

## PhD in Nursing Program **Newsletter**

*Do all that you can, with all that you have, in the time that you have, in the place where you are.*

Nkosi Johnson



### Successful Dissertation Defenses

Congratulations to all who have successfully defended their dissertations in recent months!

#### **Lika Nusbaum, PhD**

"Research Nurses' Attitudes and Practices Regarding Communication of Risks and Benefits During the Research Informed Consent Process."

Advisor: Dr. Brenda Douglas

Lika is currently working on paper resubmissions and final edits of her third dissertation manuscript. She continues as a senior faculty and as head of the Emergency Nursing division at the Nursing Department of the Ben-Gurion University of Negev, Israel. With completion of her doctoral degree, she has become involved in our Master's program, guiding graduate students on thesis research projects and more.



Congratulations and good luck to **Alice Szczepaniak**, who transitioned to her new role at Boston University!  
We will miss you!

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## Publications

**Pozzar, R., & Berry, D. (2017).** Gender differences in bladder cancer treatment decision-making. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 44(2)

## Research Activity

**Jackie Brady** will be assisting Dr. Maryanne Quinn, an endocrinologist at Boston Children's Hospital, in investigating the impact of Type 1 Diabetes on adolescents and the role of care coordination in support of their school- and diabetes-specific measures and success. This will include improving communication between the family-school RN- diabetes team to "sign out" and "handoff" the student-patient's diabetes care at transitions of care discharge from home to school and discharge from school to parent guardian to enable safe "family centric transitions. In addition, Jackie and Dr. Quinn will conduct focus groups to examine students', parents' and school nurses' perceptions of the likelihood of parents responding to this inquiry on a daily, weekly, post-vacation basis. It is anticipated that this will lead into Jackie's dissertation.

**Rachel Pozzar** continues with her research practicum with Dr. Donna Berry at the Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing & Patient Care Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. They are currently analyzing the results of a pilot study of treatment decision making among women with ovarian cancer, their caregivers, and their physicians. The study was conducted in collaboration with Drs. Goff and Baldwin from the University of Washington.

## Presentations

**Melissa Cyr** presented a poster, "Analysis and Reduction of Practice Variation" at the Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT), Fall 2016, Hershey, PA, and gave a podium presentation, "The Costs and Consequences of Poor Access to Care" in Orlando, FL.



Melissa Cyr giving a podium presentation

## Accepted Presentations

### 29th Annual ENRS Scientific Sessions, April, 2017:

**Siobon Barrett**, poster presentation: The Associations of Mutuality in Substance Dependence Treatment with Drug Use and STI Risk Intentions

**Melissa Cyr**, poster presentation: Urban Versus Rural Barriers to Healthcare Accessibility: A Systematic Literature Review

**Ahdab Eskandar**, poster presentation: Breast Cancer in Saudi Arabia: A Narrative Review

**Anna Etchin**, poster presentation: Integration of a Conceptual and a Theoretical Framework to Explore Complex Phenomena

**Bertha Lee**, poster presentation: Use of a Wellness Coaching Model among Urban-Dwelling, Low-Income Older Adults: Outcomes of a Pilot Study

**Rachel Pozzar**, poster presentation: Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Cancer Research: A Review of the Literature from 2006 - 2016

**Kathryn Robinson**, poster presentation: Factors associated with genetic testing among relatives of individuals with Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome (HBOC): An integrative review

**Meredith Scannell**, poster presentation: Meta-analysis of HIV Prophylaxis among Sexually Assaulted Patients in the United States

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### Sigma Theta Tau's 28th International Nursing Research Congress (nominated):

**Melissa Cyr**, poster presentation: Urban Versus Rural Barriers to Healthcare Accessibility: A Systematic Literature Review

**Anna Etchin**, poster presentation: Factors Associated with Reintegration among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn: An Integrative Review

**Bertha Lee**, poster presentation: Use of a Wellness Coaching Model among Urban-Dwelling, Low-Income Older Adults: One-Year Outcomes of a Pilot Study

**Meredith Scannell**, poster presentation: Meta-analysis of HIV Prophylaxis among Sexually Assaulted Patients in the United States

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### Misc.

**Bertha Lee**, poster presentation: the American College of Sports Medicine's Annual Meeting in Denver, CO (May 30-June 2)

## Volunteer & Community Service

**Anna Etchin** continues to serve as a reviewer for Applied Nursing Research.

**Rachel Pozzar** recently began reviewing for the American Journal of Nursing.

## Awards & Honors

**Melissa Cyr** won best poster: "Analysis and Reduction of Practice Variation" at the Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT), Fall 2016, Hershey, PA.

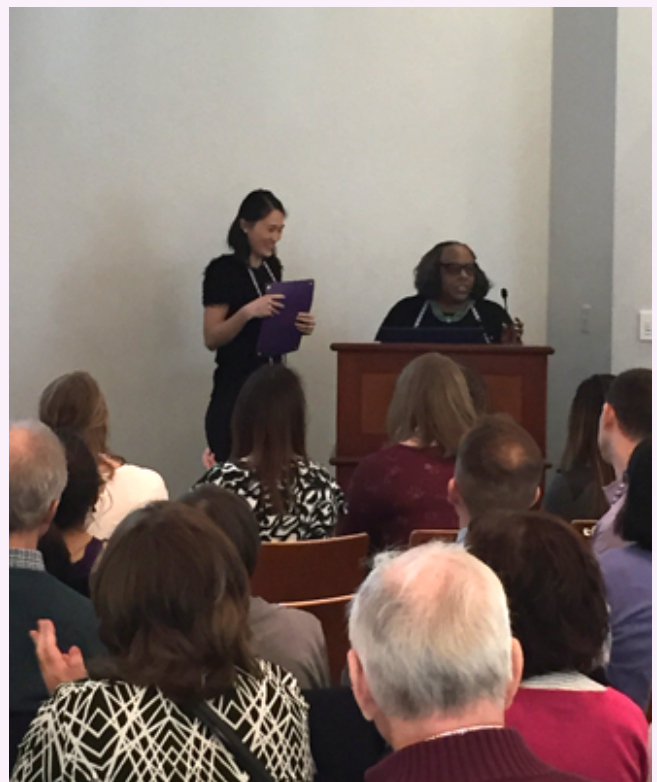
**Bertha Lee** received the STTI Research Congress Scholarship/ Gamma Epsilon Student Rising Star Award (\$1200) on Feb. 24th.

## Upcoming Events

**Nurse Innovation & Entrepreneurship**  
2nd Annual "Nurses Hack Healthcare"  
Hackathon  
Friday, March 24, 2017 4pm -  
Sunday, March 26, 2017 1pm  
Northeastern University

**Discovery Days: Nursing Science**  
**Engaged Research Symposium**  
Using Social Media and Facebook in  
Conducting Research Studies  
Rachel Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
12pm-2pm  
Egan Center - Room 240

**Eastern Nursing Research Society 29th Annual Scientific Sessions**  
"Leading the Way: Building Strength and Unity in the Diversity of  
Nursing Science"  
April 5-7, Philadelphia, PA  
Visit <http://www.enrs-go.org/html/2017-conference.html> for more  
information or to register.



Bertha Lee accepting the  
STTI Rising Star Award