

Summer 2017

Message from the Dean

Summer Honors Institute 2017 - Find Your Path in Health Care provided 80 rising high school juniors with experiences in our various programs. Starting with a vehicle extraction, participants followed the patients to see the full impact of all health care team members; students assessed X-rays in our Digital Imaging Lab, evaluated clinical tests, reviewed social work roles and dietetic needs, and experienced the Interprofessional Simulation Center with our health care administrators, health information managers, and nurses.



News from the Dean's Office

On February 8th, LIU Post was a proud sponsor of the LI Science & Engineering Fair (LISEF), a competition for the most advanced high school projects. The participants in this fair have a chance to present to professionals in their subject areas from local universities, scientific institutions and professionals in the field.

This year an interdisciplinary team of faculty attended the fair as judges, while two high school students who completed their research at LIU Post were entered into the competition.

Judges were, Dr. Stacy Gropack, Dean, School of Health Professions and Nursing, Dr. Azad Gucwa, Dr. Daniel Ginsburg, Dr. Visa Chandrasekaran, Dr. Nicholas Ramer, Dr. Tejas Bouklas, and Dr. Jennifer Snekser.

High school students, Sara Samir and Rachel Jozwik worked in the laboratories of Dr. Gucwa, Dr. Ginsberg and Dr. Dolar in Economics, presented their projects at the fair. Their projects were: The Relationship between salivary cortisol, self-assessed stress levels, and body mass index in high-achieving high school adolescents, and the correlation between the rs53576 SNP and stress levels in high school students, respectively.



Department News

Health Science

Melissa Peet (BSHS 2017 and Valedictorian) submitted her Honors thesis titled "A Comparative Analysis of Men's and Women's Sports with Respect to Types of Injury, Anatomy and Physiology, and Care and Prevention"

Melissa investigated the most common injuries observed for a specific sport and explained how the underlying anatomy and the influence of the kinetic chain could lead to these injuries. She compared injury rates for comparable men's and women's sports (e.g. men's and women's basketball) and how differences in male and female anatomy resulted in different injuries being more common. Finally, she made specific recommendations on training and rehab techniques to reduce the incidence of these most common injuries.

Health Information Management

Jennifer Toussaint is a remote HIM certificate student and will complete the program in May 2017. Despite the fact that Jennifer is taking our online program while she resides in Atlanta, Georgia, she is one of the top HIM students in the current class. Jennifer's love of learning is beyond compare. She successfully completed her internship at Emory Health System in Atlanta, Georgia and was amazed at how much she learned and was exposed to during the short period of time that she was there. Even though her internship requirement had been met, she has volunteered to prolong her internship and continues to learn and explore the many opportunities that HIM has to offer. She is one of a kind, she is already thinking of ways to promote the HIM profession further by exploring the possibility of teaching billing and coding to high school students, in order to prepare them to sit for the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) exam. Jennifer will be graduating in September 2017, and is preparing to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) credentialing exam prior to or soon after graduation. Congratulations Jennifer!

Social Work

Two students of Dr. Elissa Giffords, Sharon Botter and Justine Porretto, had their letters published in the April 20th edition of *Newsday*. Sharon's letter was titled, "Grateful for arrests in Rte. 110 drug sales," and Justine's letter was titled, "Schools must deter bullying by students."

Health Care and Public Administration

Dr. Lauren Bock Mullins was elected to the position of Secretary of the National Executive Committee of the Section on Women in Public Administration at the 2017 ASPA conference in Atlanta, GA. She also presented her coauthored research at the conference.

Dr. Alexander Henderson presented a paper entitled "Volunteer Satisfaction in Nonprofit Public Service Providers: Organizational- and Individual-Level Determinants" at the Symposium on Public Administration, Public Policy, and Nonprofit Studies Research at George Washington University. He was also elected as the Chair of the Section on Health and Human Services Administration, of the American Society for Public Administration, as well as named to the editorial board of the *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*. A forthcoming article entitled, "What to look for in leadership and organizational performance" was the subject of a blog by Steve Kelman (Harvard Kennedy School of Government).

