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***“The School of Nursing is involved in addressing a pervasive and deepening nursing shortage.”***

– Laura Cox Dzurec

'74, PhD, RN, CS, Dean and Professor



In addition to our traditional responsibilities in education and research, the School of Nursing is involved in addressing a pervasive and deepening nursing shortage. At present, a shortage of nurses is reported not only nationally, but globally. Rapid aging of the nursing workforce and of the population in general, acuity of patient illness, low numbers of applicants to nursing programs, poor working conditions, and enhanced career opportunities for women in other fields contribute to the shortage. As demand for health care increases, the shortage will become increasingly more critical, with the national RN workforce forecast to be 20% below requirements by 2020.

Because patient care errors are related to health care staffing levels and to the knowledge levels of all staff, and because the health care environment is complex, addressing the nursing shortage is particularly significant. A faculty shortage and a national decline in the number of programs preparing nurse faculty also greatly concern the profession. Nursing programs that prepare well-qualified faculty are essential in the current crisis. Such programs are dedicated to the very best in nursing education, and are committed to preparing highly skilled entry-level nurses, advanced practice nurses, and nursing faculty with strong professional values.

Here are three sample strategies we are initiating to improve nursing shortage.

- A graduate-level entry program for those with degrees in other fields, but who wish to enter nursing.
- New community-based programs to meet the needs of underserved populations in Connecticut, building on our very successful CareLink program
- Partnering with agencies throughout the State to conduct relevant research and foster program development.

To accomplish these and other similar initiatives, we have four major fund-raising priorities:

- Obtaining funds required to renovate Storrs Hall and to build an addition.
- Endowing faculty chairs.
- Continuing to build our scholarship funds.
- Raising endowed funds to support nursing research.

The School of Nursing has a significant role to play in working with health care agencies, professional organizations, and providers throughout the State of Connecticut, the nation, and the world. Interagency partnerships yielding identifiable, measurable patient outcomes will contribute to a lessening of the nursing shortage and to an improvement in the health of the community.

We welcome you to join us in our continuing efforts to prepare students to deliver the best nursing care available and to advance the discipline of nursing. Please give us a call at the School if you would like to learn more. ■

## Greetings Fellow Alums:

I am enjoying making many new friends and getting to know some great UConn nurses as the new president and the “Alumni Connection” to the School of Nursing. We share a wealth of knowledge and varying nursing experiences on the alumni board. One of the perks of the job is attending Homecoming. Before this full day begins, we hold a very productive General Membership Meeting. The Alumni Association, Schools and Colleges, and affinity groups always do a superb job hosting visitors. The abundance of UConn fans, food, and free giveaways is wonderful. Typically, the School of Nursing hosts over 100 visitors. In 2000, the class of '80 took the prize for the most social group. Most alumni returning to campus are amazed at the ongoing improvements and construction projects. To culminate the celebration, the SON holds the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet on the Saturday evening of Homecoming weekend. Being with the UConn nurses from all parts of the USA honored for their phenomenal contributions to nursing makes me proud to be an alum.

Under Margie Brown's leadership, the Alumni Society became more involved in the undergraduate nursing events. We hope to further broaden our service, as alumni work to recruit students. We continue to look for volunteers willing to lend a hand, by either serving the Society or simply attending an event to support students and the School.

I hope you will check us out at the next Distinguished Lecture on April 19, 2001. Get involved! UConn is a great place and being an alum is a lot less stressful than being a student!



**“We continue to look for volunteers...”**

– Lisa-Marie Griffiths  
'91, MAEd, MS, APRN,  
President, School of  
Nursing Alumni &  
Friends Society

## Philosophy & Vision: An Encouraging Report

Activities in the School of Nursing are guided by four important missions: teaching, scholarship, practice, and service. Our faculty, each with personal strengths and expertise in clinical specialty areas, contribute in unique ways to our missions.

During the last six months, we have worked together to refine the philosophy of the School of Nursing. Some of the values grounding the School's philosophy are: collegial and cooperative relationships; diversity; lifelong learning; open and direct communication; wise use of resources; and expansive visions and creativity.

Shaping our work, these values guide us in our teaching, scholarship, practice, and service. Additionally, they have guided us toward developing a modified administrative structure.

Interim Associate Dean Helen Shah stepped down from her position as Dr. Kathleen Bruttomesso, Interim Dean, handed over the reins to Dean Dzurec. Meeting coast-to-coast via videoconference technology in June, faculty and Dean Dzurec determined that a flat organizational structure could best meet the needs of the School to optimize resources and enhance developmental potential. As a result, a new School of Nursing infrastructure is evolving to include program coordinators for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs, a faculty chair, and a look toward an associate dean for research. The new administrative structure is called the FLAT team, symbolizing both the new, lean structure of the administrative team and representing the actual title of the administrative group, Faculty Liaison Administrative Team.

With the collaboration of faculty and staff, the FLAT team has successfully delineated the structure for a School of Nursing strategic plan including Centers that group faculty and staff by areas of expertise. School of Nursing Centers include: Nursing Research, International Affairs, Student Affairs, Instructional Technology, Operations, Marketing and Development, and Alumni and Community Relations. Teaching and strategic planning are core operations that underlie the work of the Centers. Faculty remain at the center of our School. Specific centers and functional work groups help structure the work that needs to be done.

We look forward to the collaboration of the FLAT team, faculty, staff, and students, and to the continuing support and commitment of the University and the community as we implement our strategic directions within and beyond the School. ■

# Research

## Center for Nursing Research: “Thinking Allowed...”

The faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing are firmly committed to research as the core of the academic process. As a result, teaching and service revolve around active research programs. Faculty expertise in research results in significant service contributions to the community and in state-of-the-art nursing knowledge for undergraduate and graduate students. As research is an essential element of nursing practice, faculty prepare students to evaluate research findings as well as to conduct investigations. With faculty as mentors, students at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels are actively engaged in evaluating and conducting research.

The Center for Nursing Research (CNR) meets the challenge of the School's strong research focus. A faculty director oversees four doctoral-level graduate assistants and two undergraduate student workers. Assistance is provided to faculty, students, and other members of the health care community. Resources and expertise are available to support all aspects of the research process including literature searches, research design, instrument development, data management and analysis, computer applications, grant writing, and manuscript or presentation preparation.

The CNR is located in two rooms on the ground floor of Storrs Hall. Students and faculty gather in a collegial atmosphere and engage in the intellectual process, promoting the generation of new ideas, which may spawn the next research question. A visit to the CNR finds students at all levels gathered at the computers, entering data, performing statistical analyses, interpreting results, and exercising their creative potential. The intellectual activity, combined with the computer applications available in the CNR, offers an experience that helps researchers, whether novice or expert, to bring the research process to life. ■

## Life After Bypass

Dr. Karyl Burns continued to recruit patients throughout summer 2000 at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center for her study, *Strategies to Enhance Patient Outcomes after Coronary Bypass Surgery*. The study, funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research, is designed to test the effect of two social cognitive strategies, modeling and self-modeling, on patient outcomes. Follow-up data collection progresses and will be completed in summer 2001. Staff from the cardiac rehabilitation unit of at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center actively helped with patient recruitment and deserve a special thank you. ■



Karyl Burns '74, '80,  
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Director, Center for  
Nursing Research,  
Assoc. Professor

## Relief for AIDS Patients

AIDS patients' experiences with nausea and vomiting is the focus of Dr. Elizabeth Anderson's work. Anderson and Margaret Spencer, APRN, Trinity Hill Health Care, are testing tools previously used with cancer patients to better understand nausea and vomiting in patients with AIDS. Looking at the incidence and severity of these symptoms and their correlation with mood, Anderson seeks nursing interventions to influence quality of life for AIDS patients.

Anderson received an award from the Connecticut Department of Health for her work on the *National Health Service Corps Student Experiences and Rotations in Community Health*. She represents UConn working on *Practice Based Research* with Yale, UMass/Amherst, and URI. ■

## Early Detection Tool for Postpartum Depression Saves Lives Globally

Dr. Cheryl Beck's work identifies women at high risk for postpartum depression and provides a mechanism to initiate definitive diagnosis and treatment. The *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS)*, designed by Beck and Robert K. Gable, UConn Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology, contains 35 items to be used in both clinical and research settings across various specialties. The *PDSS* and its psychometric manual will be published in spring 2001 by Western Psychological Services, Los Angeles, CA. It is now being translated into German. Its psychometric properties are being assessed at the University of Erlangen-Nuernberg, Germany.

