

Northeastern University

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

THE PHD NURSING PROGRAM'S FALL NEWSLETTER



Left to Right: Dr. Donna Berry, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN; Dr. Meghan Underhill, PhD, RN, AOCNS from Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston MA presenting their research in the area of prostate, pancreatic, and breast cancer.

Congratulations!



Bertha Lee, a PhD student, is expecting her first child – a girl! She is due the first week of January.

Upcoming Events

ENRS, April 2016

This year's theme is "Nursing Science: Bridging Research and Health" and the conference will be April 13-15, 2016 at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. More information: <http://www.enrs-go.org/html/2016-conference.html>

National Association of Hispanic Nurses Panel Discussion

All nursing and healthcare professionals welcome. The panel discussion is being held on Thursday, October 22nd, from 6-9pm at MGH. For tickets, please visit WWW.MASSNAHNBOSTON.COM.

NINR ENRS Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP)

This doctoral training opportunity combines the academic environment of a university with the breadth of NIH research. The application deadline is December 1st, 2015: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP>.

Bouvé Doctoral Interprofessional Development Seminars

October 16 th	Research Ethics	Jeanine Mount
November 13 th	Mentoring	Deb Franko
December 11 th	Writing Skills	Virginia Casey



Bertha Lee was the 2015 BWH Essence of Nursing Award Honoree and the 2015 BWH Medicine House staff Nursing Award Nominee.

Kathryn Robinson was featured on the front page of the NH Union Leader for her contributions to American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in NH. Full article can be read here:

<http://manchesterunionleader.nh.newsme.com/special.php?date=20151004>



For any questions/comments, contact Alice Murphy at a.murphy@neu.edu

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SUMMER SUCCESSES

PUBLICATIONS

Nwamaka, D. E., Goff, S. L., Martinez, T., Gutierrez, N., Klingensmith, J., Griffith, J. L., **Garvey, C.**, et al. (2015). Shared decision-making in end-stage renal disease: a protocol for multi-center study of a communication intervention to improve end-of-life care for dialysis patients. *BMC Palliative Care*, 14(30). doi:10.1186/s12904-015-0027-x

Scannell, M., Lewis-O'Connor, A., Barash, A. (Dec, 2015). Sexual Assault Simulation Course for Health Providers. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*. In press.

Scannell, M. (Under review). Assessing the effectiveness of sexual assault simulation course for healthcare providers. *Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

Scannell, M. (Under review). Caring for patients who have been sexually assaulted. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

DeGrazia, M., Giambanco, D., **Hamm, G.**, Ditzel, A., Tucker, L., & Gauvreau, K. (2015). Prevention of informational plagiocephaly in hospitalized infants using a new orthotic device. *Journal of Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing*, 00. 1-14.

PRESENTATIONS

Patricia Fleck will be at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses in Dallas on October 15, 2015 as a presenter as a Small Grant Recipient. Her research is titled: Mother's Experience During Repair of Long-Gap Esophageal Atresia: A Phenomenological Inquiry. She is also presenting at the Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric and Critical Care Summit on September 25th and 26th, 2015. Her presentation is titled: Family Centered Care Developmental Care in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit: Connecting Mothers and Babies.

Community Service & Volunteer Work

Meredith Scannell: I have been selected as the State Chapter for the Emergency Nurses Association Chair for the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee.

Anna Etchin - I've volunteered my time as an informal math tutor to a student going back to school for his bachelor's degree and for an individual to take a Navy entrance exam.

Research Practicum



Casey Garvey's research practicum is at the VA Medical Center in Bedford, MA. He is working with Dr. Keith McInnes, ScD, MS and Dr. Allen Gifford, MD on a literature review, manuscript development, qualitative coding and interviewing. This past summer, Casey attended the PESI Conference on Trauma in Boston.



Siobon Barrett completed a research practicum with Dr. Rachel Jones. She conducted a secondary analysis of Dr. Jones' study on the effects of HIV interventions on the relationship between sex scripts and sexual behaviors.



Kathryn Robinson completed two research practicums at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston MA under the mentorship of Dr. Donna Berry and Dr. Meghan Underhill. She worked with Dr. Underhill and the founders of the Cancer Resource Foundation (CRF) on analyzing the data from an underserved population in the Boston area who received vouchers to receive BRCA genetic testing. Kathryn's relationship with Dana Farber and the CRF led to an August Submission of an NRSA grant to NINR.



