



# School of Health Professions and Nursing Monthly Newsletter

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## News from the Dean's Office

Each month I will try to provide some up to date information about issues in Higher Education and Health Care.

### The Prestige Gap

Study suggests that men are overrepresented in elite Ph.D. programs, especially in those fields heavy on math skills, making for segregation by discipline and prestige. This article can be obtained at: [Inside Higher Ed: Study sees gender gaps in PhD programs discipline and prestige?](#)

### Hearing in Congress to Examine Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education

On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a hearing entitled "Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education." Members examined the current state of America's higher education system and explore ways to strengthen the system for students, parents, institutions, and taxpayers. Details of the meeting can be found at: <http://edworkforce.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=401283>

### Student Interprofessional Education (IPE) Event

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, The School of Health Professions and Nursing (SHPN) will be hosting its first Student IPE Event. The event is designed to allow students from the SHPN, as well as other students across the campus, to interact while collaborating on issues in health care. The focus of the event will be understanding the different roles and responsibilities among health care professionals, and how to work collaboratively as a team. We are expecting 200 students to participate, as well as 20 faculty members.

### Heroes for Healthcare

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, The School of Health Professions and Nursing will be hosting an interactive day for high school juniors and seniors interested in health professions, including nutrition, biomedical technology, nursing, social work, medical imaging, physical/occupational therapy, health information management, health care administration, and general health sciences leading to careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary studies. Through real case studies and simulation technology students will work collaboratively with members of the health care team, each of which contributes to the betterment of the patient's condition. Interprofessional teamwork will be stressed. Please share with those who would like to participate. Students can register at: [Heroes of Healthcare at LIU Post](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 24, 2017**

*Forensic Social Work Conference*  
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Humanities 119

**February 24, 2017**

**Heroes of Healthcare**  
*A Workshop for High School Juniors and Seniors*  
Life Science room 242

**March 4, 2017**

*Depressed, Borderline, or Bipolar?*  
Brian Quinn, PhD, LCSW  
9:00 am– 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Lorber Hall, Room 100

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 7, 2017**

*The Many Faces of Family Violence Conference*

**To learn more information and to register, please visit [www.tsclconference.org](http://www.tsclconference.org)**

**April 18, 2017**

*Student IPE Event*  
12:00pm – 2:00pm  
Tilles Atrium

## Nutrition

Barbara Shorter has co-authored an abstract entitled “Perceptions of Nephrolithiasis Promoting Factors and Preventive Measures: A Prospective Survey Analysis,” accepted to be presented at a Poster Session at the 2017 American Urological Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. (May 2017).

## Medical Imaging Program

The Medical Imaging Program has begun the application process and looks forward to selecting our new cohort of students to begin this fall. Our seniors are winding down their studies and preparing to take their American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam shortly after graduation. To date ten senior students have interviewed here on campus with Daniel VanVorst, the director of Human Resources for Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, and have been offered full-time positions upon graduation. Several senior students have interviewed for MRI internships at NYU Langone Medical Center where they have requested our students for these positions. An additional ten students have been requested back to clinical sites who have offered them positions upon graduation. Many of our seniors have already received multiple job offers and we are looking forward to watching them prosper in their careers.

## Biomedical Science

Dr. Visalam Chandrasekaran was a collaborator on the 2016 Guidelines for Transfusion of Pediatric Patients, for the New York State Council on Human Blood and Transfusion Services.

Dr. Tejas Bouklas’s manuscript, “Modulation of Replicative Lifespan in *Cryptococcus neoformans*: Implications for Virulence”, was published in *Frontiers in Microbiology*.

## Social Work



Dr. John Imhof has been an adjunct in the Social Work department for several years. Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano today announced that Commissioner John Imhof of the Nassau County Department of Social Services (DSS) has been elected by his 57 fellow commissioners as President of the New York Public Welfare Association (NYPWA). The County Executive administered an Oath of Office to Commissioner Imhof last evening in Albany.

"I was pleased to administer the oath of office to Dr. Imhof as he undertakes his responsibilities as President of the New York Public Welfare Association," said County Executive Mangano. "Dr. Imhof continues to bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to both the Nassau County Department of Social Services and to the Association, and is dedicated to our collaborative mission of strengthening and preserving families."

Sheila Harrigan, Executive Director of the NYPWA stated, "NYPWA has long benefitted from Dr. Imhof's contributions since he became DSS Commissioner in 2006. His strong expertise and exceptional background in public service, health care administration and education make him an invaluable asset to the NYPWA and to his fellow Commissioners. We look forward to his leadership promoting NYPWA's mission to improve the quality and effectiveness of social welfare policy so that it is both accountable to taxpayers and protective of vulnerable people throughout Nassau County and New York State."