Beck has completed the first year of a 3-year, \$180,000 project, *Screening Hispanic Mothers for Postpartum Depression*. Funding is from the Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation. Consultant Henrietta Bernal '68, '74,



Cheryl T. Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Professor

Professor of Nursing, and eight translators representing four major Hispanic groups in the U.S. (two each from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Central America) translated the *PDSS* into Spanish. Next, psychometric properties of the *PDSS-Spanish Version* will be

assessed. A sample of 400 Hispanic mothers will be recruited from clinical sites in Connecticut and Texas. Robin Froman '84, '87, Professor of Nursing at University of Texas Medical Branch, previously Professor at UConn, will be site coordinator in Galveston, Texas. ■

## Managing Pain After Surgery

Dr. Deborah McDonald's study, *Postoperative Pain Communication Skills for Older Adults*, teaches elderly surgical patients how to communicate their pain management needs to their nurses and other health care providers. Funded by a National Institute of Nursing, Research Academic Research Enhancement Award, McDonald uses video to teach patients skills to describe their postoperative pain. Doctoral student, Sheila Molony '86, and Mary Wattick, senior honors student, help complete the research team. More than 60 elders have participated. The team has completed data collection and the initial results of their analyses look promising. If learning from the videotape helps the elders to significantly reduce their postoperative pain, the videotape and accompanying hand-out will be made available for use in hospitals, physician and nurse practitioner offices, and health care facilities. ■

Deborah McDonald '81,  
PhD, RN,  
Assoc. Professor



Laura Cox Dzurec '74,  
PhD, RN, CS, Dean and  
Professor, UConn  
School of Nursing (left)  
and Catherine Lynch  
Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN,  
Dean and Professor,  
Yale School of Nursing



## UConn/Yale Investigating the Patient/Provider Relationship

Launched in 2000, an extraordinary statewide program initiated by Yale and UConn will help researchers to study health care relationships. Supported by the Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, the *Program for the Study of Health Care Relationships (HCR)* is a three-year collaborative, multidisciplinary project to examine how the quality of clinician-patient relationships ultimately affects patient health. Initially, the program will focus on the problems of patient adherence to treatment protocols. It is expected to go beyond adherence once the prototype project is completed.

Dr. Regina Cusson, Professor of Nursing at UConn and HCR Site Director in Storrs, notes the study of relationships will answers questions about treatment adherence and its effect on various therapeutic regimes. "The focus of research is usually on trying to find a cure for illness," she says. "We are now looking at a shift toward helping people live with chronic disease or – better still – helping people stay well." Dr. Sally Cohen, Associate Professor of Nursing at Yale is HCR Project Director, and Dr. Judy Krauss, Professor of Nursing is Yale's Site Director.

Laura Dzurec, Dean of the UConn School of Nursing, notes that "We are thrilled about the opportunity to study relational aspects of health care. Data from earlier and smaller studies have shown that quality of relationships can significantly influence client behaviors." Findings will be shared with patients, health care professionals, caregivers, providers and policy makers in Connecticut and nationwide. ■

Elna Daniels (left)  
tries the drug interaction  
program on a laptop  
computer at the  
Mansfield Senior  
Center with seniors  
Virginia Chartier (center)  
and Jill Roy



Peggy L. Chinn,  
PhD, FAAN, Professor  
and Webmaster



Yale University School of Nursing,  
University of Connecticut School of Nursing, and  
Patrick & Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, (2000).

**Program for the Study of Health Care Relationships.**

Available: <http://info.med.yale.edu/nursing/hcr>



## New UConn Program Alerts Patients to Dangerous Drug Interactions

Dr. Patricia Neafsey's research, *Preventing Drug Interactions in Active Older Adults* uses an interactive multimedia Personal Education Program (PEP) she developed. The program is shown to elders on large-screen laptops to accommodate their learning styles and psychomotor skills. The PEP covers Blood Pressure Medicines; Blood Thinners; Antacids and Acid Reducers; and Pain Relievers. The 4-year study is funded by The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation.

Senior Honors and Independent Study nursing students Virginia Chartier and Jill Roy are recruiting participants from senior centers in New Britain, Willimantic, Manchester, and Bloomfield to test the effectiveness of the PEP compared to traditional interventions and no interventions. Senior community health nursing students are implementing the project under supervision with clients in their own homes. Student response shows the experience to be highly beneficial in building confidence, drug knowledge, and research skills. Using PEP, students can identify older adults' knowledge deficits about drug interactions arising from self-medication. This is the first research project at the UConn School of Nursing to be an integral component of the clinical experience of seniors. ■

## Nurses Helping Nurses: [www.nurse-manifest.com](http://www.nurse-manifest.com)

The *Nursing Manifesto: A Call to Conscience and Action* calls nurses to reclaim and profess their "individual and professional sovereignty." Dr. Peggy Chinn with Richard Cowling, RN, PhD, Medical College of Virginia, and Sue Hagedorn, RN, PhD, University of Colorado, have coinitiated this innovative World Wide Web Project.

The project includes a web-based research study designed to explore nurses' perceptions of their work lives through stories that reveal deep meanings about the practice

of nursing today, and to describe how nurses conceive of and create change in these circumstances.

During the first phase, nurses who wish to participate in the study share stories about what it is like to practice nursing today. The research team will synthesize dominant story plots and themes into metastories that will be posted on the web site. The next phase begins when metastories appear on the web, so nurses can participate in electronic discussion.

The web site also offers suggestions for local, grass-roots action that nurses can use to create networks of support for action. Some suggestions bring a smile and chuckle, like the idea of "citizen salons" that bring

## Relieving Pain for Cognitively Impaired Elderly

Dr. Amy Kenefick's research, *Identifying Pain in Cognitively Impaired Elderly*, uses a descriptive design to study pain related behavior. The American Nurses Foundation and the Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society have funded the first two phases of the study.

Kenefick identifies uncontrolled pain as a cause of depression and dependency.

Kenefick's sample is 100 cognitively impaired persons. A nurse-observer records participant's behavior before, during, and after medically ordered blood tests. Results will assist nurses in identifying and relieving pain for these patients ■

together nurses and their neighbors. In the salons they can discuss problems and issues in health care, and explore ways in which people can work together to make specific local changes. Visit the web site to see lots of other ideas and inspirations! ■

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## Babies and Moms Thrive on Heart to Heart Contact

Kangaroo Care (KC) happily brings parents and their preterm, diaper-clad babies skin-to-skin, and chest-to-chest, and provides

great benefits for preterm infants: weight gain, earlier weaning from oxygen, and shorter hospital lengths of stay. Parents report KC to be satisfying, and many feel they are finally "doing something" for their babies. Researcher Dr. Art Engler is now expanding his study to quantitatively examine the impact of KC on parents.

Funded by a University of Connecticut Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship. The results of Engler's study, *Kangaroo Care and Maternal Stress: Physiological and Psychological Effects*, show a significant decrease in stress for mothers practicing KC.

# ***International Community***





# UConn Alumni & Health Agents Making Haiti a Healthier Nation:

## Public Health Outreach Program of the Haitian Health Foundation Recognized for Best Practices by GHO

The Haitian Health Foundation, Inc. (HHF), begun as a volunteer effort of health professionals, has grown into an outpatient health care facility supported by a nondenominational foundation based in Norwich, CT. In 1985, HHF moved its outreach to Jeremie, in rural southern Haiti, based on a suggestion of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa's idea to bring health care, hope, and opportunity to this especially poor and remote area resulted in HHF's mission and the delivery of service to over 200,000 (total population >600,000) of the poorest people in Haiti (per capita income \$325).

With funding by USAID/Haiti in 1989, the Public Health Outreach Program of HHF began child survival activities. All Outreach Program staff are Haitian except Dr. Bette Gebrian-Magloire '77 (Nursing), '93 (Medical Anthropology), Primary Health Care Coordinator. Dr. Gebrian-Magloire, faculty member at the School of Nursing since 1983, has resided in Haiti for the last thirteen years and is dedicated to her work serving the mission of HHF. Dr. Gebrian-Magloire and Dr. Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr. '86 (Public Health), HHF's founder and President, have received recognition in Connecticut and beyond for their work with HHF. Both alumni feel fortunate that their passion to serve HHF has attracted other alumni and friends to enthusiastically volunteer and support the organization.

