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AAPN Specialty Thrives

Debby Ferholt Retires After 31 Years

YSN Prepares for a New Arrival

Deborah A. Chyun '82, Director of the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty.
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Did you know that:
- The infant mortality rate is twice as high among African Americans, Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives as it is for Caucasians, despite a 16% overall decline in US infant mortality during the last decade?
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is six times more prevalent among African Americans than among Caucasians?
- Heart disease mortality is 40% higher for African Americans than for Caucasians?
- Stroke mortality is nearly 80% higher for African Americans than for Caucasians?
- Cancer is more common and more often fatal for African Americans than for any other racial group in the US?
- Suicide rates have increased 105% since 1980 among African American youth?
- Epilepsy occurs 50% more often in African Americans than in Caucasians?
- Type 2 diabetes is 70% more common among African Americans than Caucasians?
- HIV and AIDS incidence is growing faster in most minority populations than in Caucasians?

These are among the concerns to be addressed by the new Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health. With the support of that Center, YSN has expanded its Yale-Howard Scholars Program. Launched in Summer, 2000, this program continued in Summer, 2001 with six Howard undergraduates coming to YSN for five weeks to work with YSN faculty and study health disparities. The program goal is to expose these students to the methods of clinical nursing science in hopes that they will continue their education in nursing. Ultimately, we hope that these Scholars will become the clinical scientists who will study and solve the mysteries underlying these profound health disparities.

In September, YSN co-sponsored a joint conference on Health Disparities with the faculties of Medicine and Public Health. The day featured the ongoing and related work of faculty across the entire Yale campus. Participating students asked for our support in admitting more students of color and offering interdisciplinary academic programming to support the elimination of health disparities. This promising day provided a glimpse of the work in the coming decade and of all that is possible when we work together to improve the health of all people.

Catherine Lynch Gilliss
Dean and Professor
Reunions 2002

The Helix of Healing Relationships! This is the theme for the 2002 Reunion Weekend. What in the world does that mean? Well, inherent in YSN’s success over so many years is the intricate network of relationships between the education, research, and clinical practice initiatives. This network of relationships can be viewed as a helix, something spiral in form, where no part is more or less important than the next, but taken as a whole is a mighty force to further our mission, better health care for all people. The diversity of our ambitions - the various ways in which we pursue our mission - is also that which unites us in a single purpose. Our creative teaching methods, ongoing cutting edge research, and the breadth of the roles assumed after graduation will all be showcased through student panels, faculty and alumnae/i presentations, and celebration of the 25th anniversary of the first graduating GEPN class, formerly known as the Three Year Program for Non-Nurse College Graduates. Lastly, we will be honoring Donna Diers ’64, former Dean, who has announced her upcoming retirement. More to come...but you absolutely MUST plan to attend! Remember, June 6-8, 2002, in New Haven.

Yale Online Alumni Directory

We are pleased to announce that early in the new year, all alumnae/i of Yale University will have access to a new set of online services and communities. The most important and first of these will be a searchable electronic directory. Yale nurses will be able to log onto the alumni directory Web site, enter their user identifications and passwords, and then search to find the whereabouts of their friends and colleagues from Yale. Each alumna/i will have an opportunity to edit his or her own listing and to make a decision about how much or how little information will be visible to other alumnae/i who access the system. All alumnae/i will receive written notice by mail in January, 2002 with instructions about how to modify their listings and log on to the system. This service has been developed by the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) in conjunction with the publishers of the printed alumni directories, the Harris Publishing Company. This service is an exciting step forward in networking and community-building opportunities both for our school and all the other institutions at Yale.
Yale School of Nursing Prepares for a New Arrival

By Colleen Senterfitt, Service Director, Yale Women's Health and Midwifery

The Yale School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Specialty is proud to announce its new arrival: Yale Women's Health and Midwifery, a division of the Yale School of Nursing Faculty Practice Group (YSNFPG). This full-scale nurse-midwifery practice will begin accepting patients in January, 2002. The launch of this exciting project is made possible by a three-year Advanced Education Nursing Program grant awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Project Director is Lynette Ament, PhD, CNM, and the Co-Directors are Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, and Courtney Lyder, DNSc. Located in Derby, CT the faculty practice will be a clinical education site for nurse-midwifery students and will focus on primary women's health care. YSN faculty who will staff the practice and precept nurse-midwifery students include certified nurse-midwives and an adult nurse practitioner.

The practice, located in the Naugatuck Valley, will also serve the nearby towns of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton. Three of these towns (Derby, Ansonia, and Seymour) are federally designated as underserved areas. Of the Valley's 130,556 residents, approximately 10,600 are uninsured and underinsured women. High mortality rates due to cancers, especially breast cancer; a growing rate of sexually transmitted diseases; substance abuse among young women; and a high rate of low birth weight infants in the Valley make it a targeted area for federal funding.

Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery has partnered with the Valley Council in their Community Access Project (CAP). The community’s award of a federally funded grant from the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education will allow coordinated activities that best address the needs of the population. A women's health coordinating center has been planned to increase access to health care services for the Valley’s uninsured and underinsured women by better networking community providers and eliminating the disparities between access of services to women in the Valley. This infrastructure will support and strengthen the existing network of hospitals, public health departments, primary care providers, community organizations, faith-based organizations, and other social supports for women and their families. These communities are working to create solutions that contribute to a larger public agenda, to solve the health care crisis in our nation. The Valley Women's Health Access Program will be a valuable source of health care referral to the Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery practice.

Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery will meet two important needs: expansion of nurse-midwifery student clinical education experiences, and provision of much needed primary care services to women in the community. It will significantly strengthen the Yale School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Specialty by providing a dedicated clinical site for students, staffed by YSN faculty. With the added services of an adult nurse practitioner, there will be a greater range of experience for our students in primary health care. Additionally, many women who have not received health care services or have had to travel out of the community for care will benefit from this practice. Women of all ages will be able to have their routine health care needs met in one convenient location.

Colleen Senterfitt, MSN, CNM, Service Director of Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery, recently joined the Yale School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Specialty faculty to lead this project. She graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical School Nurse-Midwifery Program in 1981. As a new graduate, she established a successful nurse-midwifery practice in a rural Florida community. She went on to lead the expansion of a large staff model HMO nurse-midwifery service in Western Massachusetts. Throughout her career, Ms. Senterfitt has been dedicated to nurse-midwifery clinical instruction and has served as clinical preceptor/adjunct faculty for students from the University of Florida, Yale University, Baystate Medical Center, and the University of Illinois Nurse-Midwifery Education Programs. Her clinical expertise, combined with her background in practice development, makes her a welcome addition to the YSN family.

Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery will offer gynecologic, obstetric, and primary health care services. Women can receive routine breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, peri and postmenopausal management, as well as treatment and education for many common problems. Women also may see the adult nurse practitioner for routine health
physcials and diagnosis and management of common conditions such as obesity, hypertension, diabetes, respiratory problems, gastrointestinal disorders, and urinary problems. General health promotion offered by the clinic will include health education, counseling, and referral services.

Yale Women’s Health and Midwifery will be the only full-scope nurse-midwifery practice in this area of Connecticut. The practice will provide 24 hour, 7 days per week labor and birth coverage at Griffin Hospital’s Birth Center. The nurse-midwifery practice will complement Griffin’s Planetree philosophy, which is a patient-centered model that encompasses holistic care integrating traditional medicine with complementary and alternative treatments. The birthing center features such innovations as a Jacuzzi for laboring women, double beds for a more family-centered postpartum stay, a community room for relaxation, recreation and visiting, and an open kitchen for home cooking.

Renovations are underway to create an inviting and comfortable office setting conveniently located across the street from Griffin Hospital in Derby. The plan is to create an environment in which women feel at home and come to know the staff. They will be encouraged to bring family or friends with them to visits and, as much as possible, appointment scheduling will be flexible to meet their needs. An area of the waiting room has been designed to give children play space. The goal is to dispel the traditional barriers of an office space, while still preserving privacy and confidentiality.

The regular presence of students in the service is expected to be an attractive feature to patients who will benefit from the enthusiasm, personal attention, and education YSN students provide. Women can take comfort in knowing that expert

and highly skilled professionals, who comprise the clinical faculty, closely supervise our students. In labor, women, as well as their family and friends, value the extra attention and support students bring to the experience. Furthermore, the interaction with students challenges faculty to remain current and versatile in their clinical practice and research activities.

The success of this practice is expected to bring a new and exciting dimension to the Yale School of Nursing and with it, the hope for expansion of this model into other YSN specialty areas in the future. This faculty practice will provide students with a diverse high quality clinical education, bring excellent health care options to the community, and open new avenues for research.

