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The **Graduate Nurse Network (GNN)** would like to take a moment to welcome back our returning graduate nursing students and extend a warm welcome to our new graduate students.

The GNN is the graduate student organization in the College of Nursing with the goal of keeping the graduate nursing students informed while providing networking opportunities. In the past, the GNN has prepared a Newsletter to provide information about programs, activities, and services here at the College of Nursing. This information is now included in the spring and fall letter you receive from Dr. Marguerite Schlag, Director, Graduate Nursing Program. This new format of the GNN Newsletter is to foster opportunities for networking by featuring a Sharing Forum. The Sharing Forum will highlight research, conferences, and rewarding experiences of which the master's and doctoral students wish to share. If you would like to learn more about the student's experiences, you may contact the students via e-mail.

## **Sharing Forum**

**Abdullah AlMahrouqi** (Education) presented on the topic of informed consent. Abdullah hopes to publish on this topic by the end of this year. Abdullah also attended an educational conference in Maryland over the summer titled Educating Nurses: Innovation to Application. Abdullah is a member of the Student Nursing Association of Pennsylvania, Villanova Chapter and plans to attend the National Conference for Student Nursing Association in California 2007. ([abdullah.almahrouqi@villanova.edu](mailto:abdullah.almahrouqi@villanova.edu))

**Laura DeMare** (Nurse Practitioner) is currently working towards her Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) certification. Laura has a BSN from the University of Rhode Island with a minor in thanatology (the study of grief, death and dying). ([laura.demare@villanova.edu](mailto:laura.demare@villanova.edu))

**Geraldine Shimko** (Education) attended the third annual National League of Nursing (NLN) Nursing Education Research Conference in Arlington, VA. One of the keynote speakers was Villanova Professor Emeritus Terry Valiga. Over the summer, Jeri attended the George Mason University School of Policy, Ethics and Research, which focused on Heideggerian Philosophy, hermeneutics, and phenomenology. Jeri worked with scholars from all over the world in a weeklong dialogue with Pamela Ironside and Nancy Diekelmann. Jeri's independent study focuses on Heideggerian Philosophy. Jeri has received an invitation to work as a graduate student at the NLN in New York. In 2006, Jeri was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Interdisciplinary Honor Society. ([geraldine.shimko@villanova.edu](mailto:geraldine.shimko@villanova.edu))

**Patricia Bevlock** (Nurse Practitioner) attended the National Conference for Nurse Practitioners and Acute Care Clinicians over the summer. Recently she attended the Cardiovascular Institute of Philadelphia 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The topic for her independent study is Cardiovascular Disease Risks in HIV-Infected Persons Receiving Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) and Management of Such Risks. ([patricia.bevlock@villanova.edu](mailto:patricia.bevlock@villanova.edu))

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**Ruth Crothers** passed the Doctoral Qualifying Examination in May 2006. ([r\\_crothers@yahoo.com](mailto:r_crothers@yahoo.com))

**Anne Fink, Janet Fogg, and Bonnie Altieri** passed the Doctoral Qualifying Examination in October 2006. ([anne.fink@villanova.edu](mailto:anne.fink@villanova.edu) , [jef13@psu.edu](mailto:jef13@psu.edu) , [pandb90@verizon.net](mailto:pandb90@verizon.net) )

**Meryl Daly-Parker** earned the credential, Certified Nurse Administrator, Advanced in May 2006. ([meryl.daly.parker@villanova.edu](mailto:meryl.daly.parker@villanova.edu))

**Janet Fogg** presented the following poster at Pediatric Research Day at the Hershey Medical Center in June 2006: Fogg, J., Haidet, K., & Winger, M. Needs assessment and evaluation of a parent support group in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). ([jef13@psu.edu](mailto:jef13@psu.edu) )

**Ann Fronczek** was promoted to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor, Decker School of Nursing, State University of New York at Binghamton. ([ann.fronczek@villanova.edu](mailto:ann.fronczek@villanova.edu) )

**Margaret Hattori-Uchima** gave testimony before the Guam Legislature in May 2006 on the issue of funding for the University of Guam. ([margaret.hattori.uchima@villanova.edu](mailto:margaret.hattori.uchima@villanova.edu) )

**Tamara Kear** has been appointed to the NLN Instructional Technology Task Force, and was elected Vice President of Iota Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. ([tmkear@comcast.net](mailto:tmkear@comcast.net) )

**Cathy Lovecchio** has assumed a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor on the Department of Nursing at the University of Scranton. She passed the Doctoral Qualifying Examination in May 2006. ([catherine.lovecchio@villanova.edu](mailto:catherine.lovecchio@villanova.edu) )

**Ruth McDermott-Levy** passed the Doctoral Qualifying Examination in May 2006. She has been appointed to the editorial board of the new journal, Nursing Education Oman. ([ruth.mcdermott-levy@villanova.edu](mailto:ruth.mcdermott-levy@villanova.edu) )

**Amy McKeever** has assumed the position of Assistant Clinical Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University. She presented "Abnormal Paps and the HPV Vaccine" at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of AWHONN in September 2006. She passed the Doctoral Qualifying Examination in May 2006. ([amy.mckeever@villanova.edu](mailto:amy.mckeever@villanova.edu) )

**Cynthia Rubenstein** is presenting the paper, "Childhood Obesity: How Pediatric Nurses Can Make a Difference," at the eighth Annual Pediatric Conference in Richmond, VA, October 2006. ([cynthia.rubenstein@villanova.edu](mailto:cynthia.rubenstein@villanova.edu) )

**Anne Vitale** is NJSNA Moderator for Nurse in Trenton Day and she is Chair of the NJSNA Congress on Practice. ([anne.vitale@villanova.edu](mailto:anne.vitale@villanova.edu) )

**Opportunities**

The College of Nursing has graduate assistant and tuition scholar positions available for next semester. If interested you may contact Dr. Marguerite Schlag, EdD, RN Assistant Dean and Director, Graduate Nursing Program ([marguerite.schlag@villanova.edu](mailto:marguerite.schlag@villanova.edu))

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**REMINDER:**

Practicum and Independent Study Applications for Summer and Fall of 2007 are due **February 1st, 2007**.