### **The Outreach Program and Clinic**

Serving as the major outpatient health care facility for the area, HHF places emphasis on preventive, prenatal and pediatric care, provision of health education, and immunizations. The "Klinik Pep Bondye-a", HHF's clinic and headquarters, also provides nutritional, dental, medical (including the only eye care for 100 miles) and emergency services. Daily, health care to 350-400 patients is provided using mostly donated equipment and supplies. The 27,000 square foot clinic is outfitted with a pharmacy, clinical laboratory, dental operatory, medical examination suites, outpatient surgical suite, medical laboratory, medical and dental radiology equipment, and sonogram.

The Outreach Program utilizes resident village health agents who receive technical supervision from medical staff to provide preventive and basic health care. Dr. Gebrian-Magloire and the HHF medical director, Dr. Royneld Bourdeau, have trained health agents, who on average have a seventh-grade education, in nonformal teaching and





community participation approaches. Health agents, nominated for the position by a group of village leaders, are currently employed in 98 villages surrounding Jeremie and are extraordinary in their commitment to serve their communities. Agents see measurable declines in morbidity and mortality and the appreciation of their communities. They participate in continuing education and enjoy a healthy sense of inter-agent competition. They enjoy feedback they receive on their performance. Due to the effectiveness of Dr. Gebrian-Magloire, her Haitian staff, and Dr. Royneld Bourdeau, each project launched – including acute respiratory infection, vaccination campaigns, and exclusive breastfeeding – has succeeded beyond expectation.

Since a new respiratory intervention was added, the health agents' work has become more demanding, since agents can be called on to diagnose acute respiratory infection at their homes any day of the year. Agents may keep children in their homes for observation if the child lives far away and has been diagnosed with severe diarrhea or pneumonia. On occasion, agents have walked hours to transfer vaccines when vaccine refrigerators broke down. During several periods of HHF lay-offs, agents have worked without pay until they could be re-hired.

Many believe that the demand for curative care precedes that for preventive care, but HHF has shown that a demand for preventive care can emerge where none previously existed.

### **Measurable Improvements in Health**

In 1993, HHF trained the health agents using the World Health Organization algorithm for Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) diagnosis and treatment, and began computerizing data from case record forms. Dr. Gebrian-Magloire's commitment to computerizing programmatic information and allowing others to analyze these data has set an example for all who work in global health. During the first five years of the ARI intervention, Dr. Gebrian-Magloire personally reviewed each case record form and entered the data into a database. As a result, she now has a high quality database containing data from more than 17,000 cases which have been used for evaluation and research purposes.

In 1990, the World Health Organization selected HHF as one of four sites for a focused ethnographic study examining the cultural perceptions and health-seeking behaviors related to pneumonia. A significant finding was that few mothers were able to recognize rapid breathing, the key diagnostic sign for diagnosing pneumonia. In 1995, Anne Pope '96 (Public Health), analyzed 1994 data and produced a descriptive analysis, including an analysis of multiple cases of pneumonia in the same child. The ARI intervention was evaluated by two CDC epidemiologists in late 1997, who estimated that the pneumonia-specific mortality rate in children under five had been reduced by 50%.

In 1998, a World Health Organization epidemiologist returned to Haiti to conduct a case-control study of children who had three or more diagnoses of pneumonia before the age of five. Tremendous logistical challenges were overcome to bring affected families to Jeremie for a chest x-ray and to bring both cases and controls to one of the vehicle-accessible meeting points for interview and physical exam. Although HHF received funds to pay some expenses, no funds were provided to cover the numerous labor hours contributed by HHF staff to this study. Researchers found that the only statistically significant factor predicting recurrent pneumonia was a history of wheezing. Thus, they learned that asthma may be an important contributor to recurrent pneumonia and/or may be misclassified as pneumonia by the WHO criteria.



**Examples of the excellent work of the Public Health Outreach Program, including the following levels of service coverage in the HHF zone:**

- 66% of children under six months of age were exclusively breastfed. (In comparison, the 1994/5 DHS survey found that nationally only 0.6% of children 4-6 months of age were exclusively breastfed).
- 98% of children aged 9-59 months had the level of measles vaccination appropriate for their age and 85% had all immunizations complete for age.
- 72% of children were weighed twice or more and in 90% of cases where a child had weight loss the caretaker received appropriate counseling.
- 82% of pregnant women received three or more prenatal visits.

Captions left to right:

Juliette Shellman '99, and Haitian patient; Haitian Street Scene; Bette Gebrian-Magloire '77, '93 with Health Agent

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### ***Lasting Impact on Nursing Graduate Students: Work and Life Changed Forever***

June McClure '97, '99, Cathy Narcavage-Bradley '99, and Juliette Shellman '99, were masters students in UConn's Community Health Nursing program when they went to Haiti with Dr. Gebrian-Magloire. Juliette Shellman, a clinical faculty member and doctoral student at the School of Nursing, says her primary reason for going to Haiti was "to gain international community health experience with Dr. Gebrian-Magloire." During her visit Juliette conducted a qualitative study of reminiscence experience with Haitian elders to determine common characteristics of Haitians' experiences of attaining old age. Common themes emerged and Juliette has presented her findings at ENRS and the Transcultural Nursing Society's Annual Conference. Juliette's current grant, funded by the American Nurses Foundation, is a direct result of her Haiti experience. She intends to use reminiscence with African American elders to compare and contrast themes from both populations. "The most

profound part of the experience was talking with the elders and hearing their stories. While themes were similar to those of American white elders, the Haitian themes were powerful and moving because of the poverty and destitution that surround the lives of the Haitian elders." Juliette was struck by how at peace the Haitians were with themselves and says, "the people of Haiti and their stories made my research experience remarkable."

June McClure '97, '99, Clinical Nurse Specialist, is working with HHF on her fourth and most extensive trip to Haiti to help make a privately funded Maternal Waiting Home a reality. June was prompted to return to HHF because "despite all the tremendous health projects and improvements in child survival, the maternal mortality rate remained very high." The new Maternal Waiting Home, the outcome of a study using the Safe Motherhood Framework, will build upon the strong foundation of prenatal care and education that HHF delivers. June says, "because many pregnant women with identified high risks live in the remote mountainous area, frequently





2- 14 hours walking distance from vital services, many die unnecessarily.” The Maternal Waiting Home will provide a facility adjacent to the hospital for at-risk pregnant women not only to live, but to receive education and health training for the 2-3 weeks prior to delivery. One of the strongest elements of HHF’s success is the trust and spirit of community participation that has developed. During focus group sessions, community members not only identified problems when at-risk women leave the village, but also agreed to work together to resolve key issues such as providing temporary care for children left behind. June says, “I encourage more students, alumni, and individuals involved with the School of Nursing to come to Haiti and experience the possibilities of such an effective participatory community model.”

June remarked that although the interdisciplinary pieces are necessary, “community health projects need nurses, like Dr. Gebrian-Magloire, who, with both passion and a practical focus, drive almost impossible challenges into a caring, life-giving reality.”