Colleen Senterfitt
Ilya Sverdlov joined YSN as the Director of Public Information in September, 2001. Ilya comes to us from the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford where he held the post of Associate Director of Communication and Community Relations. His professional background also includes television production work for CBS and health care marketing for Raytel Medical Corporation. He holds a BA in Communications and Mass Media and an MBA in Marketing from Central Connecticut State University.

Ilya has suggested an additional regular feature in Yale Nurse called, In the Public Eye, a list of YSN appearances on TV and radio, and in print, as well as presentations at the School and elsewhere. So here goes. Reader response is welcomed!

In the Public Eye

September 25, 2001
- Forum: Partnerships to Reduce Health Disparities
- Sponsored by Yale, The National Institutes of Health, and the New Haven Community
- Covered by National Public Radio

October 4, 2001
- Presentation: Clinical Issues in Emergency Contraception and Medical Abortion
- Sponsored by YSN
- Guest speaker: Moriah Ritson, Planned Parenthood

October 16, 2001
- Associate Dean Paula Milone-Nuzzo interviewed about the nursing shortage in Connecticut
- Televised on NBC, Channel 30

October 17, 2001
- Forum: Reproductive Health Care: Access to and Financing of Care
- Sponsored by YSN Center for Health Policy and Ethics
- Guest speakers: CT State Senator Toni Harp and Susan Yolen, Vice President of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood

October 18, 2001
- Op Ed on midwifery from Colleen Senterfitt, YSN faculty, Connecticut Post, Bridgeport, CT

October 25, 2001
- Editorial in New Haven Register: “More Investment in Health Services Needed”
- Authors: Janine Cataldo, Sally Cohen, and Jeannie Pasacreta, YSN faculty

November 27, 2001
- Presentation at YSN: New Directions in Safe Motherhood: Training Traditional Midwives in Guatemala
- Speakers: Jennifer Houston, Executive Director, Midwives for Midwives and Women's Health International; and YSN student, Amy Romano '03
Cover Story

Adult Advanced Practice Nursing

By Kate Stephenson '94

This issue of Yale Nurse highlights the School's Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty (AAPN), formerly known as the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program. What follows are perspectives from the current Director, Deborah Chyun '82, PhD '98 (YSM EPH), and brief biographies of the faculty in this very successful program of study.

Deborah Chyun has had a 20-year relationship with YSN. Her nursing career began with a 1975 diploma from New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, MA. Three years later, she acquired a BSN from Boston College. In 1982, Debbie earned her MSN from Yale in the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program with a focus in cardiovascular nursing. Since joining YSN's faculty in 1986, she has precepted and lectured in the area of medical-surgical nursing. In 1995, she was appointed Director of the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty. Debbie continued her academic pursuits and earned a PhD from Yale School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health in 1998. Studying chronic disease epidemiology, she entitled her dissertation, "The Prognostic Importance of Diabetes Mellitus in Elderly Patients with Myocardial Infarction."

Debbie's zeal for nursing excellence and clinical scholarship are evidenced by her ongoing research. She is Co-Investigator with several colleagues, Frans J. Th. Wackers, Fujisawa. To date we have enrolled over 500 patients from across the United States and Canada. In an ancillary DIAD study, Gail Melkus and I are studying behavioral and psychological factors in this population. DIAD sites at the University of Virginia and Hartford Hospital are participating in this ancillary project. All of these research projects provide exciting opportunities for our students, the most important players on our team!"

Deborah Chyun

Debbie Chyun is an Assistant Professor, Director of the AAPN Specialty, and the consummate researcher, who never hesitates to give credit to her colleagues and fellow faculty members. "In addition to the team of outstanding faculty in the Specialty with whom I have the privilege to work, I am also fortunate to be a member of two research teams. As a Co-Investigator with Dr. Gail Melkus, RN, EdD, Associate Professor at YSN, on her study, "Add," I am working with an experienced researcher in the field of intervention. Along with Sue Langerman '00, Gail and I are also working with the Native American Indian Center of Boston, Inc. to provide diabetes education to an urban Native American population. In addition, I collaborate with colleagues at the Yale School of Medicine, Frans J. Th. Wackers, MD, PhD; Lawrence H. Young, MD; and Silvio Inzucchi, MD, as a Co-Investigator in the Detection of Ischemia in Asymptomatic Diabetics (DIAD) Study and in other exciting projects. DIAD is a MultiMate randomized screening trial aimed at determining the prevalence of and risk factors for asymptomatic coronary heart disease, along with cardiac outcomes over three years, in 1000 individuals with type 2 diabetes. The study is supported by Bristol-Meyers Squibb Medical Imaging (formerly DuPont Pharmaceuticals) and
Jessica Shank Coviello

Jessica Shank Coviello is a 1982 graduate of YSN’s cardiovascular clinical specialist track. She was the first clinical nurse specialist hired by the Hospital of St. Raphael in 1982. It was there that she established the TakeHeart cardiac rehabilitation program. It was also during that time that she became certified as an adult nurse practitioner. Jessica currently has a joint appointment as a Lecturer in Nursing with YSN and a Nurse Practitioner with the Connecticut Heart Group. Her practice includes the care of those with chronic heart failure, as well as those in need of a lifestyle change, hypertension control, and lipid management. Her practice is based on the ease of accessibility to both her clients and community health care nurses. Her practice partners include cardiologists and physician assistants. Jessica’s scholarly interests include the design of successful health care delivery systems for those with heart failure, building successful practice partnerships, and long-term compliance in the chronically ill.

Debbie expressed with enthusiasm her fondness for her specialty, fac-

As a graduate of the former Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, Debbie has been in a unique position to observe changes in her field, both academically and clinically, over the past 20 years. As such, she also has used her experience to champion the roles of acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP) and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) during the evolution of both the practice arena and the curriculum in acute care nursing. “Several years ago, the specialty name changed because we were expanding the focus outside of what was typically considered the CNS role,” says the Director. “We integrated the changes and the specialty name to reflect the evolution of the roles of acute care advanced practice nurses. The specialty now provides four choices for students within the area of acute care advanced practice nursing: acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP), oncology nurse practitioner (ONP), and cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist (CV CNS) or oncology clinical nurse specialist (Onc CNS). Thirty-two students are enrolled in the specialty years. A very simplified difference between the roles might be described as follows. The CNS performs more research, management, and teaching, typically in a tertiary care setting, while the ACNP provides more direct care, for example in a hematology-oncology office practice or emergency setting.

Debbie expressed with enthusiasm her fondness for her specialty, fac-
ulty, and students. "We are so fortunate to have a strong faculty who integrate their clinical and research expertise," she says proudly. She also credits Sharon Sanderson, YSN's Director of Recruitment and Placement, who has worked hard with the faculty to recruit students, increasing enrollment in all tracks. With even more CNS positions opening up, not only in New England but all over the country, there have been increasing numbers of applicants interested in the Adult Advanced Practice Specialty. Debbie calls it, "...an exciting time for us. We have lots of bright students who are interested in research and nursing scholarship."

As the two new nurse practitioner tracks (ACNP and ONP) have evolved, the focus of the program has changed in order to better balance the clinical practice requirements for certification along with what the faculty feel is necessary for clinical scholarship, research, and leadership in practice. "We feel that these latter aspects are very important in developing the role as change agents and nursing leaders," explains Debbie. Students across the Specialty are encouraged to conduct research whenever possible. "Many of our students are presenting during the academic year, as well as after graduation at various national meetings. They also are publishing their work even while they are at YSN." Debbie is happy to report. In fact, several students presented with Marge Funk '84 and Debbie at the 74th Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association in Anaheim, CA in November.

Clinical sites for students in the Adult Advanced Practice Specialty are spread out across the state, thus utilizing a variety of settings and populations. Sites include Bridgeport Hospital, Hartford Hospital, John Dempsey Hospital at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Yale-

Marjorie Funk

The focus of Marge Funk's career has always been cardiac critical care nursing. She received her BSN from Cornell University, and earned her MSN in cardiovascular nursing and PhD in chronic disease epidemiology from Yale. She is currently a Professor at YSN. Her research addresses the appropriate and safe use of technology, the equitable distribution of technology, and the human-machine interface. For example, she has examined the diagnostic reliability of right precordial EKG leads in right ventricular infarction, lower limb ischemia related to use of the intraaortic balloon pump, gender and racial differences in the use of cardiac procedures, the effect of telemetry monitor watchers on the detection of dysrhythmias and patient outcomes, and atrial fibrillation following cardiac surgery. She is currently supported by a five-year K24 Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The overall goal of Marge's research is the wise use of technology, specifically the mitigation of the adverse effects of life-saving devices and the more prudent and equitable application of technology in patient care.
New Haven Hospital, and the Hospital of St. Raphael. Students working toward the ONP or ACNP role are placed in private oncology offices and primary care settings. Tish Knobf '82 and Julia Smith, faculty for these students, are working closely with Courtney Lyder, Associate Professor and Director of the Adult, Family, Gerontological, and Women's Health Primary Care Specialty at YSN, in order to ground them solidly in primary care. Graduates from these tracks have been very successful in finding positions in acute care or office settings, according to Debbie.