Anna Etchin has completed her research practicum at the VA Hospital in Jamaica Plain, and continues to work with two PI's, Dr. Terry Zucchero and Dr. Keith McInnes, at Bedford on studies on respiratory equipment and infections among healthcare workers and dual use of VA and non-VA hospitals among veterans experiencing homelessness. Anna also works with researchers, Dr. Catherine Fortier and Dr. Regina McGlinchey, at the JP VA on two research projects: a 12-week post-deployment veteran re-integration program, and a Translational Research project for veterans with TBI and Stress disorders. This past summer, Anna attended the trauma conference in Boston. Anna was a Jonas Schwartz scholar.



Bertha Lee is working with Dr. Elizabeth Howard at the Boston Housing Authority on a wellness coaching program. Bertha also attended several NUCare seminars. Bertha is fluent in Spanish and works closely with the aging Latino population.

WELCOME COHORT 2015!



Melissa Cyr, MSN, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, is a 2011 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Boston's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, where she received a post-graduate certificate as a Family Nurse practitioner. Prior to this, she graduated from Northeastern University's School of Nursing in 2009 with her MSN as an Adult Nurse practitioner. She completed a 2 year post graduate fellowship for nurse practitioners in Dermatology at Lahey Clinic in 2014, where she continues to work per diem in addition to private practice. Prior to graduate school, she attended the University of Maine at Fort Kent, where she received her BSN in 2005, and Northern Maine Community College, where she received an Associate's Degree in Nursing in 2003. Melissa is an award winning public speaker. She traveled to Maui, Hawaii in January 2015 to present her talk on Elhers-Danlos Syndrome. She enjoys medical relief work and has volunteered in India, Honduras, and Peru. Her passion for the underserved contributed to her desire to obtain a PhD to study health care policy, access, disparities, and reimbursement.



Rachel Pozzar, MSN, FNP-BC received her MSN from Boston College in 2012 and her BSN from the University of Massachusetts Boston in 2008. As a family nurse practitioner, she provides primary and urgent care to adolescents and adults at Lahey Health Primary Care in Gloucester and Danvers. Her research interests include the phenomena of health disparities and health behavior, particularly as they pertain to women and adolescents. Her goal in pursuing a PhD in nursing is to generate new knowledge that will inform the care of these populations and reduce the disproportionate burden of disease borne by racial and ethnic minorities and the poor. Currently, she is working as part of a research team at Dana Farber Cancer Institute that is studying the use of decision support tools in women diagnosed with cancer. She hopes to use this experience to further study the issue of decisional conflict, its determinants, and its implications for vulnerable populations.



Catherine Turnes-Bravo, MS, ARNP, graduated from the Stony Brook Nurse Practitioner program in New York, and holds certifications from the ANCC, CCRN, and CEN. Catherine has worked in settings such as PACU, ED and SICU as an ARNP. She was the Trauma & Burn Coordinator at the North Shore University Hospital, Long Island, NY and the Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. Catherine previously worked at Sand Lake Imaging in Orlando, Florida, and served as the research liaison and coordinator for industry sponsored research protocols in various neurodegenerative diseases. Catherine's focus in the PhD program will be on Concussive Head Injuries/Traumatic Brain Injuries in athletes. She will evaluate the parameters trainers and coaches use to recognize concussive injuries along the sidelines and the use of MRI biomarkers in delineating the acute, sub-acute and chronic post concussive syndrome in traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Her long term goal is to establish guidelines that will assist players, trainers, coaches and parents in quickly recognizing TBI events in order to implement appropriate care at the time of incident and apply use of MRI biomarkers to assist in determining the appropriate time frame for return to play (RTP). She will be working at Brigham & Women's Hospital with a team of emergency medicine, trauma, radiology, and nursing specialists.



Ahdab Eskandar, RN, MSN, is a BSN graduate of the King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, and a 2012 MSN graduate in community health nursing from the University of Illinois in Chicago. Ahdab earned a prestigious award from the Umm A-Qura University that allowed her to continue her education in the United States. She also worked as a Demonstrator within the College of Nursing. As an MSN student, Ahdab gave a poster presentation at the Midwest Nursing Research Society annual conference. Her presentation was sponsored in part by an award through the Dean Fund. Upon graduation, Ahdab worked as a Research Assistant for Dr. Kamal Elderawi at the University of Illinois in Chicago studying asthma. Ahdab is in her first year of the PhD in Nursing program at Northeastern University and is interested in researching breast cancer.



Gretchen Hamm, RN, MSN, ARNP-BC, completed her undergraduate work at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, CT, and her graduate work at Northeastern University. For over 10 years, Gretchen has worked as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. Currently, she works as a Neonatal NP at Boston Children's Hospital at the South Shore Hospital. Gretchen is an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University and coordinator of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program in the School of Nursing. Gretchen is in her first year of the PhD in Nursing program with an interest in neonatal nursing.