## HHF’s Success and Plans for Growth

### 93% of Donations Go Directly to Help the Poor, Thanks to HHF’s Dedicated Volunteers

- Construction on a donated 5-acre site near the clinic and the local government hospital:
  - *The Kwash Center*, 12-15 bed inpatient facility, to treat children with deadly Kwashiorkor – severe malnutrition.
  - *The Lying In Center* (Maternal Waiting Home), an inpatient facility for 12-15 high-risk pregnant women.
  - *A Food Distribution Pavilion*, used to store and distribute food to over 1,400 children and prenatal women 3 times per week, and to deliver nutrition and preventive health care education.
  - *Save-a-Family*: Over 1,000 Haitian families matched with individual sponsors who donate \$25.00 per month for their needs, are provided with shelter, food, education, and “cottage” self-supporting businesses. (This entirely volunteer-driven program allows 100% of donations to

support a family)

- *Visiting volunteer physicians and dentists*: Offering specialized treatment to patients with the latest procedures and technology. Over 125 patients with cleft lip/palate were treated through our liaison with the University of Connecticut Health Center and maxillofacial surgeons from New England.
- *Education Program*: For over eight years HHF has provided access to school (1,250 students presently attend) because education is neither free nor mandatory in Haiti. Save-a-Family Program pays for tuition, books, uniforms, and shoes which prevent a source of malnutrition by reducing parasites’ entrance into children’s bodies.
- *Latrine Building Program*: Building latrines encourages sanitation helping to curtail the spread of disease related to lack of proper waste disposal. To date, over 800 latrines have been built in Jeremie and surrounding villages.
- *Housing Construction/Renovation*: Recipients participate in building houses to replace small, rickety shacks of cardboard, tin, and straw. Since 1997, over 130 “Happy Houses” (made of concrete,



tin roof, doors, and windows) have been built or renovated for approximately \$500 each. Donated by benefactors at \$5,000 each, 5 duplex houses were also built for the use of the elderly, orphaned, and destitute.

- **The Creole Pig Replacement Program:**

Reintroduction of over 7,500 Creole sows, a historic staple of the peasant economy, destroyed by a Swine Flu epidemic in the '80's.

- **Layer Hen Project:** Distributing layer hens provides means of support and nourishment to local families.

- **Goat Project:** Purchase and distribution of 1,000 goats to rural families. Each goat (cost \$150 - including delivery, labor, feed, immunization) is bred, bartered, milked, or used as a source of animal protein for people on meager diets.

- **Peace Corps volunteers:** In 1998, 2 full-time volunteers were assigned to serve in local villages.

- **Aid to Artisans:** In 2000, Jeremie was selected as one of three Aid to Artisans sites in Haiti, which advances self-support through sale of local crafts and training of craft workers.

**"Come down and see for yourself what advanced nursing practice in international public health nursing and anthro looks like!"**

-Dr. Gebrian-Magloire

### UConn's Involvement:

In addition to serving on faculty of the School of Nursing since 1983, over the last 12 years Dr. Gebrian-Magloire has collaborated with UConn School of Medicine, Department of Community Medicine, and with Dr. Judy Lewis to provide educational experiences for students. More than 30 students have received academic credit in Medicine, Anthropology, Public Health and Nursing. Gebrian-Magloire has a long history of providing educational experiences to students and invites nursing alumni and all students to visit her and HHF in Haiti. Currently, Gebrian-Magloire is exploring a collaborative relationship with UConn's Department of Medical Geography in Storrs to map the health care services HHF is providing in remote villages.

### Donors and Volunteers:

HHF relies heavily on the generosity of donors and the many volunteers who donate their time and talents. Volunteers travel to Jeremie, at their own expense, from America, Canada, and Europe. They include health care providers, electricians, plumbers, teachers, clergy, and students. The Klinik Pep Bondye-a houses up to 20 full-time and visiting volunteers and a 3-bedroom hospitality house serves long-term volunteers.

Margaret Sweetland Patricelli, MS, a member of the UConn School of Nursing Advisory Board, was so inspired she has been to Jeremie twice since 1998 as a volunteer. "It is a life-changing 'count your blessings' experience. Seeing is believing," says Sweetland Patricelli. "HHF's public health, outreach, and education programs are run very cost effectively. Its computerized health education system is one of the best in the world. Each year more village health agents become (and stay!) involved in HHF's education programs. The work they do in their own communities is producing measurable and lasting improvements in their families' and neighbors' health status." ■

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### HHF Haiti

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## Nursing in Honduras Program to Begin

In the summer of 2000, Dr. Arthur Engler spent a month working in a small village on the north coast of Honduras. Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras, village people and volunteers rebuilt the village destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in November '98.

As the result of poor health care and sanitation, villagers suffer from many chronic and acute health problems. Engler treated many skin infections in children, advised mothers on breastfeeding, and administered parasite medications to 40 children.

The College of Continuing Studies and the School of Nursing are pleased to offer Community Nursing in Honduras, summer 2001. Integrating clinical experience with an enhanced sense of cultural awareness, this program is open to qualified UConn School of Nursing students, nursing students from other colleges and universities, and practicing nurses seeking to expand their knowledge of health care practices in an international setting. Students will earn four academic credits; CEUs will be available for practicing nurses. The four-week summer session is directed by Engler, who will accompany the group.

For more information, contact Pat Harkins at 860-486-5985 or [pharkins@access.ced.uconn.edu](mailto:pharkins@access.ced.uconn.edu) ■



# ***Building for the Future***

## **UConnect to Nursing**

Since 1947, the School of Nursing has prepared thousands of nursing professionals who deliver care locally and throughout the world. As the only public School of Nursing in New England classified as a *Carnegie Foundation Research University - Extensive*, the School's programs and research expertise distinguish it from all others. "It is because of such a quality foundation and our dedication to enduring relationships with community partners," Dean Dzurec notes, "that we have been able to continue to graduate students who serve the health care needs of a diverse population in our State and beyond."

Today, the School of Nursing is proud to initiate the "*UConnect to Nursing: Always There To Care*" campaign. "This campaign is the synthesis of the School's efforts to enhance the delivery of exceptional nursing education, research, and scholarship," says Dean Dzurec. Because so many individuals have connected to our alumni, faculty, and students, we have named our campaign *UConnect to Nursing: Always There To Care* honoring the very special ties among our friends and partners in nursing. We encourage our friends in nursing to continue participating with the School through its education, research, scholarship, and community service opportunities. Dzurec adds, "We welcome you to explore new ways to connect with the School of Nursing and to our specific areas of expertise."

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- Nursing Research Center
- Academic Advisory Center
- A 120 seat multi-purpose room
- Administrative/faculty offices
- Dean's suite

Opening onto a lobby and terrace, a multi-purpose room will be used for classes, lectures, symposia, events, and celebrations. A dean's suite/conference room will provide a large reception area. The Academic Advisory Center and Nursing Research Center on the second and third floors will be for students, staff and faculty.

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# ***Students***

## **Students' Internet Research Yields Significant Results**

The Internet has quickly emerged as a readily accessible source of health information for consumers. Nurses can evaluate and use Internet sources to enhance their patients' health knowledge, while helping prevent patients' use of inaccurate health information. This past fall, junior year nursing students in the Adult Health course worked in teams or singly to develop health education posters, using credible Internet sources, as part of a course assignment. The poster topics included reflexology, use of the automatic external defibrillator, prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer, smoking cessation, and numerous other topics. The students not only evaluated the Internet sources, they converted the information into highly effective teaching posters using PowerPoint software. The poster session provided a valuable public service to the community, and illustrated the knowledge, skill, and creativity our students bring to teaching others about their health. ■

## Third Annual Research Day Scheduled

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Third Annual School of Nursing Research Day on Monday, May 7th. The event will consist of cutting-edge research presentations by students from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. We anticipate that several of our doctoral students will finish their research this year and present their findings at this event. You will have the opportunity to hear about clinically relevant research findings months before they appear in publication. In addition, senior honors students will be sharing their research findings. Ann Dodge and Virginia Chartier both received funding through a summer fellowship, supporting their research efforts this past summer. Ann surveyed Connecticut nurses to find out their understanding of complimentary therapies. Professor Peggy Chinn provided guidance and support during her research. Virginia Chartier has been working closely with Professor Patricia Neafsey on Dr. Neafsey's study of a computer program that teaches elders about their drug and nutrient interactions. In addition to the superb paper presentations, the faculty will also conduct a research poster session that describes findings from their most recently completed research. Join us for a glimpse of what students and faculty are doing at your School of Nursing. ■

Wendy Alperin-Lea '01



Kim Watts '02

Pamela Renfrew '02



Nicole Sweeney '01



Christine Williams '02

Theresa Anosorn '01



## Student Honors Awarded

**Tara Bernen '02** was named a University Scholar. Tara's honors work will be focused on evaluating web information for Hemodialysis patients. She will develop and evaluate a web page for Hemodialysis patients.

### Virginia Chartier '01

Chartier, V. (2000). Using Touchscreen equipped laptops at blood pressure clinics to educate older adults about drug interactions arising from self-medication. UConn Undergraduate Research Office, Summer Research Program (\$4000).