When asked about her goals for the continued success of the program, Debbie's priorities include continuing to attract students from a strong applicant pool and negotiating a joint appointment position for an acute care nurse practitioner. She also looks forward to the continuing efforts of Sally Richards '97, '98 (ACNP Post Master's Certificate), who has coordinated the ACNP courses and helped tremendously to build up this program of study. With such dedicated and bright faculty and students, the success of this program is inevitable. Indeed, Yale's history of graduating advanced practice nurses who become respected leaders in the profession has been, and will continue to be, an enticing draw for future Yale nurses interested in this exciting program.

One of the principal strengths of the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty is its faculty and their ongoing research. See the individual bios printed here.

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**M. Tish Knobf**

M. Tish Knobf, Associate Professor in the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty, is one of six American Cancer Society Professors of Oncology Nursing in the country. She holds a joint clinical appointment in the Outpatient Oncology Service of Yale-New Haven Hospital. Her clinical practice has focused on symptom management, safe drug delivery, and the care of women with breast cancer. She was one of the original authors of *The Cancer Chemotherapy Handbook*, a leading reference text for oncology nurses and physicians. The 6th edition of this book is in progress. Women with early stage breast cancer at risk for recurrence became a focal area of practice for Tish following early publications of the benefits of adjuvant therapy in the mid to late 1970's. Adjuvant therapy represented a new intervention in a previously untreated population of women with breast cancer. Her program of research is derived from her clinical practice, specifically the acute and long-term effects of primary and adjuvant therapies for breast cancer. Her recently completed work, to be published in *Nursing Research*, describes a theory explaining how young mid-life women with newly diagnosed breast cancer respond to ovarian toxicity of adjuvant chemotherapy which results in premature induced menopause. Currently, Tish and YSN Co-Investigator, Heather Reynolds '80, CNM, are exploring the experience of breast cancer and menopause in African American women in Connecticut. The results of these exploratory studies have provided data to suggest intervention strategies. In collaboration with faculty from the Yale School of Medicine and the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, a pilot study has been funded to evaluate the effects of a strength training exercise intervention on physical and psychological outcomes for women who complete adjuvant therapy.
Sally Richards

In 1989, Sally Richards graduated with a BSN from Georgetown University. Following graduation, she worked mostly as a travel nurse at various hospitals across the nation, specializing in cardiovascular nursing. She eventually enrolled at YSN, earning her MSN in 1997 as a CNS in cardiovascular nursing, as well as a Post Master’s ACNP Certificate in 1998. Sally’s main area of interest is Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) symptomatology and delay in seeking treatment for these symptoms. She has presented on this topic nationally at the American Heart Association’s 71st Scientific Session, and locally at Elmwood Medical Center’s Nursing Research Day. She published her master’s thesis, “Differences Between Blacks and Whites with Coronary Heart Disease in Initial Symptoms and in Delay in Seeking Care,” in the Journal of Critical Care Nursing, and co-authored other articles with Marge Funk ’84 and Kerry Milner 98 DNSc on gender differences in CHD and use of Cardiac Event Recorders to detect atrial fibrillation in patients following coronary artery bypass graft surgery. She has also co-authored a book chapter with Deborah Chyun ’82 and Christine Tocchi ’97 about care of the elderly in coronary care units. Currently Sally is a part-time faculty member at YSN, teaching courses in the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track.

Julia Smith

For over 19 years, Julia Smith has had a rich nursing career in various complex and occasionally adverse international and multicultural settings and roles. She obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada and her graduate degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. While living in New York, she completed a Post Master’s NP Certificate program at Columbia University. Her range of clinical experience and academic preparation has provided Julia with creative and pragmatic strategies for implementing her current joint appointment at YSN and Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH). The focus of her career has always been oncology, with demonstrated expertise in cancer pain management and palliative care. She is a former Nurse Fellow of Neurology Pain and Palliative Care at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, and as a faculty member in the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty, plans to integrate evidence based pain management and palliative care into the existing core curriculum. The promotion of quality of life through pain and symptom control is central to nursing excellence and directly impacts patient morbidity. Her work as a nurse practitioner in collaboration with GYN radiation oncologists in Therapeutic Radiology at YNHH provides Julia the opportunity to utilize her extensive experience in oncology, as well as to develop a new area of expertise in radiology.
AYA Connection

By Alyson Cohen ‘92, AYA Delegate from YSN

The year-long Tercentennial celebration of Yale University culminated in a weekend filled with spectacular festivities during four glorious days in early October. To be an AYA delegate during these events was an honor and privilege I shall not forget.

The richness and tradition of the University was apparent throughout the four days of events that began with the 59th AYA assembly on October 4, 2001. A panel discussion by Jeffrey Brenzel ’75, Executive Director of the Association of Yale Alumni; Maureen Doran ’71, Chair of the Board of the Association of Yale Alumni; and Linda Koch Lorimer ’77 JD, Vice President and Secretary of the University addressed current trends and future plans for the development of Yale’s relationship with alumni. Linda Lorimer referred to the students as, “our future” and the alums as, “our successes.” Breakout sessions gave delegates an opportunity to discuss suggestions for enhancing collaborative endeavors between Yale and its alumni. Delegates shared various ways in which they were appointed to their position and methods used to disseminate information to their constituencies. YSN was clearly a well-organized faction and Yale Nurse was cited as an exemplary newsletter. (Kudos to Barb Reif and Kate Stephenson ’94, Co-Editors!) Herb Allison, Jr. ’65, CEO of the Alliance for Lifelong Learning, was the keynote speaker at the reception and dinner Thursday evening. He spoke of an exciting innovative undertaking offering adult courses online that will become available to alums. “Democratic Vistas,” the Tercentennial DeVane Lecture Series exploring democracy in the past and future, was a particularly relevant topic in light of the September 11 events. Six concurrent sessions always impose a difficult choice. Ordinary Prejudice, by Mahzarin Banaji, Professor of Psychology, was a stimulating, provocative, and pertinent lecture. The speaker used interactive games to elicit audience participation and to demonstrate unconscious prejudices that even a liberal Yale may harbor! Gaddis Smith, Professor Emeritus of History, delivered the first lecture on, Yale, America, and the World. He provided an insightful evaluation of the interconnectedness of the University, the country, and the universe.

The Tercentennial Convocation on Cross Campus Friday afternoon had Sterling Memorial Library as a commanding backdrop and a clear blue, sun-filled sky as a ceiling. A colorful and imposing sight during the processional was a cohort of Yale students and scholars from around the world carrying the flag of their respective home countries. The ceremony was complete with music and verse composed specifically for the historical event. Greetings from the Presidents of Harvard and Princeton Universities were filled with congratulations, admiration, and humor. Reflections on behalf of the faculty, students, staff, and alumni were offered individually with engaging eloquence from Yale graduates.

The “Yale 300 Festival” at cleverly designed “cities” surrounding the Yale Bowl featured exciting exhibits, performances, and activities for all ages. The event was a blend of carnival and university with the flavor of everything that is Yale. Strolling through Eli Village, Ivy Town, Elm City, or Tercentennial Tots Village one could find an amazing assortment of activities. YSN collaborated with Yale School of Medicine and EPH at a booth with a photographic exhibit of their collaborative work in the community. Intellectual activities included a challenge to best the inventor of “OCTI Challenge,” an abstract strategy game, with a prize of $1000 if successful. Roving performances and musical events on the Stage and the Bulldog Bandstand added to the lively late afternoon program.

The Friday evening Yale Bowl event, “For God, For Country, For Yale....Forever,” was a magnificent multimedia show filled with humor, stars, music, and history. With so many memorable acts, it is again difficult to choose a favorite, but Paul Simon with a “Y”baseball cap singing
"Graceland" and "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" was certainly one of my favorites. Spectacular fireworks with a laser light show set to music by the Tercentennial Orchestra concluded this remarkable show.

On Saturday, Ernest Zedillo '81 PhD, former President of Mexico, addressed the need to equalize opportunities for developing nations, enabling them to take part in the global economy. He recommended a formal system of global economic governance. I then listened to Paul Kennedy, Director of International Security Studies and Professor of History, and Mary Habeck '96 PhD, Coordinator of the Russian Military Archive Project and Assistant Professor of History, describe challenges facing our country as it attempts to establish a safe environment. Considering the events of September 11, Robin Winks, Professor of History, suggested we see the past as golden times and hope the 21st century will be one of liberal democracy.

