Congratulations to our 2015 PhD Graduates!

This spring, three of our PhD in Nursing students successfully defended their dissertations:

Patricia Fleck, PhD, RN *(Green shirt, left picture)*  
Mother’s Lived Experience during Repair of Long Gap Esophageal Atresia.

Monika Schuler, PhD, RN *(Blue jacket, middle picture)*  
Use of a Shadow: The Nurse Intervention in Early Baccalaureate in Nursing Education and its Influence on Professional Role Perspectives.

Ann Malley, PhD, RN *(Black jacket, right picture)*  
Key Determinants of Successful Transition into the Perioperative Environment.

Dr. Hanrahan received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and her masters and doctoral degrees from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. She completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research at the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Nursing. Dr. Hanrahan is a national leader in psychiatric mental health nursing and known for her work documenting the psychiatric nurse workforce and her expertise in system-level mental health services research. She was a faculty member in the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research at the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Nursing and also a Senior Fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. Dr. Hanrahan is involved with state and national policy initiatives such as parity, quality indicators, creating a web-based advanced practice psychiatric nurse employment guide. Her mastery of technology as an interventional strategy for improving the health of underserved communities here and in Africa is in alignment with our population health emphasis and future goals for global population health.

Volunteering at the Boston Marathon 2015

PhD students, Monika Schuler and Kerry Nolte (not pictured) volunteered their time at the 2015 Boston Marathon treating runners with hypothermia due to the rain.

PhD Advisory Board

The PhD Advisory Board held its spring meeting on May 27th. Board members include:

Dr. Judith Barr  
Dr. Donna Berry  
Dr. Timothy Bickmore  
Dr. Barry Bluestone  
Dr. Diane Carroll  
Dr. Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa  
Dr. Maria Dolce  
Dr. Deb Franko  
Dr. Alice Gervasini  
Dr. Barbara Guthrie  
Dr. Judith Hall  
Dr. Kathy Horvath  
Dr. Tiffany Kim  
Dr. Karin Lifter  
Dr. Alisa Lincoln  
Dr. Margaret McCabe  
Dr. Nathaniel Rickles  
Dr. Jacqueline Somerville  
Dr. Susan Roberts  
Dr. Gary Young

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SPRING SUCCESSES

DANIEL DAVID & KERRY NOLTE


- Kerry’s oral presentation entitled “Taking Care of Ourselves: The Experiences of African American Women Discussing HIV Testing with their Male Partners”
- Daniel’s poster presentation entitled “Heart Failure Discharge Instructions: A Comparative Content Analysis of Notes Written by Nurse Practitioners and Physician Providers”

MARAM ALGHABBASHI

We are excited to announce that Maram has passed her comprehensive exam, her proposal defense, and has had a manuscript accepted for publication in the BMC Public Health entitled, “Systematic Review of Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) knowledge measurement instruments used on the Arabian Peninsula.” Maram also was accepted for a podium presentation at the November, 2015 STTI 43rd Biennial Convention.

KERRY NOLTE

Rachel Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, Lorraine J. Lacroix, MPH, and doctoral student Kerry Nolte, PhD Candidate, APRN, are happy to announce the publication of their manuscript in the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care entitled “Is Your Man Stepping Out? An Online Pilot Study to Evaluate Acceptability of a Guide-Enhanced HIV Prevention Soap Opera Video Series and Feasibility of Recruitment by Facebook Advertising.” Nolte also successfully defended her dissertation proposal.

KATHRYN ROBINSON

In February, Kathryn was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International and was honored with the Barbara E. Goodfellow Award for excellence by a graduate student. She also presented a poster at Northeastern’s RISE Expo in April.

DANIEL DAVID


WHERE ARE STUDENTS THIS SUMMER?

Abdul Albougami – For his research practicum, Abdul is working with Dr. Judith Hall from the psychology department on a study titled “Attitudes and Experiences with Medical Doctors.” He is working on a grant application to Majmaah University, Saudi Arabia.

Siobon Barrett – Siobon is continuing summer courses and her SGA position with Dr. Jones on the dissemination of a soap opera video series about HIV prevention for young urban Black women, assisting women with getting access to watch the videos. In addition, Siobon is working with women enrolled in substance abuse treatment services from the Boston Public Health Commission.

Bertha Lee – Bertha is taking summer courses and working part-time at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She continues her SGA position with Dr. Elizabeth Howard, working with older adults at the Boston Housing Authority. Her topic of interest is keeping older adults aging safely, independently, and happily at home.

Anna Etchin – Anna is doing her research practicum with Dr. Terri LaCoursiere Zucchero at the Bedford Veteran’s Hospital. She will be re-starting as an RN (part-time) in June. In September, Ms. Etchin will start her Jonas Schwartz Center Fellowship in compassionate care.

Casey Garvey – Along with taking his required summer courses, Casey is taking a directed study with Dr. Jones on stigma, trauma, illness representation and hepatitis C. He continues his SGA work with Dr. Griffith and is working part-time at the infection control unit at MGH.

Kathryn Robinson – Katie is continuing her second research practicum at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, working with Drs. Underhill and Berry, and continuing her SGA work with Dr. Guthrie. She is working on submitting an NRSA proposal for the August 2015 deadline. She is also working on submitting a manuscript for publication.

FACULTY UPDATES

Dr. Elizabeth Howard was inducted as an Associate Fellow in InterRAI™ during their recent April meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dr. Michelle Beauchesne received the Henry K. Silver Memorial Award at the 2015 Annual National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) National Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Steve Alves has been named Program Director of the year by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

Dr. Rachel Jones was awarded a 4 year $2.2 million dollar R01 grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health to reduce HIV risk in young urban women.

Dr. Barbara Guthrie assumed the PI role of NUCare. NUCare focuses on promoting self-management and use of technology to promote aging in place among an ethnically diverse aging population. Dr. Guthrie was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement in Education & Research Award at the Association of Black Nursing Faculty’s Annual Meeting and Science Conference.