Virginia Chartier received the 2000 CLN Peer Recognition Award.

### Ann Dodge '01

Dodge, A. (2000). Descriptive survey of student attitudes towards holistic modalities in nursing. UConn Undergraduate Research Office, Summer Research Program (\$3000).

**Kerrin McGillicuddy** (MS/MPH student) and **Sue Storti** (PhD student) were selected to attend the 2000 Health Policy Institute with the Summer Immersion Leadership Program.

## Sigma Theta Tau Mu Chapter

The University's Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is the 11th chartered chapter of this distinguished organization. Each year, nursing students from the undergraduate and graduate programs who meet membership requirements are invited to join STTI.

Membership in STTI enables nurses to gain support, to network, and to be mentored.

**Diana Norris '94, '97, MS, RNCS, APRN, President, Mu Chapter STTI**





Undergraduate student scholarship recipients from left to right: Teri Valentini '02, Tara Bernen '02, Kate Gwladza '01, Laura Scarpa '02, Mary Wattick '01, Collete Orszulak '01, Kerry Landers '01, Artemis Gaudette '02.

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## An Array of Scholarships

We are pleased to offer an array of scholarships to our students. Because of significant contributions made by the Rice family and friends, the Mary Barbara Rice Scholarship has been endowed. Thanks to the generosity of Carole Vestali Neag RN, an eligible 2001 graduate of Torrington High School will be provided with a four-year scholarship to attend the School of Nursing beginning in the fall of 2001. We thank the many donors who have made it possible for students to study here.

See our new web site for full scholarship

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- Elizabeth Mary Heinzer '04 received the *Christine Yoran Brenner Scholarship*.
- Ann Mullin '02 and Krysta Marie Spinnato '04 received the *Amanda and Jacob Brax Memorial Scholarship*.
- Marshay Tenesha Nicholson '04 received the *Emma Smith Kennedy Scholarship*.
- Terri Brancieri '02 received the *Ralph and Ruby Gilman Scholarship*.
- Elizabeth Christina Kalwat '04 and Mary Wattick '01 received awards from the *Nursing Scholars Fund*.
- Virginia Chartier '01 received the *Presnick*

*Family Nursing Scholarship*.

- Katherine Gwiazda '01 received the *American Legion Scholarship*.
- Teri Valentini '02 received the *Dorothy Solon Schuman Memorial Scholarship* and the *Edgar, Clark, & Blanc Scholarship*.
- Colette Orszulak '02 received an award from the *Ferdinand and Nellie D'Esopo Fund*.
- Artemis Gaudette '02, Laura Scarpa '02, Tara Bernen '02 and Kerry Landers '02 received awards from the *Paul L. Jones Fund*.
- Katherine Pazdrak '01 received the *Richard Hoffelder Memorial Scholarship*. ■

## Distinguished Lecturers Reach Out to Students and Community

Our **Distinguished Lecture Series Spring 2001** presentation will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2001. Scholar Nancy Milio, PhD, FAAN, FAPHA, Professor of Health Policy and Administration and Professor of Nursing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has worked in the U.S. and abroad in community health organizations. Her recent book, *Public Health in the Market: Facing Managed Care, Lean Government, and Health Disparities*, offers health solutions for today's economy.

Students, alumni, community members and friends are welcome to join us for the following Distinguished Lecturer events:



Nancy Milio, PhD,  
FAAN, FAPHA

**2:00 to 3:30 pm** *Open Forum* for undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students.

**4:00 - 5:00 pm** *Presentation: Health in A Market Environment: Reality & Prospects.*

Nancy Milio, PhD, FAAN, FAPHA

Location: Chemistry Auditorium,  
Storrs Campus.

**5:00 to 6:00 pm** *Reception*

Chemistry Building Atrium

**SAVE-THE-DATE:** September 6, 2001. Fall

Distinguished Lecturer, **Christine A.**

**Tanner RN, PhD, FAAN**, Editor of

*Journal of Nursing Education*.

# Alumni

## Nurse Leaders Inspire Profession



Marian Snyder

Shirley Langford



Charlene Phelps

Rachel Schiffman



Margie Brown

### Fourth Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

As the region and nation focus on a deepening nursing shortage, we are pleased to acknowledge nurse leaders whose successes highlight the profession. Recently, the School of Nursing presented four Outstanding Alumni Awards and one Distinguished Service Award at the *Fourth Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet*. The alumni awards were established in 1997 in recognition of our most talented alumni, and to honor past Deans.

**Marian Walker Snyder '64, PhD, RN,** was presented with the Beverly Koerner Outstanding Alumnae Award for Education in Nursing. Snyder is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Carroll College - Columbia College of Nursing and Dean and Professor of the intercollegiate nursing program. Prior to her position as Dean, Marian acted as the Associate Director at the Columbia School of Nursing. She has served as Vice President of Columbia Hospital. Her scholarly work has been significant. Her professional presentations, numerous grants, and active community service have enhanced the field of nursing education. In addition, she has worked with the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps (emergency room, pediatric outpatient clinic, surgical units); as a Jewish Vocational Service Health Nurse (sheltered workshop setting for clients with physical, psychological and mental handicaps); and with Columbia Hospital emergency room. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Pi Lambda Theta Chapter, and has been inducted into Who's Who in American Nursing. Snyder is the President of the University of Connecticut Club in Milwaukee and has been active in volunteering her time to host events and recruit new individuals to UConn and alumni activities.



**Shirley Sherman Langford** '65, MBA, RN, was presented with the Carolyn Ladd Widmer Outstanding Alumnae Award for Leadership in Nursing. After graduating from UConn, Langford worked as a staff nurse, nursing administrator, and public health nursing supervisor.

In 1976, she established a successful home care operation. In 1980, she completed her MBA at the University of New Haven and purchased Interim HealthCare, becoming the growing organization's President and Treasurer.

In 1990, Langford began Interim Health Care of Southwestern Connecticut, opening an additional three offices, for a total of six. The combined operations had annual sales of over nine million dollars in 1999. She continues to maintain close, hands-on involvement on a day-to-day basis. The home care divisions are presently state licensed, Medicare certified, and approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations with commendations.

Langford has been very active in the community, serving on boards of directors and in officer positions for a variety of organizations. She has been an advocate for women and recently was appointed a member of the Congressional District 2 Advisory Council of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She is also serving as President-Elect at the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut. Langford attributes her success to honesty, hard work, positive attitude, and surrounding herself with people with attributes like hers. "My company is a great one due to my great employees, and without them, I would not be where I am today," Langford says.

**Charlene Phelps** '62, MSN, RN, FAAN, was presented with the Eleanor K. Gill Outstanding Alumnae Award for Clinical Excellence in Nursing. After graduation from UConn, Charlene took her first position at University Hospitals of Cleveland. In 1965, she completed her MSN at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Western Reserve University, in Cleveland. Charlene taught at Yale University and at the University of Massachusetts before returning to University Hospitals in 1977 as Assistant Director of Nursing. She was named Associate Director of Nursing in 1982, and Administrator of the Hemodialysis Unit and Vice President of Medical Surgical Nursing/Patient Care Services in 1984.

Phelps has held several positions at Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing including: Clinical Professor of Medical Surgical Nursing, Associate Clinical Professor, and Assistant Dean of the BSN Program. She has served as the Senior Vice President of Nursing for the University Hospitals of Cleveland since 1995. She received the Pacesetter's Award; Cleveland YWCA Women of Professional Excellence Award, 1986; ONA Excellence in Nursing Service Administration Award, 1993; the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives Award of Excellence in Nursing Leadership, 1994; and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Case Western Reserve University, 1999. Phelps is a charter member of Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Mu Chapter, and is listed in the Directory of Greater Cleveland's Enterprising Women. She was appointed a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1991.

**Rachel Fredette Schiffman** '81, MS, PhD, RN, received the Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumnae Award for Research in Nursing, and is an Associate Professor in the College of Nursing at Michigan State University. She received her BS in nursing from Boston College, and her MS in nursing and PhD in educational psychology, evaluation, and measurement from the University of Connecticut. She is a certified instructor for the Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST) Program. She is a fellow at the Center for Low Birthweight Research at the University of Pennsylvania. For ten of the twelve years since receiving her PhD, she has received research funding.