I sat with 7,999 other people on Cross Campus, mesmerized by the charisma of Bill Clinton '73 JD. We listened to him talk of the present crisis and effects on the future of the students. He comforted the crowd with the simple statement “It’s going to be all right.”

The memories of this powerful Tercentennial program will remain with me forever. The ambience of the days would be impossible to recapture, but one can view photos, read speeches, or see videos by visiting www.yale.edu/opa/news. I strongly urge you to visit this website and take a journey through this remarkable event. I guarantee you will feel pride and pleasure that you are an alumnus/us of this extraordinary University!
Yale-Howard Scholars Program, 2001 Summer Session

By Sharon Sanderson,
Director, Recruitment and Placement

We are proud to report that six students from Howard University participated in the second annual Yale-Howard Scholars program for a period of six weeks this past summer. These students, who take time between their junior and senior years to participate in the program, worked with faculty on research projects, developed an original question to address within their faculty research group, and participated in two faculty-led research seminars. Throughout the summer, several of their families took time to visit the campus and to meet with the faculty and administrative staff to discuss graduate school options.

The program was able to offer each Scholar a generous summer stipend, travel support, and housing. We are grateful to Dr. Forrester A. Lee, Assistant Dean of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the Yale Medical School, and his Program Coordinator, Linda Jackson, for their continued support of this project.

Although the program’s original design model involved an intensive six-week summer internship, in 2001 the Yale-Howard Scholars Program received additional funding from the National Institutes of Health’s Center for Minority Health and NINR, which will allow the program to expand into a year-round experience. The 2001 Howard Scholars will continue to be mentored by Yale faculty, while developing a student research project with a mentor from Howard University during this, their senior year.

The Scholars, six exceptional nursing students, were selected by Associate Dean Dorothy Powell and Sheryl Nichols, both of Howard University. Each played a significant role in facilitating and organizing this project from the Washington, D.C. area.

Yale Howard Scholars (L to R) Stephanie Mathis, Lisa Marshall, Angellia Crozier, Angela McKnight, Wykeisha Cooper, and Lanna Brown with Barbara Guthrie, Academic Coordinator, second from the right.
DC area. Visiting Associate Professor Barbara Guthrie of the School of Nursing, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, served as Academic Coordinator, and Cinda D'Addio, Administrative Associate to the Dean, and Sharon Sanderson, Director of Recruitment and Placement, took charge of the administrative duties.

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On August 2, a very proud Dean Catherine Gilliss introduced each Scholar, who in turn presented her research findings to an audience filled with faculty, staff, and students from YSN. We were joined by Howard's Dean of Nursing, Dorothy Powell, accompanied by the faculty from Howard who served as the Scholars' mentors and project coordinators. Jacqueline Jordan '82, an Associate Dean at Howard, also attended the presentation in support of her students. Certificates of completion were presented to each Scholar. In addition to having welcomed the arrival of the Scholars at a barbecue at the home of Dean Gilliss, we also proudly celebrated their fine work at a luncheon immediately following the presentations.

We are proud of the work of the 2001 Yale-Howard Scholars, and look forward to many more summers filled with collaborative research work.

Community Service Day
By Kristin Meyer '03

As part of the 2001 Orientation to YSN, the Student Government Organization coordinated and sponsored a community service day on September 8 at Sacred Heart School, located across the street on Columbus Avenue. The mission was to help incoming and returning YSN students get involved with our neighbors and surrounding community through volunteerism.

YSN's students responded whole-heartedly to the idea. Twelve volunteers from all specialty programs and class years rose to the occasion and spent about six hours working at Sacred Heart School on their first Saturday back in New Haven. We painted floors, desks, lockers, and the stage platform; scrubbed lunchroom chairs; and hung coat hooks. Sacred Heart School especially appreciated the efforts because they were in the midst of preparing for their accreditation inspections that began at the end of September.

Special thanks to all who volunteered: Debra Harris, Mary Dawn Hennessy, Bridget McBride, Barbara McCluskey, Kristin Meyer, Sarah Meyer, Sarah Parmelee, Johanna Pohlman, Robi Quackenbush, Katy Tierney, and Susanna Westbrook.

Volunteers hard at work
Diversity Day

By Lorna Grey, Data Manager, YSN

Anyone walking through the Yale School of Nursing on the morning of September 7th may have been surprised to hear the sounds of African drumming resonating through the hallways. A sneak peak into the lecture hall would have revealed nursing students playing instruments, singing, and dancing as part of YSN's first annual Diversity Day.

The orientation program, presented by the Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity, had two primary goals. The first goal was to stimulate thinking and discussion about the many facets of race and culture in the world around us. The second was to unite and energize those students entering their first specialty year of the Master's program at YSN.

The morning started off with a presentation by Susan Moscu '95, FNP, on the role of race and ethnicity in clinical presentation. Her discussion focused on whether race and ethnicity information adds value to the clinical presentation, or possibly narrows the framework by triggering stereotypes and prejudices.

Next, the students participated in an African drumming session led by David "Baba" Coleman. Baba is the Multicultural Officer at the Wightwood School in Branford, CT. He also travels all over the country presenting diversity and spirituality programs for people of all ages. As he puts it, "I go wherever I am called." Baba brought a variety of African instruments with him that were passed out to eager volunteers. The rest of the group held hands, forming an inner and outer circle across the span of the room. While Baba and his newly formed musical group played, the students swayed and danced, sharing quiet reflective moments and performing exercises that demonstrated the power of the group over the power of the individual.

In the final session of the morning, the students broke into small groups to discuss the required reading for the day, a book by Anne Fadiman called, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down. The book recounts the true and tragic story of a Hmong child with epilepsy. It depicts the cultural clash, miscommunications, and struggles between her family and the medical community as they each tried to treat the young girl using only the methods and treatments with which they were familiar. The Diversity Day event ended with a luncheon featuring a variety of ethnic foods.

The Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity, the sponsor of the event, is made up of a group of faculty, students, and staff that have been appointed by Dean Gilliss. The charge of the committee is to support and advise the Dean on pertinent issues related to diversity at YSN, including such areas as teaching, practice, and research. As the Mission Statement of the committee reads:

"The Yale School of Nursing has a strong legacy and commitment to better health care for all people. In this regard, YSN is committed to educational goals that embrace and promote diversity in all aspects of the institution. We are strengthened as an organization by having diverse faculty, students, and staff. YSN defines diversity in its broadest context. We strive to celebrate, not simply tolerate, the differences within the body of our organization."

Student response suggested that the Diversity Day program was very well received. The YSN community is looking forward to similar events on a breadth of diversity-related topics in the future. ■
NEW TRAINING GRANTS FROM THE DIVISION OF NURSING

YSN has received notice of two training grant awards to be funded by the Division of Nursing. Each will be funded for a period of three years. Lynette Ament, Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Specialty, is the Project Director of the Midwifery Training Grant. Co-Directors are Courtney Lyder, Associate Professor and Director of the ANP, FNP, GNP, and WHNP Primary Care Specialty, and Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The purpose of the grant is to develop a nurse-midwifery center affiliated with Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT. The center will be the only nurse-midwifery presence in the Connecticut Valley and will be staffed by nurse-midwives and a nurse practitioner. The primary care of women will be an important focus of this project.

Janine Cataldo, Lecturer; Jeannie Pasacreta, Associate Professor; and Sandra Talley, Associate Professor and Director of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Specialty were involved in the development of the second training grant, the focus of which is to develop and expand substance abuse education for YSN’s master’s students. This psychiatric-mental health training grant will also provide opportunities for YSN faculty to offer continuing education on substance abuse to nurses and to expand our efforts in elementary and high schools on this topic. Janine Cataldo and Sandra Talley will serve as Co-Directors.

EXPLORATORY CENTER GRANT FUNDED

The National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research has funded an Exploratory Center, a milestone in YSN’s development as an intensive research environment. It allows the continuation of clinical science development in areas of core interest to faculty researchers. The grant will focus on Self-Management Interventions for Populations at Risk and is funded for three years. Margaret Grey ’76, Associate Dean for Research Affairs, is the Principal Investigator. Professors Marge Funk ’84, Ann Williams ’81, and Ruth McCorkle are also key players on the leadership team. Three pilot projects have also been accepted for funding within this Center, involving Kathleen Knafl, Professor; Courtney Lyder, Associate Professor; and Sheila Santacroce, Assistant Professor.