Dr. Imhof came to government in 2003 following his most recent position as Vice President for Behavioral Health Services of the North Shore – LIJ Health System, currently known as Northwell Health. In 2003, Dr. Imhof was appointed Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction, and then appointed DSS Commissioner in 2006. Dr. Imhof holds a doctorate in Psychology and master's degrees in Social Work, Health Care Administration and Education. He is an Adjunct Professor of Social Work at LIU Post and Chairperson of the County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Night –



The SAFE CENTER LI along with the MSW Graduate Student Association Administration, BSW Social Work Club and the Health Care / Public Administration's Student Club, co-sponsored "Step Into My Shoes" and a film screening of GEMS' "Very Young Girls" on January 31, 2017. Very Young Girls is an exposé of the commercial sexual exploitation of girls in New York City as they are sold on the streets by pimps and treated as adult criminals by police. The film follows barely adolescent girls in real time, using vérité and intimate interviews with them, documenting their struggles and triumphs as they seek to exit the commercial sex industry. The "Step Into My Shoes," art exhibit features a collection of shoes, representing people who have been victimized by sex and labor trafficking. Each shoe tells the story of an individual survivor.

"I am a victim and they still put me in handcuffs and this jumpsuit and locked me up."  
"My father and his friends have been doing it to me ever since I was little."

## Nursing

Laura Prager is president of the [NY State Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association \(nysiddna\)](#) and a member of the New York State Aging and Policy Committee of the Third Age. The committee meets on a consistent basis, most recently the committee had a discussion on November 29th. This statewide committee addresses the unique challenges and opportunities that adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) face while moving through their "third age" of life. The committee is comprised of an interprofessional team with participating members of various disciplines from throughout New York State. The committee works closely with family advocates, caregivers, and NYS legislators. The New York State Aging and Policy Committee of the Third Age will be developing a White Paper to inform readers about this complex issue and propose steps to make decisions about the unique issues facing this special population. The White Paper will present the philosophy on the matter and propose new frameworks, concepts and method on how to best prepare, as well as assist persons with ID/DD to live and experience their best "third age" of later life.



The Interprofessional Simulation Center now has the ability for students and faculty to experience schizophrenia in the first person.

Hearing Voices® was developed by a clinical psychologist who herself has a psychiatric disability with auditory hallucinations to permit individuals to understand what a patient with schizophrenia experiences. This technology permits individuals who encounter and work with these patients the ability to gain insight into the patient's perspective and their needs. This program has been so enlightening it has become a permanent part of health care curriculums in Universities and law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Hearing Voices® includes a curriculum guide for faculty, suggested activities, and a debriefing guide. Anyone wishing to utilize this resource with their class please contact Dr. Barbara Messina or Brian Haughney in the Interprofessional Simulation Center. We would be happy to assist you to develop an experience for your students and yourselves!

Finally, we all need to thank, Professor Suzanne Thomas. Suzanne participating in an accreditation site visit, experienced Hearing Voices, and brought it to our attention. Thank you Suzanne.

## **Faculty Profile: Daniel Ginsburg, Biomedical Science**



Dan Ginsburg received his B.S. in Chemistry in 1999 and his Ph.D. in Genetics in 2005 from Stanford University. During his Ph.D. he worked on developing a tool for gene therapy that would integrate therapeutic genes site-specifically into the genome. He continued his scientific training as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health where he worked on the molecular mechanism by which genes get turned on until 2010. He continues that work in his lab in the Biomedical Sciences Department, focusing on a protein complex that is involved in helping turn genes on in yeast. He is also studying the human version of that protein complex as a possible therapy for breast and lung cancer. Further research investigates how the structure of the chromosomes helps protect DNA from damage. Dan is collaborating with others at LIU Post to work on understanding how dietary restriction affects fruit fly response to caffeine, how variation in the oxytocin receptor affects stress in teens, and the function of a particular protein in the stress response in yeast. Dan is also involved in a project with Bayside Brewery to help them evolve yeast to decrease fermentation time. His work has led to several publications in journals including *Molecular Cell*, *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Dan has taught courses on biochemistry, molecular biology, research methods, virology, and statistics and has mentored more than 30 students in his lab at LIU Post, including high school students, undergraduates, and graduate students. Dan's students have presented at several conferences, with six of them winning awards for their posters. Twelve of them are coauthors on his publications.

## **Staff Profile: Rebecca Coleman, Enrollment Services Counselor, HCPA**



Rebecca Coleman is the Enrollment Services Counselor for the Department of Health Care and Public Administration. Prior to joining LIU Post, Rebecca has worked for various nonprofit organizations. Rebecca has a Bachelor of Science in Human Development from Binghamton University and is currently pursuing her Masters in Public Administration here at LIU Post.

## **Student Profile: Jaqueline Palma, Medical Imaging**



Jaqueline Palma is a college senior who grew up in Suffolk County, NY and attended Islip High School. She graduated in 2011 and completed her Associate's Degree at Suffolk County Community College in 2013.

In 2014, she moved to Oceanside, NY with her family. She began working at Press 195 in Rockville Centre and has been there ever since. She applied to LIU Post for the Medical Imaging program and was accepted during the summer of 2015, for the class beginning that September. After her first semester, she made the Dean's List and was inducted into Tau Sigma Honor Society. Throughout the past two years she has learned so much about the medical imaging field and is looking forward to continuing her education to receive a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration, along with having a successful career as a radiographer.