Schiffman is Principal Investigator for a study funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, entitled *Pathways Project: Research into Directions for Family Health and Service Use*. This grant along with two other grants, one from the Community Action Agency and one from the Mathematica Policy Research Inc., forms the nucleus of a five-year national effort to evaluate Early Head Start (EHS).

Schiffman's research also has been funded by Michigan State University, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Region II Community Action Agency. She has been involved in interdisciplinary projects and research studies and with community/University partnerships for much of her academic career. She is Project Director for the Michigan State University component of the national Early Head Start Research and Evaluation Project, and is a member of the national Early Head Start Research Consortium.

**Mary M. "Margie" Brown '91, MS, RN,** received the University of Connecticut School of Nursing Distinguished Service Award. In 1973, she graduated with honors from the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston, Massachusetts. Brown was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Central Connecticut State University in 1989. She received a Masters from UConn in 1991 where she specialized in Critical Care. Currently, Brown is Vice President for Patient Care Services at Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital. She is site administrator at Rockville General Hospital, and is cross site manager for Cardiopulmonary, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Chaplaincy, Dialysis, Surgical and Ambulatory Services, Epidemiology, Anesthesia, Rehabilitation Services, Social Work, and Care/Case Management. Brown has been recognized by the Connecticut League for Nursing with the Peer Recognition Award for Accountability, Commitment, Leadership and Nursing Care. She served as President of the Alumni Society Board of Directors for three years, and has selflessly supported the SON Alumni & Friends Society. Her projects include developing the School of Nursing Alumni & Friends Society; implementing Reorganization Day; creating Society By-Laws; recruiting students; and addressing graduating classes. ■



**Class of 1950:** Left to Right: Top row - Barbara Boardman, Margaret Davidson, Shirley Edwards, Claire Kilday; Bottom row - Lois D'Addetta, Jane Borkowski

## Alumni Notes

Please keep alumni updates coming! They will continue to be published in "Remembrance Books" and in newsletters.

### '50s

#### **Barbara Striby Boardman '50**

Milford, CT

I was active in nursing for about 35 years, both as a staff nurse and nursing supervisor in Public Health Agencies. My five years prior to retirement were at a hospital as their discharge planner.

#### **Jane Abrams Borkowski '50**

Wallingford, CT

Formerly, Staff Nurse (Yale, New Hampshire, Mass General, Mt. Sinai ), Head Nurse (Yale, School Nurse), Faculty (15 years with North Haven High School CNA Program). Many adventures and interesting trips with Friendship Force US and abroad. Still volunteer as Health Historian - ARCMS. Received MS in Education at Southern Connecticut State University.

#### **Lois Clark D'Addetta '50**

Northford, CT

Retired from Masonic Home and Hospital.

#### **Claire Ryniec Kilday '50**

Bristol, CT

Retired from Bristol Hospital.

### '60s

#### **Virginia Ann DeFeo Boughton '60**

Milford, CT & , South Kingston, RI EDIN@aol.com

Retired 6-3-00 from job as school nurse (25 years) in middle school serving 650 children in Milford, CT. Have four adult daughters, no one's married at this time. Hoping for grandchildren.

#### **Marilyn Janet Wood Joseph '60**

Falls Village, CT sallis.nurses@snet.net

Current employer Salisbury VNA, for which previously served as director. Previous employment with NYPH Dept; UCLA Pediatrics; Peace Corps group IV Malaysia; Victorian Order of Nurses Montreal, Canada; CHH/set up HC. Dept; SVNA for 21 years! I would not be where I am if it were not for my education at UConn, Dean Widmer, Jo Dolan, 'Andy', Miss

Peloqui and Harriet Wilcox. My father and my two daughters also graduated from UConn.

#### **Jeanne Ducharme Taylor '62**

Atlanta, GA

1987- present Piedmont Hospital INC-CRNI, '93 Staff Nurse/ Intravenous Therapy (IV) Team. From 1982 to 1987 floor nurse/orthopedics. Many years of volunteering at my children's schools and active in church work. Now have 5 grandchildren. My husband, Josh, and I have just returned from Sydney, Australia, where my youngest son, Matthew, competed in the white water slalom two men canoe paddling event (C-2) the most exciting trip we've ever had.

#### **Mary Polly Cannon Pharo '62**

Brookeville, MD

I have been working as a school community health nurse for 20 years now. My assignments have been middle and elementary schools. I have done many health education programs (my specialty - smoking, alcohol, drugs, menstruation, hygiene, safety, stress). I am also self-employed part-time with Lady Remington Jewelry in direct sales and work with Pat Woods Cunningham '62 (UConn classmate). I have 2 children both college graduates and married. Hope to retire soon and spend time at my three homes 1)Maryland 2)Virginia 3)Florida. I'm in close contact with Diane Barry and Joan Boynton, UConn 1962 also.

## Homecoming '01

Dean Laura Dzurec celebrated her first Homecoming in 2000 at *Huskies in Paradise*. Due to construction, Homecoming 2001 will not be held on the Student Union Mall. Stay tuned for information on the following Homecoming 2001 events:

- Alma Meter Fun Run
- KidsK
- UConn Bus Tour
- Homecoming Parade
- Homecoming Pre-Game BBQ
- Homecoming Sporting Events.

Homecoming 2001 will offer visitors the first opportunity to enjoy overnight accommodations at the new hotel and conference center.

Many other changes on campus will be evident including the new addition to the Alumni House with an expanded Great Hall, the Husky Heritage Sports Museum, an Alumni Library and Resource Room featuring books by alumni and faculty.

## Accepting Award Nominations

We are currently accepting nominations for the following awards to be given at the Fifth Annual Alumni Awards Banquet:

- The Carolyn Ladd Widmer Outstanding Alumni Award for Leadership in Nursing
- The Eleanor K. Gill Outstanding Alumni Award for Clinical Excellence in Nursing
- The Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumni Award for Research in Nursing
- The Beverly Koerner Outstanding Alumni Award for Education in Nursing

The award criteria are outstanding contributions in leadership, clinical excellence, research, or education, as specified in each award. Individual alumni or a group may be nominated. However, at least one member of the group must be an alumnus of a SON degree program. Individuals nominated may be living or deceased.

Submit a letter of nomination identifying contributions made, and include the nominee's curriculum vitae. A faculty committee with Alumni Board representation will make the selection. Forward your nominations to:

Kathe Gable  
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 231 Glenbrook Road, U-2026  
 Storrs, CT 06269-2026  
 Phone: (860) 486-0613  
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 Email: [Kathe.Gable@UConn.edu](mailto:Kathe.Gable@UConn.edu)

**Judith W. Ryan '65'**

Baltimore, MD  
 Received MS from Boston University and PhD from University of Maryland. Started my own company this year employing nurse practitioners to provide medical management to residents in long-term care and consultative services to LTC Administrators. President of Nurse Practitioners and Consultants, P.C.

**Winifred Hoyt Schroeder '65**

Bradenton, FL  
 I was a Navy Nurse during Vietnam Era from 1966-1969. Worked in hemodialysis (2 years), taught students at Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing and at DE Community College in PA, worked for Wyeth Pharmaceutical Co. in Research and Development from 1988-1999 (retired). Moved to FL and now working at Manatee County Health Department as a case manager for FL Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Also sing in 3 choirs and will travel to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest with Key Chorale to perform in summer 2001. All three children are married and second grandchild is due June 2001.

**'70s**

**Barbara Zysk Balzer '70**

Fort Collins, CO [Barbara@antaresproperty.com](mailto:Barbara@antaresproperty.com).  
 Received Colorado Real Estate license and I am currently self employed as owner and broker at Antares Property Services Inc. Retirement at such a young age, my husband and I love it!! Nursing was fun for 15 years and then onto Real Estate. Where has 30 years gone? I look upon my time at UConn's School of Nursing as wonderful memories! The class of 1970 had such bright and dedicated young ladies.

**Barbara Wright Whetstone '70**

Sunbornton, NH [Abbbc@juno.com](mailto:Abbbc@juno.com).  
 Received MSN from University of Utah in '77, Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Presently I'm an outpatient therapist with adults and couples and do psychiatric home care nursing. Married to Clinical Psychologist, Albert Whetstone - published new book on ADHD and OD titled "How to get togetherness: Improving ADHD and OD relationship in families and classroom". Three children: Bryan at Skidmore College, Alexander at University of Colorado, and Chelsea is in 3rd Grade.