AHRQ GRANT CONTINUES

Margaret Grey ’76, has been awarded a grant to continue her Advanced Practice Nursing Network Development. The award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funds a second project year which will support two studies: a replication of the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, along with the other 19 AHRQ-funded networks; and a study of patients’ and providers’ understanding of confidentiality and privacy rules in ambulatory care. Douglas Olsen, Associate Professor, and Jane Dixon, Professor, are Co-Investigators on the second project.

HCR FUNDS 11 RESEARCHERS

Sally Cohen ’80, Associate Professor and Director, Program for the Study of Health Care Relationships, announced the awarding of 11 HCR grants to researchers across the state of Connecticut. The investigators hail from Yale, the University of Connecticut, and Hartford Hospital, and represent a diverse range of interests and professions. Three researchers from YSN were approved for funding: Kathleen Knafl, for her study, Assessing Family Management of Childhood Chronic Illness; Lynne Schilling, The Contributions of Health Care Professionals to Parent and Child Self-Management of Type I Diabetes; and Carol Bova, Development of an Instrument to Measure Patients’ Trust of Health Care Providers.
Giving Back

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I write this, I realize that I do not know which of you, or in what ways, you may have been directly impacted by the events of September 11. I send deepest sympathy to anyone with personal losses, though I also know that no one of us remains unaffected.

In the crisis, the generosity of people was apparent. At YSN, the first response also was, "How can we help?" And as nurses, skilled and committed, we were there.

And now, three months later, where are we? Most of us are back to our lives but, perhaps, with new concerns and rearranged priorities, as well as with a deepened appreciation for established relationships and commitments. As YSN graduates, we have so much to offer and we know that YSN, and the entire Yale Community, needs us now as much as ever.

My commitment is to continue our work. We will stay in touch with you in Yale Nurse, the Dean's letter, notes from class agents, and phone calls. We will do our part, and ask you to help, in making sure that the Yale School of Nursing continues to educate, to stimulate, and to produce leaders and clinicians as it has always done.

My best to all of you,

Nina

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On September 11 Sam Levy '03 was deployed as a nurse and an EMT to Stewart Air Force Base as a member of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team, US Public Health Service. A few days later he left for Ground Zero in New York City where he remained for ten days helping the Medical Examiner's Office to set up a DNA testing program at a field hospital near the site. "It was surreal," says Sam. "I was there to do a job, but seeing the photos of missing people that had been posted everywhere was one of the saddest things I have ever seen." Sam has shared several of his photos here.

Many other YSN students also gave of themselves by providing care at the site, and by collecting money and materials for the workers at Ground Zero. They were ready at a moment's notice to do whatever was needed.
Toward the Bridges; Aching

By Laura Thompson ’03

Laura wrote this poem for a presentation at the Yale Humanities in Medicine Lecture Series on October 11 entitled, “In Word and Spirit: Reflections on September 11, 2001.” In Laura’s words, “The poem takes the first person voice of a survivor of the event, as this is the way the poem came to me. At first I felt rather audacious assuming this voice, but then I realized that historically the work of the poet has been to provide voice when it is absent or missing, and I amended my thinking. I understand that the poem is not directly related to nursing, but I felt it was appropriate to include a student acknowledgement of the events.”

First apprehended,
A change in the light,
It’s steadiness curtained
For an instant.

Then the furious roar.
At first we think
Someone is singing.
A thrust of voice
Trailing the scales.

But then a skyheld poppy is blooming,
It’s ferocity of fire
And the fuelish stink,
Smoke and brightness storming down
Is an errant firework,

Until something too large is falling,
Flickering and falling
Colliding with itself
Immensity dissolving
Helplessly sparking -- unheld.

Everything physical is spent:
The heavy repose of a fireman’s jacket
Hung from a side-view mirror,
Awaits its absent owner, not yet mourned.

Our stories have thundered down
Making an ocean of peril;
Our regions obscured, a beach
We cannot return to.
New York City screams us
Toward the bridges, aching for home.

Into the dust of bones
We bleed our footprints.
Debby Ferholt Announces Retirement
By Patricia Ryan-Krause '81

Since 1970, Dr. Deborah Ferholt has helped nurture the pediatric nurse practitioner program at YSN from a fledgling group of five students to an internationally recognized program with over 500 graduates. This fall she retires from YSN after teaching and inspiring hundreds of students and collaborating with dozens of medical and nursing faculty.

During her 31-year tenure at YSN, Debby has been an integral part of the pediatric faculty. She was instrumental in the early development of the PNP curriculum, working with the late Katherine "Kit" Nuckolls '41 who was the founder of the PNP Program and its first director. Kit once wrote, "Debby's understanding of the complementary roles of nursing and medicine made her contribution to the program invaluable." Debby holds the unique distinction of being the only physician faculty member ever at YSN. She has worked tirelessly to train PNP students in clinical skills, and to forge collegial relationships between nurses and physicians at the University and in the community.

In 1981, Debby authored a classic text, Clinical Assessment of Children: A Comprehensive Approach to Primary Pediatric Care. This book is still used as an important resource for both students and practicing clinicians. She organized and taught the Pediatric Health Assessment course, which is the foundation for all subsequent clinical training. She was also central to the development of the Management of Common Pediatric Problems course for first year specialty students. She has a particular interest in the developmental and psychological aspects of pediatrics and child day care. Many years ago she introduced an elective for PNP students to consult with child care program directors about health and developmental issues. In recent years, her YSN colleague, Angela Crowley, has developed this elective into an advanced practice seminar in child health consultation. Countless students have benefited from Debby's insight into how best to provide optimum developmental environments for children in day care settings. Debby has participated on academic and hospital committees, has advised students, and has been an endless resource to both faculty and students.

She now shares with us some of her reflections on her years at YSN.

How did you become interested in the training of nurse practitioners?

Very early in the PNP movement, when I was a pediatric resident in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1967, I had the opportunity to work alongside a nurse who was in training for the PNP role. Two years later I came to Yale to complete my pediatric training with Drs. Daniel Rowe and Thomas Dolan, and to study child development with Dr. Sally Provence at the Yale Child Development Unit. At that time, Dr. Rowe was developing a new program for PNP's, and my future colleagues at YSN, Carole Passarelli and Lynne Schilling, worked with me in the pediatric clinic. When I completed my training, YSN, under Dean Margaret Arnstein, was beginning the first PNP program in the country. Katherine Nuckolls was the new director of pediatric nursing at YSN and she asked Tom Dolan about a pediatrician to teach the new PNP students with her. It was most fortuitous that Tom recommended me to Kit. I joined the young program, and with Kit at the helm, began a long and fulfilling career at the School.

What has it been like to be the only physician-faculty at YSN?

My collaboration with PNP's has been very gratifying to me. These relationships provide an opportunity to demonstrate effective collegial relationships between medicine and nursing. At YSN I have been able to share my expertise with both nurse practitioner students and faculty, to learn from my nursing colleagues, and maintain my identity as a pediatrician, all at the same time.

How do you see the relationship of the role of the PNP and the pediatrician?

Although pediatricians have the breadth and depth of training that qualifies them to take responsibility for the most complex clinical judgements, I view the relationship between the PNP and pediatrician as primarily complementary and collaborative. I believe that FNPs have unique competence in some very important aspects of care giving. Through the years, nurse practitioners have gained great respect among physicians for their ability to provide excellent care in both primary and specialty settings. Because medical and nursing training are both different and comple-
mentary to each other, I believe that nurse practitioners and physicians should continue to foster their collaborative relationships, so they can continue to provide optimum care to children and families. Children and families in our country need both professions. It is critical to have the support of a team of clinicians.

**Have the students changed over the past 30 years?**

The students admitted to YSN have always been bright, idealistic, and well qualified. This has not changed. However, in the past there was more student financial aid available to help support graduate studies. Now, most students, both full and part-time, are forced to work many hours as nurses in hospitals and offices in order to meet their financial responsibilities. This puts a huge burden on the students, and also keeps many qualified people from entering graduate school.

I have also seen a broadening of the interests of the students as a result of society’s need for advanced practice nurses in a variety of settings. All the early students were trained to provide general outpatient primary care. Now, students can focus their training on chronic illness, school-based care, and adolescent health care. Students have been prepared to meet the challenges of these new roles through careful curricular changes in the PNP program.

**What are some of your memorable experiences at YSN?**

I have enjoyed many memorable times during the last 30 years. It has always been a special thrill for me to complete the Health Assessment course each fall. It is tremendously satisfying to work so closely and intensively with the first year students for eight weeks, and then at the end of this whirlwind experience to see that the students have gained enough competence in the basic clinical skills to begin the never-ending process of learning how to provide care for their patients.

