): 171-81.

**Christina McSherry, PhD, RN** Breast Cancer Education, Counseling, and Adjustment Among Patients and Partners: A Randomized Clinical Trial. Dyads Budin, W., Hoskins, C. N., Haber, J., Sherman, D. W., Maislin, G., Cater, J. R., Cartwright-Alcarese, F., Kowalski, M. O., McSherry C. B., Feurback, R., Shukla, S. Nursing Research, 57, 3, 199-213. (2008).

**Aktan, Nadine M.; Bareford, Connie G.; Bliss, Julie B.; Connolly, Kathleen; DeYoung, Sandra; Lancellotti Sullivan, Katherine; and Tracy, Janet** (2009) "Comparison of Outcomes in a Traditional versus Accelerated Nursing Curriculum," International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship: Vol. 6 : Iss. 1, Article 13. DOI: 10.2202/1548-923X.1639 Available at: <http://www.bepress.com/ijnes/vol6/iss1/art13>

## Presentations

**Christina McSherry, PhD, RN** presented “*The Inner Life at the End of Life*” at NYU Nurses Research Day, June 2008.

**Katherine Sullivan, MSN, RN** presented “*NCLEX-RN & Professional Nursing Education: Worlds Apart?*” at International Philosophy of Nursing Society in Boston, MA and at WPUNJ Scholarship Day April 2009. September 2008

**Nadine Aktan, PhD, RN, FNP-BC** presented “*The Relationship between Social Support, Anxiety, and Demographic Variables in functional Status after Childbirth*” at WPUNJ Scholarship Day. April 2009.



## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Christine McSherry PhD, RN** – Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society Annual Research Day. April 2009 and poster presentation at Annual Conference, New Jersey State Nurses Association, March 26-28, 2009.

**Lizy Mathew, EdD, RN**, poster presentation at Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honro Society Annual Research Day, April 2009. Also presented at Annual Conference, New Jersey State Nurses Association, March 26-28, 2009.

**N. Aktan, PhD, RN, FNP-BC** keynote speaker – Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honro Society Annual Research Day. April 2009.

**K. Louie, PhD, APN, FAAN** keynote speaker. Integrating Diversity Creating Change. American Association of Indian Nurses June 13, 2009. Union, NJ

**Kem Louie, PhD, APN, FAAN**, Induction speaker, “Critical Issues on the Nurse Faculty Shortage” for Sigma Theta Tau: Nursing International Honor Society, Iota Alpha Chapter. April 18, 2009. Haledon, NJ

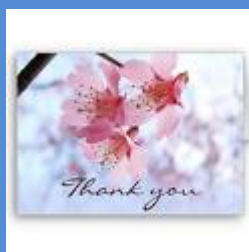
**Kem Louie, PhD, APN, FAAN**, was invited to participate in a teleconference to address new Essentials for the Generic Masters Nurses, American Association of Colleges in Nursing, March 2009.

# WITH GRATITUDE

The Department of Nursing Graduate Program would like to say  
 “Thank You”

To our preceptors from the  
 Summer and Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Semesters  
 For their time and commitment to our students

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|-------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Agis        | Lori           | RN, MSN        | The Town of Morristown                     |
| Barretto    | Zaida          | RN, MS, APN    | Preakness Health Care Center               |
| Basista     | Michael        | MD             | Clifton, NJ                                |
| Bergin      | Mary           | NP             | Valley Hospital Community Care             |
| Crowley     | Barbara        | RN, APNC       | Hackensack University Medical Center       |
| Flynn       | Virginia       | RN, MSN, CCRN  | Hackensack University Medical Center       |
| Glaser      | Ramona         | NP-C           | Endocrine Associates                       |
| Gumaste     | Sandhya        | MD             | Teaneck, NJ                                |
| Harrison    | Ruth           | PhD, RN        | William Paterson University of NJ          |
| Kelly       | Mary           | RN, MS, NP     | Hackensack Internal Medicine               |
| Keshisian   | Paul           | MD             | Family Practice                            |
| Lawrence    | Molly          | RN, MSN, ANP-C | Family Practice Associates                 |
| Majchrzak   | Tadeusz        | MD, PhD        | Vita Med-Family Practice Internal Medicine |
| Marut       | Lorraine Dugan | MSN, RN, ACNP  | St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center   |
| Negron      | Dave           | MD             | Hackensack University Medical Center       |
| Pecorelli   | Dr. N.         | MD             | Wood Ridge, NJ                             |
| Polnyj      | Carrie         | MSN            | Bergen Community College                   |
| Poniatowski | Jessica        | RN, APRN-BC    | Cardiology Consultant of Northern NJ       |
| Quinn       | Katherine      | APNC, MSN      | CVS Minute Clinic                          |
| Schnieder   | Aaron          | MSN, RN        | Veterans Administration of NJ              |
| Tracy       | Janet          | PhD, RN        | William Paterson University of NJ          |



# WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

## GRADUATE PROGRAM

N U R S I N G

### OPEN HOUSE

**Accepting Applications for Fall 2009**

**May 14, 2009 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**William Paterson University  
Hunziker Wing 120  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ**

#### **Learn about:**

- M.S.N. program for advanced clinical practice, nurse educator, or administrator
- Traineeships available for full-time students
- School Nurse Certification Program
- Post-master's Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification Program

#### **Additional opportunities for students include:**

- Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment Program (full-time or part-time students may qualify for loan forgiveness of up to 85 percent upon employment)
- Evening and online classes
- Dynamic faculty
- Affordable education

#### **For further information and for directions:**

Call 973.720.3511

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