**Jean Collin Bouchard '75**

Southbury, CT [Jeanboucha@aol.com](mailto:Jeanboucha@aol.com).  
 Director of Nursing, New Milford Nursing Home, New Milford, CT. Have held positions in psych-short stay general hospital Nursing. Primary Career is Long-Term Care (LTC). After 5 years as a LTC Nurse Consultant have taken a DNS position in a small Nursing and Rehab care facility in Litchfield County. Have been married 24 years to a UConn 1974 grad- Have 3 sons, one who began his UConn career in fall '00.

**Joyce E. Cook Schoonover '75**

Concord, CA [jesartist@aol.com](mailto:jesartist@aol.com).  
 Received MFA in '99 from Academy of Art College, San Francisco, CA. Currently self-employed fine artist, civic art education/art instructor. After 13 years as an RN, a back injury (followed by three surgeries) and raising 3 children I finally returned to grad school to pursue my lifelong dream as an artist. I've found happiness and success in my career as a fine art painter/art instructor. See my website at [www.jesartist.com](http://www.jesartist.com) to view my paintings, artist statement, etc

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#### Dr. Dori Taylor-Sullivan '75

Chester, CT [taysull@hotmail.com](mailto:taysull@hotmail.com) or [sullivand@sacred-heart.edu](mailto:sullivand@sacred-heart.edu)  
 Received PhD in Educational Psychology from UConn '90. Certified in Nursing Administration and Staff Development/Continuing Education (RNC, CNA) and healthcare quality (CPHQ). Currently the Director and Associate Professor of Nursing Program at Sacred Heart University. Married Neil Sullivan in 1992. Have three children and two grandsons.

#### Diane M. Presnick '75

Cheshire, CT  
 Certified in Nurse Midwifery at SUNY Downstate '85. County OB/GYN, CNM. Private practice office nurse-midwifery OB/GYN care since 1995. Spouse Paul Rothbart, '75, Natural Resource Management. Have two sons ages 8 and 10.

#### Joanne T. Wondolowski Jozefowski '78, '80

Millbury, MA [jozefowski@aol.com](mailto:jozefowski@aol.com)  
 Currently working at Prescott Health Care LLP as Senior Psychologist, specialist in bereavement therapy. Authored *The Phoenix Phenomenon: Rising From the Ashes of Grief* (Jason Aronson Publisher). Voted "one of the best books of 1999" by the American Journal of Nursing.

#### '80s

##### Pia Valori Tamilio '80

Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 Legal nurse consultant specializing in medical malpractice and insurance defense.

##### Davina Ferrero King '89

Storrs, CT and Piscataway, NJ [davinaking@netzero.net](mailto:davinaking@netzero.net) or [dking@hcsus.jnj.com](mailto:dking@hcsus.jnj.com)  
 Currently working as a Nurse Consultant at Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems in New Jersey. Received an MBA with a specialization in Health Care Management in '93 from the University of CT. Formerly worked as Hospital Director at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Med/Surg Nursing, Hospital Strategic Planning, Redesign

and Hospital Operations, after working previously in the NICU & Pediatrics in various management roles. Living in Storrs, CT with husband when not traveling. Would love to network with other UCONN alumni.

#### '90s

##### Lisa McKinney Ciufecu '90

North Franklin, CT [Lisachoo@aol.com](mailto:Lisachoo@aol.com)  
 I worked seven years on a general medical floor at Saint Raphael's before transferring to NICU and OB at Saint Raphael's. I currently work in neonatal intensive care at Lawrence and Memorial part time and per diem at Saint Raphael's. I am happily married and have two beautiful children ages eight and four.

##### Linda M. Lowrey Langlais '90

Cheshire, CT [llanglais@yahoo.com](mailto:llanglais@yahoo.com)  
 Currently employed at University of Connecticut. I was an emergency department nurse for ten years and held positions in long-term care and emergency as Nurse Manager. On 8/30/2000 I started as part time clinical faculty for NU217. Married and have three children, Emily, Evan and Nathan. I am President of Connecticut Emergency Nurses Association.

##### Kerry Carlton Milner '90

Stratford, CT [kerrymilner@aol.com](mailto:kerrymilner@aol.com)  
 Published dissertation in American Journal of Cardiology, 1999. Research areas: Women's health, cardiac, mainly from an epidemiological focus. Yale School of Nursing MSN, DNSc First graduate of Yale SON doctoral program in 1998. Lecturer in Adult Advanced Practice Specialty.

##### Susan Lee Spayne Riffe '90

Chestnut Hill, MA [Csriffe@aol.com](mailto:Csriffe@aol.com) or [sriffe@northeastrehab.com](mailto:sriffe@northeastrehab.com)  
 Currently working at Northeast Rehab Health Network. I worked at MGH '90-'93 as staff RN. Back to grad school (MPA/HA). Started work at Northeast in '95 until the present. Graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

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- Class Agents:
- Help the School identify alums who have lost touch with us
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# Faculty

## Dynamic Faculty Defining Nursing

### Allchin, Lynn

Given award by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to attend an End of Life Seminar to be held in Cleveland, June of 2001.

Parse, R. R., & Allchin, L. (2000, December). *The ontological- epistemological-methodological link: A dialogue with Rosemarie Rizzo Parse*. Presentation at Hunter College, The City University of New York by the Northeast Chapter of the International Consortium of Parse Scholars, NY.

### Anderson, Elizabeth

Named to Editorial Review Board. (Fall 2000). *Advances in Nursing Science*.

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Anderson, E. H. (2000, October). *Are jailed women ready to change risk behaviors leading to AIDS?* Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, Albuquerque, NM.

Anderson, E. H. (2000, November). *Nausea/vomiting in long-term care AIDS' patients*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Anderson, E. H., Spencer, M., & Lennon, S. (2000, October). *AIDS related nausea and vomiting in long-term care patients*. Presentation at 4th Annual Research/Research Utilization Conference: Enhancing Healthcare Outcomes Through Nursing Research, Hartford, CT.

Koslawy, M., & Anderson, E. H. (2000). Thyroid disease: A review for primary care. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 13*, 11-17.

Rapsilber, L., & Anderson, E. H. (2000). Understanding the reimbursement process. *The Nurse Practitioner, 25*, 1-8.

### Beck, Cheryl

Beck, C. T. (2000, January). *Qualitative vs. quantitative research*. Presentation at The University Texas Medical Branch Knowledge in Nursing conference, Galveston, Texas.

Beck, C. T. & (2000, April). *Doing qualitative research: Research stressors and strategies*. Presentation at the 12th Annual Scientific Sessions, Eastern Nursing Research Society, Newport, RI.

Beck, C. T. & (2000, April). *Postpartum Depression Screening Scale: Determining its sensitivity, specificity, and predictive value*. Presentation at the 12th Annual Scientific Sessions, Eastern Nursing Research Society, Newport, RI.

Beck, C. T. (2000, September). *Misuse of depression instrument*. Presentation at Pre-Marce Biennial Meeting, Manchester, UK.

Beck, C. T. (2000, September). *Further validation of the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale*. Keynote address at the Marce International Society Convention, Manchester, UK.

Beck, C. T. (2000, October). *Teetering on the edge: Surviving postpartum depression*. Keynote address at the annual meeting of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, Albuquerque, NM.

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- Polit, D., Beck, C. T., & Hungler, B. (2000). *Essentials of nursing research: Methods, appraisal, and utilization*. Philadelphia: Lippincott.
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- Bernal, Henrietta**
- Bernal, H. (2000, April). *Correlates of self-efficacy in diabetes care among Hispanic diabetics*. Presentation at the 12th Annual Scientific Sessions, Eastern Nursing Research Society, Newport, RI.
- Bernal, H. (2000). *Delivering cultural competent care to new refugees*. Presentation at the conference on Bosnian refugees. Refugee Coalition/Hartford Health Department, Hartford, CT.
- Bernal, H. (2000). *Diabetic care for the Hispanic population: Implications for practice*. Keynote address at the Veterans' Administration Hospital and University of San Juan Puerto Rico School of Nursing Research Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Shellman, J., Reid, K., & Bernal, H. (2000, November). *A community-university partnership to reach vulnerable populations: The CareLink project*. Presentation at the 128th American Public Health Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.
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## Prominent Nursing Archives Growing

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Emeriti Gather at Alumni Banquet. Seated, left to right: Connie (Mather) Scott, Andy Williams, Jane Murdock. Standing: Judy Quinn, Linda Suess, Bobby Orne.