Another fulfilling experience has been working with the pediatric faculty at YSN. They, like the students, are a diverse group with rich backgrounds and a strong commitment to children and their families. Many of my former students have gone on to join the YSN faculty, and many of the program directors since Kit Nuckolls have been YSN graduates, and so I have a long history with them. It has been a special pleasure to see their continued commitment to our shared values as they have become leaders in the field. There has always been a wonderful sense of community and a spirit of support and cooperation among the pediatric group.

Throughout my years at YSN it has been rewarding to forge and maintain collaborative relationships between the Department of Pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the School of Nursing. These relationships have allowed us all to serve children and families in the best possible way. My pediatric colleagues in the community have also been very supportive of the program at YSN. Many pediatricians have given lectures. They have also welcomed our students to observe and work with them in their private offices.
and community health centers. Many have hired our PNP graduates to work with them as colleagues. It is always a great pleasure for me, and an excellent educational experience for our students, when they observe or do clinical practice in those settings with YSN graduates.

Are there any messages you would like to give to your students and colleagues?

The current conditions under which we are forced to practice have made it difficult to provide high quality health care. In addition to the increasing numbers of uninsured children and families, our patients are repeatedly confronted with poor quality health care. Managed care, as current insurance company medicine is called, uses hidden rationing and harassment of clinicians to decrease what insurance companies will pay for health care. We all know patients who have been refused adequate diagnostic evaluations, given hurried or inadequate consultations, and refused treatments and medications. We also know from our own experiences and those of our colleagues in medicine and nursing how insurance companies harass health care professionals. Ultimately, these tactics lower the standards of health care and demean the patients and clinicians. As clinicians, we must be vigilant in the fight to preserve quality standards for the caring professions. Each nurse practitioner in his or her practice can strive to practice at a high level, to teach the patients what is good quality care, and to support and lobby their professional organizations to continue to struggle to improve the conditions of practice.

Managed care has a detrimental impact on the mission of medical and nursing schools. The severe cost cutting makes it difficult to sustain adequate clinical sites for our students and faculty. The inappropriate application of industrial management methods overemphasizes technical training and the mastery of information, but severely undermines the student-teacher relationship. This relationship is needed for students to develop sound clinical judgement about comprehensive care. YSN is in a special position as a prestigious educational institution to teach, demonstrate, and practice health care of the highest level. The faculty must be supported in their clinical work, so that they can be role models for the best care we know. They need sufficient time and appropriate clinical sites to practice as nurse practitioners. Clinical competence and clinical teaching must receive adequate recognition when faculty are considered for promotion. Superb teachers must be superb clinicians.

Another aspect of the care and nurturing of our graduate students is the necessity for YSN to provide the psychological support and commitment to the faculty for adequate student-teacher ratios which permit those relationships to thrive and develop. Professional training is very labor intensive. Clinical preceptorships require continuity of teaching, attention to the relationship between teacher and student, and detailed examination of the content and process of the clinician-patient relationship. We all know how necessary and gratifying it is to trust your nurse practitioner or physician. This trust can only occur when the clinician is able to provide the kind of professional relationship that is essential to relieve the suffering of individual patients, treat their illnesses, and provide comprehensive health promotion. I hope that the Yale School of Nursing and all its graduates will keep these principles at the forefront of their work whether they are primarily clinicians, teachers, clinical investigators, or administrators.
The Yale School of Nursing and the Yale Health Plan administered free flu vaccinations to Yale University employees and affiliates. A total of 148 vaccinations were administered by YSN Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) students on the morning of November 2.

The program was organized by Robyn Levenduski, RN, of the Office of Health Promotion at the Yale Health Plan, and Linda Pellico '89, Coordinator of the Medical-Surgical Nursing rotation in the GEPN prespecialty year. "This program was a terrific success," commented Linda. "Each YSN student administered at least five vaccinations. It was a great experience for them, and provided a much needed service to the Yale community."

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the "influenza season" in the US is from November through April each year. People of any age can get influenza. While most people are ill with flu for only a few days, some get much sicker. Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly. Influenza viruses change often, so the vaccine is updated each year to make sure it is as effective as possible. Protection from the disease develops about two weeks after getting the shot and may last up to a year. Because influenza activity can start as early as December, the best time to get the vaccine is during October and November. This year especially, the CDC is recommending that people get their flu shots early because anthrax symptoms mimic early flu symptoms.

Meghan Sullivan '04 administers a shot to Melanie McRae '01 (L).
Deborah Chyun '82 was the only nurse presenter at a recent symposium, The Diabetes Factor: Women and Heart Disease, sponsored by the Yale University School of Medicine, Section of Cardiovascular Medicine. Other contributors were Henry Black, MD, Robert Frey, MD, Silvio Inzucchi, MD, Gianmario Sambuceti, MD, and Frans J. Th. Wackers, MD, PhD. The symposium was held in November in New Haven. Debbie's talk was entitled, The Epidemiology of Heart Disease in Women with Diabetes.

Sally S. Cohen '80 recently published a book, Championing Child Care, which received rave reviews from across the United States. "Her book contains the most thorough account ever written about the long, slow, disoriented process of child care policy in America.....All who are interested in improving the quality of child care will benefit from Sally's painstaking research presented in this must-read book," stated Edward Zigler, Sterling Professor of Psychology, Yale University. The publisher is Columbia University Press.

Jessica Coviello '82 and Marge Funk '84 joined student Kimberly Hudson '02 and alums Rebecca Henry '94, Karin Nystrom '95, and Lori O'Donnell '94 at the 5th Scientific Meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America in Washington, DC last September. Jessica chaired a session, Assuring Continuity of Care: Translating Research into Practice, and also presented, Identifying and Managing Heart Failure Patients at Risk for Re-Admission: Strategies for Change. Kim had a poster presentation, End-of-Life-Life Issues for Patients with Heart Failure.
Kathleen Knafl has been named Associate Director for Research Development in the Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care. She joins Ruth McCorkle, Director of the Center, and Gail Melkus, Associate Director for Clinical Practice and Knowledge Translation.

Linda Spoonster Schwartz ‘84 has been named one of the 2001 winners of the Northeast Magazine’s Bloomers Awards. This honor is given to people who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in Connecticut. Linda was honored in September at the Capitol in Hartford where Connecticut’s First Lady, Patricia Rowland, presented her award.

At the Connecticut Nurses’ Association’s 95th Annual Convention, YSN was well represented in the program, entitled, Risky Business: Obstacles and Opportunities in Nursing.

Florence Wald ‘41, ‘56 was the Keynote Speaker. Geralyn Spollett, Associate Professor, presented, “Diabetes Type 2: New Findings and Their Implications.” Regina McNamara ‘83 presented, “Yes! You Can Market Your Ideas, Your Organization or Yourself...Without Selling Out,” and Rhea Sanford ‘86 spoke on, “Practicing Out Loud: Connecting Patient Education and Bedside Care.”

The American Academy of Nursing recently honored three members of the YSN community. Florence Wald ‘41, ‘56 was awarded the title of “Living Legend” by the Academy for her work as an outstanding educator and founder of the US hospice movement. Linda Schwartz ‘84 was inducted into fellowship for her leadership role in advocating health care causes for Vietnam War veterans, and Kathleen Knafl was made an honorary fellow for her visionary leadership in family nursing.

The American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2001 were held in Anaheim, CA in November. Oral presentations were delivered by a number of YSN affiliates. Marge Funk ‘84 presented her research, Feasibility of Using Cardiac Event Recorders Following Discharge after Cardiac Surgery. She also presented, Overview: What Are the Issues and Needs, as part of the session, End-Of-Life Care for Cardiovascular Patients and Families. Other research presentations included: Deborah Chyun ‘82, Cognitive and Behavioral Factors in the Prevention of CHD in Type 2 Diabetes; Polly Margules Sather ‘01, Delayed Decision Making in Patients Evaluated in a Chest Pain Center; and Kimberly Hudson ‘02, End-of-Life Issues for Patients with Heart Failure.

Burgess Acknowledged for HIV/AIDS Work

Jane Burgess was the 2001 recipient of the HIV/AIDS Educator Award from the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care at their annual meeting in Minneapolis in November. Jane is the Director of the CT AIDS Education and Training Center.

Jane has devoted two decades of her life to HIV/AIDS education. Thanks to her, hundreds of Connecticut teachers are doing a better job of preparing young people to protect themselves from HIV, and physicians and nurses in Connecticut, Poland, China, and Vietnam are better educated, more sensitive providers of HIV care.

Jane never pretends to be better than her audience, to make mistakes less often, or to be smarter than they are. She doesn’t claim to have all the answers herself and she doesn’t respect people who say that they do. It’s that mixture of modesty and irreverence that makes Jane’s message easy to listen to and unforgettable.