Nursing

Dr. Chrystyne Olivieri and Professor Mary Carter presented at the Nurse Practitioner Association Annual Conference, Long Island Chapter, on April 2017. Dr. Olivieri, full time Nursing faculty at LIU, spoke on "Gaining Glycemic Control in those with Type 2 Diabetes utilizing GLP-1 hormones and the Paleo Diet". Professor Carter, a long time adjunct to the Nursing Department spoke about "The pain epidemic in the U.S.A., as well as the substance abuse epidemic".

Dr. Laura Prager presented a poster on March 12, 2017 called "How Do Parent Caregivers Make the Decision About Residential Group Home Placement for Their Adult Child with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities" at the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Epsilon Kappa Chapter Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice Conference, Molloy College Center for Nursing Research and Scholarly Practice.

Dr. Laura Prager has just become a member and consultant for Disabilities Competencies Review Committee funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This committee is part of the Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education and the Ohio Disability and Health Program who have partnered to improve the disability education that health care students receive. The purpose of this work is to develop a consensus on the disability competencies required for health care providers and to provide quality care to patients with disabilities. These competencies are designed to be cross disability and interdisciplinary.



One of our FNP Graduate students, Gilberte Fouche, has been nominated for an Experiential Award. She will graduate in 2018. Congratulations Gilberte!

Biomedical Science

Morgan King, a BMS student, graduated this past May. She has been doing collaborative research with Dr. Azad Gucwa and Dr. Lisa Prazak-Stockwell, Department of Biology, Farmingdale State College. Her poster entitled "The Role of Dack in Appetitive Associative Olfactory Learning in *Drosophila melanogaster*", received an award at the Metropolitan Association of Community and University Biologists (MACUB) annual conference in the fall. She also presented this work at LIU Post and Beyond and defended her thesis this past spring.



The students in the Biomedical Science Department had a very strong showing at Post and Beyond, and at Scientista, a national conference for women in STEM this month.

Nutrition

Dr. Barbara Shorter and Dr. Kathy Isoldi were co-authors on a manuscript entitled *Obesity with comorbid stress urinary incontinence in women: A narrative review to inform dietetics practice* online ahead of print in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.

The Springer textbook, "Urological and Gynaecological Chronic Pelvic Pain" has just been published with Dr. Barbara Shorter as the leading co-author for Chapter 5 entitled, "*Diet Therapy in the Context of Chronic Pelvic Pain.*"

Faculty Profile of the Month



Lois Stein received her BS degree in Community Service Education from Cornell University and her MSW and DSW in Social Welfare from Adelphi University. Her social work career began as a medical social worker and expanded over 40 years to include mental health, drug and alcohol and special needs counseling.

In addition to her extensive direct practice with children, adults and families, Dr. Stein taught at Adelphi University School of Social Work in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. She served as their Assistant Dean for Academic Services as well as the Director of their MSW program, enriching her expertise in higher education and administration.

Two years ago, Dr. Stein was hired to coordinate the new undergraduate social work program at LIU Brentwood campus. Our very first LIU Brentwood Class of 2017 will be graduating this May, 2017. Our second class, twice as large as the first, expects to complete their BSSW degrees next year in May 2018.

Continuing its expansion, LIU Brentwood is accepting students now for its first graduate MSW Advanced Standing Class of 2018.

All classes in Brentwood are held in our own building, recently opened at the start of the Fall, 2016 semester, located at Suffolk Community College. The social work department is proud to offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs at its newest site in Suffolk County.

The School of Health Professions and Nursing wants to know how its students, staff, faculty, and alumni are doing. Send us an email to Post-SHPN@liu.edu with news and accomplishments. We are always happy to hear of your achievements.