## Salute to Our Emeriti & Retired Faculty!

**Kate Ahmadi**, PhD, RN  
**Georgette Brochu**, MS, RN  
**Dorothy Coburn**, MS, RN  
**Marga Frederikka Simon Coler**, EdD, CS, CTN, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita  
**Arlyne Della Donna** '58, MS, RN  
**Josephine Dolan**, MS, RN, Professor Emerita  
**Audrey J. Fulcher**, MS, RN  
**Margie Freston**, PhD, RN  
**Elaine M. Geissler**, PhD, RN  
**Laura Govoni**, PhD, RN  
**Gail Harkness**, Dr PH, RN, FAAN  
**Janice E. Hayes**, Ph.D, RN, Professor Emerita  
**Eleanor Krohn Herrmann**, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita  
**Carol Keenan**, MS, RN  
**Muriel Williams Lessner** '68, 75, PhD, RN, Associate Professor Emerita  
**Jane E. Nicholson Murdock**, EdD, MS, RN, Associate Professor Emerita  
**Eileen Murphy**, DNSc, RN  
**Roberta Orne**, PhD, RN, Associate Professor Emerita  
**Judith Quinn**, MS, RN, Assistant Professor Emerita  
**Helen Constance Mather Scott**, PhD, RN, Associate Professor Emerita  
**Virginia Smith**, MA, MS, RN  
**Linda Suess** '67, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor Emerita  
**Janice A. Papeika Thibodeau**, '66, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita  
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### Updates

#### Dr. Marga Coler

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I'm presently collaborating with the nursing faculty at the Federale University of Paraiba to study Nursing Language and Concept Analysis. My research is in the area of linguistics in nursing. I am a Clinical Reviewer for the International Classification of Nursing Practice. Highlights this year included:

- The Elizabeth Mottet award by the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association for my International work in Nursing Diagnoses.
- Invited Speaker at the *Nursing Knowledge Conference* (Boston College, 10/00) to address Nursing Knowledge in Brazil.
- M. S. Coler, L. do C. A. Araújo, A. A. Coelho, T. M. R. M. de Figueiredo, M. R. de Melo Freire & M. E. de Araújo Moreira. (2000). Social violence: A case for classification as a sub-phenomenon of community in the ICNP® *International Nursing Review*, 44, (1), 8-18.
- Selection and translation of that article by the Japanese Nursing Association, and subsequent publication of that article in the Autumn 2000 issue of the *Journal of the Japanese Nursing Association*.

Personal News: Maria Isabel Felix-Coler (Baby Bella), my first American/Brazilian grandchild was born in Windham Hospital on 2/1/00. Tony (my youngest son) and Adriana (a social psychologist with whom I worked to implement the UConn/UFPB AIDS conferences in '91 and '93) live in my old house in Storrs. Maria had her Unitarian style

dedication with seawater on the rocks of Swans Island, Maine, and was Christened in Brazil in December). . . One of the wonderful spin-offs of international nursing!

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#### Dr. Elaine Geissler

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I'm loving retired life and my condo in Florida is my escape from cold New England winters. I've retired from nursing except for one annual guest lecture on international health at the University of Miami School of Nursing and for monitoring sales on the 2nd edition of my Pocket Guide for Cultural Assessment. My volunteer life is devoted to the Humane Society and the care and adoption of unwanted cats. I've taken up Japanese brush painting and get a lot of pleasure from it. I sold one of my pieces. I traveled to Baja California this year and attended my first Elderhostel in Massachusetts with a Florida friend.

#### Dr. Eleanor Herrmann

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I do intermittent consultation and speaking engagements, but basically I'm retired. In September of 2000 I was inducted as President of the American Association for the History of Nursing for a 2 year term. I write a column for CT Nurses Association newspaper on Historical Vignettes of Connecticut Nursing and serve as a curator of the Josephine A. Dolan Collection of nursing artifacts at the UConn School of Nursing. Periodically I prepare exhibitions of those artifacts in the Dolan Room. Students, Alumni, Faculty and School of Nursing Friends are welcome to visit and view the Dolan Room Collection.

In memoriam **Elizabeth (Betty) Laliberte** died on October 13, 2000. She was a much loved and respected faculty member from 1974-1998.

#### Dr. Muriel Lessner

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Since retiring in 1992 I have managed to keep very busy. In the spring, summer, and fall I play golf 2-3 times a week. In the winter I ski once a week in CT, and take approximately 2 ski vacations a year. This year it is Vail, Colorado in December, Les Gets, France in January, and Sunday River in Maine in March. I also play Bridge 2 times a week and baby-sit my 5 year old grandson 2-3 times a week before school (Kindergarten). Also I go into the Kindergarten classroom and work with the students on the computer. And, in my spare time, I am an avid sewer. I own a computerized Viking, Designer 1, sewing machine and an embroidery machine so the whole family wears embroidered clothes!

#### Dr. Jane Murdock

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Since retirement in January, 1997, I have been actively involved as a volunteer in the work of the Connecticut



Jo Dolan and Laura Dzurec

### Catching Up with an Old Friend

by Laura Dzurec

I routinely lose track of the time that's past since I left UConn in 1974, and now that I'm back, I spend lots of time on memory lane. I've taught the current students a thing or two about the way it was at UConn. I vividly remember the day I first met Judy Neiderwerfer Kelly '73, and how we painted the porch of the Widmer Cottage. During a recent visit, Judy pulled out a great picture of her dad, Frank Neiderwerfer '38 and his poker buddies in their Storrs Hall dorm room. This photo started the ball rolling and I decided that many of you may have old photos or UConn memorabilia you might like to share. If you do, please consider sending it to us at the School of Nursing. We're interested in photographs, stories, nursing paraphernalia, and other pieces of history you might have. We plan to display memorabilia at alumni reunions and encourage additional ideas regarding how the School can use your UConn treasures. If you are interested in donating your memorabilia to the School, please contact Kathe Gable by phone at (860) 486-0613 or by email at [Kathe.Gable@UConn.Edu](mailto:Kathe.Gable@UConn.Edu).

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League for Nursing and the Connecticut Nurses' Association. I was President of CLN from 1997-1999 and continue to be a member of the Board. During this period, I have had the opportunity to coordinate the web conversion of the LPN to RN Transition course that is part of the statewide articulation plan. This project was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson-funded Colleagues in Caring Project, the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium, and the Daphne Culpepper Foundation, and was developed and offered in collaboration with Charter Oak State College. The course was offered for the first time in the spring of 2000 with 8 students enrolled. This spring there will be 20 students enrolled and two sections of the course will be offered. A description of the development of the course

was the focus of an article which appeared in the February 2000 issue of the *Journal of Nursing Education* and at a presentation at the NLN Education Summit in September, 2000. Also during this period I have been a founding incorporator of the Nursing Career Center of Connecticut, Inc. and currently serve as President of the Board. The Center has been funded by the Helene Fuld Foundation to provide a network of services to recruit new nurses into the profession and to support the retention/career satisfaction and career advancement of those already in the profession.

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#### Dr. Helen Constance Mather Scott

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On November 11, 2000 I married John J. Scott and have moved to Bristol.

#### Dr. Jan Tibodeau

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I volunteer as a member of the Columbia Fire Department and completed coursework to become certified as an EMT. That plus my nursing experience provides a good background for ambulance calls. I have to get used to wearing a beeper and wearing my shoes all the time so I can get to calls quickly. I'm still playing lots of golf and traveling to new courses. In 2000, co-authored 5th Edition of the *Advanced Practice Nurse, Issues for the New Millennium* with Joellen Hawkins. In July, 2000 I finished a book on the History of Columbia Lake, 1865-2000. I had great fun doing oral histories, visiting old cottages and delving through archives.

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### Plan to 'T' Off! Sheila Packard Golf Tournament & Scholarship Dinner

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