Jane reaches places and people the rest of us struggle with– she is invited to provide harm reduction information to prison guards and to conduct condom demonstrations for Polish nuns. She is successful because, along with her frankness and candor, she communicates real respect for her audience. She asks them to stretch their minds and to question their assumptions, without undermining their core values.
From the Office of Recruitment and Placement

Sharon Sanderson, Director

As we continue to look for new ways to market YSN’s programs, I am asking for your assistance. It would be helpful to know how you learned about YSN when you initially began your search for graduate programs, and, if you were to search for a graduate nursing program today, where would you begin? Please respond in a way that is most convenient for you:

- By email: sharon.sanderson@yale.edu
- By phone: (203) 737-2557
- By faxing this form to: (203) 737-5409
- By mailing this form to:
  Sharon Sanderson, Director, Office of Recruitment and Placement
  Yale School of Nursing
  P.O. Box 9740
  New Haven, CT 06536-0740

- I entered YSN through the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing.
- I entered YSN through the MSN for RNs.
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Donna Diers, Annie W. Goodrich Professor of Nursing, To Retire in June, 2002.

Save the date to celebrate
DONNA THEN AND NOW

BRUNCH AT MORY’S, 11:30AM - 2:30PM
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2002

Donna Diers has decided to retire effective June 30, 2002 after having served for 38 years on the Yale School of Nursing faculty, including 12 years as YSN’s sixth Dean.

Born in Sheridan, Wyoming, educated at the University of Denver, Donna came to New Haven originally to work at the Yale Psychiatric Institute under Anna Baziak ’58. After completing her MSN in 1964, Donna joined the faculty as Instructor, never to leave. She is presently the Annie W. Goodrich Professor at YSN, Lecturer in the Health Management program at EPH, and Clinical Coordinator, Finance Department, Yale-New Haven Hospital. For the past several years, her teaching and scholarship have been in nursing and policy, and in health management, particularly uses of data in decision-making.

We hope you will hold the date and plan on joining us to celebrate all that is Donna – her words, witticisms, whimsies and wonderful contributions to YSN, nursing, and health care. And, what better place to celebrate than Mory’s whose tables have never been the same since Donna and a few of her uppity friends made women full fledged members. Look for an invitation with the registration materials for the YSN’s Alumnae/i Weekend, to be mailed next April.

In the meantime, send cards, letters, pictures, or other memorabilia that will be presented to Donna in grand style at Mory’s on June 8. There are no limitations on size or shape. Send your contribution to:

Donna Diers Retirement Memories
 c/o Yale School of Nursing
 Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office
 P.O. Box 9740
 New Haven, CT 06536-0740
A number of YSN students participated in a Tercentennial Symposium, sponsored by the Yale Committee on International Health, held in October. Susan Martinson '02, a 2001 Downs Fellow, presented, Assessment of Maternal Mortality in the Artibonite Valley of Rural Haiti. Three additional 2001 Downs Fellows, Angela Rogers '03, Sarah Khorram '02, and Rebecka Evans '02 joined in the Symposium's Poster Session, presenting respectively, Treating Child Illness in East Timor: A Household Level Analysis; An Assessment of Prenatal Care and Referral Networks for High Risk Pregnancies in the Ashanti Region; and Integration of Traditional Medicine and Western Medicine in the Care of Children with Cancer in Taiwan. Also, Molly Fey '03, Johanna Pohlman '03, and Susanna Westbrook '03 presented a poster on their GEPN community health rotation experience in Thailand last summer. In November, these same students afforded the YSN community an opportunity to hear about their experiences at a program entitled, Global Perspectives in Research and Clinical Practice - A View from the Field.

Yale School of Nursing Graduate Student Receives $20,000 Scholarship from American Cancer Society

Virginia Syombathy '03, a part-time Oncology Nurse Practitioner student at YSN was awarded the American Cancer Society Master's Degree Scholarship in Cancer Nursing. She will receive $10,000 each year for a total of two years beginning this fall. According to the American Cancer Society, the scholarship is awarded to graduate students who, "demonstrate exceptional commitment to the pursuit of a career in cancer nursing."

"Since I was little, I have always had an interest in nursing," says Virginia, "but I didn't know I wanted to be involved in oncology until I came to Yale. As soon as I walked onto the oncology floor, I knew that this was the specialty for me." Virginia currently works at Yale-New Haven Hospital in the outpatient oncology unit and is in her second year in the graduate program. "The amazing thing about the Yale School of Nursing is that all the professors are at the top of their field, and at the same time take a personal interest in, and are supportive of, their students' pursuits. It's a great learning environment," comments Virginia.

In addition to working and attending graduate school, Virginia also finds time to participate in community outreach. In the past she has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, and is currently a volunteer nurse for AmeriCares, a network of free health care clinics involved in disaster relief in the United States and abroad. Virginia lives in Oxford, Connecticut.
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following students received scholarships, fellowships, and grants for the 2001-02 academic year:

American Indian Graduate Center
Emily Haozous

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
Allison Amend
Deborah Kubowicz

American Cancer Society
Virginia Syombathy

American Heart Association
Heather Wilcox

Charter Oak State College
Lisa Landow

Connecticut Nurses Foundation
Elizabeth Perrone

Florence Blake Scholarship
Ivette Becerra-Ortiz
Tracy Jefferson
Kelley Mockus
Mica Muskat
Amy Rochette
Sabrina Singleton

Charles King, Jr. Scholarship
Nicole Laing
Sandhya Singh

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
Tiffany Lundeen-Frost

Fort Sill Apache Tribe Education Grant
Emily Haozous

Hunter Grubb Foundation
Lynette McCloy

Lewis-Gale Foundation
Melanie McRae

Pearce Scholarship
Molly Steele
Stephanie Welsh

National Health Service Corps
Kate Collins
Bonnie Forbis
Sonia Lander
Gretchen Landwehr
Kim Lopes
Patricia Lose
Alice Love
Courtney Marsh
Shona McNeil
Sarah Meyer
Samantha Miller
Jessica Nelson
Dana Quealy
Gwendolyn Riddell
Angela Rogers
Erin Shawn
Anna Maria Speciale
Carrie Szejk
Kathryn Tierney
Susanna Westbrook
Ashley Weycer

Nurses Educational Funds
Michelle Sanford

Presbyterian Medical Scholarship
Melanie McRae

Student Aid Foundation
Melanie McRae

The Community Foundation
Robin Johnston

Tudor/Rabinowitz Scholarship
David Campopiano
Joyelle Vigue

Ty Cobb Educational Foundation
Melanie McRae

Veterans Affairs Scholarship
Todd Perkins

Yale Club of New Haven
Lisa Landow
Virginia Syombathy

YSN Alumnae/i Association
Jacqueline Baker
Dylan Barnes-Lotfi
Jessica Bavier
Kristen Becker-Talwalkar
CB Benway
Veronica Cauilan
Allison Cooper
Meredith Cowperthwait
Cynthia Darling
Jeffrey Darna
Malia Davis
Amy Dennean
Rebecka Evans
Amber Ferland
Vanessa Filippelli
Ann Marie Gorham
Jessica Guarino
Jennifer Guifoyle
Jennifer Hain
Mary Dawn Hennessy
Jennifer Horch
Georgann Johnson
Elise Kusselow
Keith Mages
Natalie Martina
Shauna Miner
Meghan Sullivan

YSN Dean's Scholars
Jennifer Horch
Georgann Johnson
Nicole Laing
Natalie Martin
Erin McCourt
Shauna Miner
Getting to know one another at the Dean's house last September during Orientation/Registration activities...

Jen Horch '02 and Erin McCourt '02

Melissa Hildebrandt '04 and Dawn Greving '04

Coleen Kiefer '04 and husband, Richard Castillo

Phil Martinez '03 and Molly Steele '03

Rory Hoag '04 and her fiance, Aaron Carr
Student Support from Private Foundations & Individual Gifts

In 1939, with an original gift of $2,820, Mrs. C.H. Wisser established YSN’s first named scholarship fund in memory of her daughter, Eleanor C. Wisser, YSN Class of 1939. Eleanor had died in the school infirmary in 1937. Invested and added to over time, The Eleanor C. Wisser Memorial Scholarship now generates three times its original corpus for scholarship support. The list below illustrates the growth over time of YSN’s endowed scholarship funds. These gifts continue to give back, in a direct and tangible way, to our students. Increasing scholarship support continues to be a central goal of YSN’s fundraising efforts. For more information about establishing a named scholarship fund, please contact YSN Development Director Lisa Hottin at 203-785-7920 or email at lisa.hottin@yale.edu.

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Current Year Scholarship Gifts

| Yale Club of New Haven                                    | $4,000         |
| M.C. Scholarship Foundation                              | $18,000        |
| Richard L. Frisbee III Scholarship                       | $5,000         |
Florence Schorske Wald '41, '56 received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, at commencement exercises in May, 2001. In October, Florence presented the keynote address at the Connecticut Nurses’ Association’s 95th Annual Convention in Waterbury, CT.

Cynthia O’Beirne ’52 retired at 65 but continued to work part-time until age 72, at which time she retired from a varied career of teaching nursing. She worked as an intake worker for an outpatient facility for the mentally handicapped, a staff nurse in a psychiatric inpatient facility, and finally part-time in a home for the aged. She is a divorced grandmother of eight—all under the age of 12 years. Cynthia is the mother of four daughters, two of whom are identical twins, and the youngest of whom is mentally retarded. She visits annually in CA with friend and classmate, Judith Lissner ’52, who lives near one of Cynthia’s married daughters. Cynthia currently lives in Toronto, Canada.

Angela Barron McBride ’64 is the 2001 first recipient of the Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award in recognition of her exceptional Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Chapter support. The award was presented at the Biennial Convention in November.

Marvel Davis ’70 was named Historian for the National Black Nurses Association, a group that represents 150,000 African American nurses. Marvel is a manager of psychiatric services at Yale-New Haven Hospital and has served as President of the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association for four years.


Carol Hutton ’74 recently published, Eternal Journey, a book looking at death, dying, and end of life care issues.

Margaret McGrath ’76 was nominated as one of five new fellows in New England to the American Academy of Nurses for 2001. New fellows were inducted into the Academy on October 27 at the Academy’s 2001 Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, DC. Margaret currently resides in Rhode Island.

Shirley Girouard ’77 is an Associate Professor at Southern Connecticut State University. Shirley also serves on the Working Group on Health Services Research and Nursing, and the executive and advisory committees of the Foundation for Accountability’s national Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative.

Luc Pelletier ’82 received the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Excellence in Leadership Award for providing leadership in nursing and health care quality and for distinguished service to the APNA. Luc is a health care consultant in Washington, DC and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal for Healthcare Quality.

Laura Graas Fariss ’84 and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Julia, of Cayucos, CA visited New England in June, 2001 seeing old friends, college campuses, and big cities. Highlights of the trip included a tour of Yale, Pepe’s Pizza, visits with ’84 classmates Susan Willson and Susan Fekety and a special stay with dear friend Olwen W. (Roberts) Williams ’41 in her lovely home in Camden, ME.

(L to R) Laura Fariss ’84, Olwen Roberts ’41, and Julia Fariss in Olwen’s Camden, ME home, June, 2001.

Janet Parkosewich ‘85 was interviewed for an article in the New Haven Register on May 11, 2001, discussing women’s symptoms and care-seeking behaviors during myocardial infarction. Janet is currently a DNSc student at YSN.

Hemsley Stewart ‘90 completed a PhD in Nursing at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA in May, 2001. His dissertation topic was, “The History and Development of the Community Mental Health Service in Jamaica, 1963-2000.”

Susan Michaels Strasser ‘95 and husband, Arden, with their new daughter, Alea Behianne, born on September 6 in Oakland, CA. Alea joins sister, Chloe, who was around to help her mom get through Yale in the early 1990’s.

Elizabeth Mayerson ‘93 is now working at Coventry Internal Medicine in Coventry, CT after nearly seven years with Planned Parenthood of CT. Living in Bolton, she and her husband, Brent, and three pets, Tabby, Demon, and Rocky, are all doing well.

Meredith Wallace ‘93. Managing Editor of Applied Nursing Research, completed her PhD at New York University. Her dissertation was entitled, “The Quality of Life of Older Men Receiving the Watchful Waiting Treatment for Prostate Cancer.” Meredith published an editorial in the November, 2001 issue of Applied Nursing Research, “A new paradigm for older adults with cancer.”

Deirdre Marcus ‘94 and husband, Geoff, welcomed their third child, Britt Morgan, on November 12. Britt joins big sister, Hayes (4) and big brother, Weldon (2). He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Elisabeth Hyde ‘84 was Deirdre’s nurse-midwife and delivered the newest member of the Marcus family!

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Tina Miano Mason ‘96 and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, Antonia Mary, on March 20, 2001. She joins older brother, David, who is 3. They live in Tampa, FL.
**Harris Foss Guntermann ’97**, due to declining health, resigned from her position at the VNA of South Central CT in New Haven. She would very much like to hear from YSN classmates, friends, and instructors at this difficult time, since her experience at YSN and continued affiliation have all so deeply enriched her life. She can be reached at hsf1113@aol.com or at 600 Prospect Street, A-7, New Haven, CT 06511-2116, (203) 624-3506.

**Michelle Bettigole ’98** was appointed as the new Executive Director and CEO for the VNA/Hospice in Stamford, CT in September.

**Deirdre “Dede” Carroll ’00** is working at the Yale Child Study Center as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She has been at the Center for a year and works with YSN grads **Larry Schahill ’89** and **Kathleen Gawlocki Koenig ’88**. Dede is Co-Investigator on several studies including the Research Units in Pediatric Psychopharmacology (RUPP) and the Parent Management Training Program (PMT). Last April at the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses’ annual conference in Phoenix, AZ, she gave a podium presentation entitled, “The Psychosocial and Clinical Characteristics of Patients Who Endorse Body Dysmorphic Disorder Symptoms in a General Medical Setting,” which was based on her master’s research.

**Robyn Duran ’00** has been working at the University of Virginia at La Clinica, a women’s health clinic for Spanish-speaking clients. She writes that UVA’s provision of multicultural and multilingual care is a new challenge and that she is excited to help shape these much needed services.

**Michael McCarthy ’01** accepted a position as a CNS with the diabetes team at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN earlier this year. He had been faced with the difficult task of choosing between this and a pediatric neurology site in Grand Rapids, Mi. Since September, he has been settling into his family’s new home with a much-welcomed swimming pool. He, his wife, and two children were happy to move, after living at a camp where Mike had been working and literally living in the camp infirmary the size of “a raisin box, individual serving.”

**Karen Mera ’01** writes from Nepal where she relates big news. She and Tsering Sherpa decided to get married! They had worked together at Pitzer College in Nepal for years and have been “dating” long distance ever since she went back to the US for her MSN. This summer they decided to make it formal and join their lives together more publicly. “The process of getting married here is not quite as simple as running off to Vegas or dialing 1-800-SAY-I-DO in Rhode Island. It took us a month in total, including several trips to Tsering’s home district (7 hours by bus from Kathmandu), a 5 day trek to his village to get his father as a witness, and 2 weeks’ work of days sitting around at the district office waiting for our papers to pass from one section to the next. But on September 27, we finally were pronounced legally married and given our marriage certificate (important for getting Tsering’s visa when we eventually come back to the States).” Now they’ll start planning a ceremony, so that they can celebrate with folks in the US. Meanwhile, Karen is waiting to hear about a job with the Peace Corps in Nepal.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Viola Cowles ’35**

**Clara A. Traver ’38**
died June 18, 2001.

**Marion H. Fasanella ’40**
died September 12, 2001.

**Louueva C. Mabee ’90**
NOMINATION
FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE/I AWARDS 2002

The tradition of honoring outstanding alumnae/i was started at the time of YSN's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1973. It is a very special opportunity to honor colleagues and classmates who have distinguished themselves with special talents and achievements. The YUSNAA Board again solicits your nominations of YSN alums who you feel should be recognized in this way. These awards will be presented at the Reunion Banquet in June. The deadline for receipt of your nomination is March 1. Please send all nominations to Barbara Reif at the above address.

Review the criteria below and provide as much specific information as possible to indicate the ways in which your nominee meets these criteria. You may wish to solicit help from your classmates or colleagues. A curriculum vitae would be helpful, if one is available. The committee will also seek additional information on nominees where necessary.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION:

Achievement in and outstanding contributions to any of the following categories:
- Teaching and scholarship
- Clinical practice
- Leadership
- Research in clinical nursing
- Community/Society
- YSN growth and development

Explanation:
1. How is the achievement or contribution beyond the normal expectation of the activity or position?
2. How is the achievement or contribution unique and innovative, having more than local impact?
3. Describe how the service to YSN/community/profession is continuous and sustaining.
4. How do the activities contribute to the development of new dimensions and directions in nursing?

Your NOMINEE: ___________________________________ CLASS __________________
Your Name ___________________________________ Class _________________________
Address ______________________________________
Phone (_____) ______________________________________
Email Address _____________________________________