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2022-2023 FELLOWS' BIOSKETCHES

Ashley Linington, ACNP-BC, OCN

Ashley Linington is an acute care trained Nurse Practitioner working in the Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Fairfield University and a master's degree as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from New York University. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Villanova University with an expected graduation in December 2023. She has over fifteen years of oncology experience caring for patients with Genitourinary malignancies. Aside from her clinical responsibilities, she is an Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Manager that oversees both medicine and surgical APP teams. She is actively involved within the organization and a committee member on the Department of Medicine Quality Assurance team, Credentialing Appointment and Promotions Committee and recently served as a team lead on a hospital wide operational team looking at patient flow.

Beatrice Forlizzi, MSN, RN, CNS, CWOCN

Beatrice Forlizzi has 33 years of nursing experience across the health care continuum and is board certified as a wound ostomy and continence nurse. Beatrice obtained a BSN from Pace University, a Master of Science in Nursing as a Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) from the College of Staten Island and her WOC education at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA. She is currently the Wound and Ostomy Clinical Nurse Specialist for a tertiary care Facility in NYC since 2017. Ms. Forlizzi loves the challenge that is inherent in the CNS and WOC nurse positions. She is the chair of skin care council; and she designed and implemented educational programs for wound and ostomy care. She is responsible for the education and consultation needs for multidisciplinary professionals. Ms. Forlizzi has been an active member of the Metro NY Affiliate and the past president of Metro New York Chapter, January 2018-December 2019. She was awarded the 2020 Northeast Regions President's award. She has actively participated in BCAN fundraisers, and Colon Cancer Challenges. She was the Co-Chair for the Speakers Committee at the 2016 NER Conference and was actively involved in its planning. Ms. Forlizzi has presented posters at WOCN conferences and has done multiple podium presentations both locally and internationally.

Blanca Iris Padilla, PhD, MBA, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, FANNP

Blanca Iris Padilla is an Associate Professor at the Duke School of Nursing and a family nurse practitioner. She teaches in the nurse practitioner and Doctor of Nursing practice programs. Dr. Padilla holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Belmont University, a Master of Science in Nursing from Tennessee State University, a PhD in Nursing from the University of Tennessee, a Post-Doc Fellowship from the University of Michigan, and an MBA from Elon University. Her experience includes teaching, practice, research, public/community health, and primary care redesign. She continues her clinical practice and is currently a diabetes consultant at a primary care clinic within a federally qualified health center and practices at Duke Regional and Health System doing inpatient diabetes consults. She has been working with the diabetes population nearly 16 years and has created diabetes clinics within primary care settings. She is a Co-principal investigator on a pilot study aiming to create a transition of care for adult Latino patients with diabetes transitioning from hospital to the community funded by the New York Regional Center for Diabetes Translation Research with support from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Dr. Padilla is a member of the American Academy for Nurse Practitioner and was inducted as a fellow in 2021. She was invited to be a member of the DUSON Community Improvement Partnership Program's Executive Advisory Board. Dr. Padilla was awarded one of the 50th outstanding alumni at Belmont University.

Carolyn Bogan, MSN, FNP-BC, CARN-AP

Carolyn Bogan is a dual board-certified family and addiction nurse practitioner at South Shore Health in Weymouth, MA. She is the manager of the addiction medicine consult service, outpatient bridge program and primary care embedded office-based addiction treatment program. Prior to her role at South Shore Health, Ms. Bogan worked as a clinician, project director and researcher at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). In addition to treating substance use disorders as a nurse practitioner, while at MUSC, Ms. Bogan was the director of Emergency Department Medication Assisted treatment programs and oversaw the successful implementation of SBIRT and peer recovery coaches in five South Carolina emergency departments. She also participated as the advanced practice lead for MUSC Opioid Use Disorder Project Echo. Ms. Bogan has been appointed graduate adjunct faculty in MUSC's College of Nursing and served as adjunct undergraduate faculty at University of South Carolina's College of Nursing. She is currently a consultant with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Opioid Response Network and Boston Medical Center's Training and Technical Assistance. Ms. Bogan has spent nearly a decade as an advisor for the Kappa Alpha Theta sororities at Princeton University and College of Charleston. Ms. Bogan's professional interests include low barrier, on demand substance use disorder treatment, harm reduction in substance use disorders, PrEP and HCV treatment in the substance use disorder population, treating substance use disorders in pregnancy and treating substance use disorders in BIPOC and LGBTQ communities.

Christina Cone, DNP, APRN, ANP, AOCNP

Christina Cone is a board-certified adult nurse practitioner and serves as the Administrative Director of The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center (PRTBTC) at the Duke Cancer Institute, one of the largest brain tumor centers in the world. She also serves as the Administrative Director for the Duke Center for Brain and Spine Metastasis, which focuses on the treatment of solid tumor brain and spine metastases. She was previously the Advanced Practice Provider Team Lead at the PRTBTC, where she had been a seasoned nurse practitioner since 2010. Dr. Cone completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice from East Carolina University. Her doctoral work focused primarily on inter-professional leadership and health care administration. Dr. Cone earned a Master of Science in Nursing in the Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) program with a specialty in oncology from the Duke University School of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Carolina University. In 2020, Dr. Cone was awarded the Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology by the Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology (APSHO). The annual award was created in the honor of Mary Pazdur, RN, MSN, and is given to an advanced practitioner APSHO member who consistently demonstrates exemplary leadership and outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, and education in the oncology/hematology field.

Christine A. Dorman, DNP, ANP-C, CWOCN

Christine Dorman is an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University, in the graduate school of nursing program in Stony Brook, NY. She also works as a certified wound, ostomy, continence (WOC) nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY. She has been a CWOC nurse for 26 years. Dr. Dorman practices primary care on Long Island as a certified adult nurse practitioner for the last 14 years. Dr. Dorman holds a Bachelor of Science from Adelphi University, a master's degree in Adult Health Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice in adult nursing from Stony Brook University. She has experience in teaching, oncology nursing, WOC nursing, primary care, and research. She has been a registered nurse for 38 years. As a DNP student, Dr. Dorman was the recipient of the Gene E. Mundie Endowed Scholarship and the Distinguished Traveler's Award. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the WOCN Society, nationally and regional. Dr. Dorman routinely precepts WOC student nurses and student nurse practitioners.

Christy Evers, DNP, APRN, CNM, CNE®n, RNC-OB, C-EFM

Christy Evers is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing in Kansas City, KS. She is also a practicing Certified Nurse Midwife at Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. Dr. Evers holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from MidAmerica Nazarene University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Kansas School of Nursing with an emphasis in nurse-midwifery. She obtained her Health Professions Educator Certificate from the University of Kansas. Dr. Evers holds national certifications as a nurse midwife through the American Midwifery Certification Board, certified nurse educator-novice, through the National League for Nurses, inpatient obstetrics through the National Certification Corporation, and certification of added qualification in electronic fetal monitoring through the National Certification Corporation. Dr. Evers is a member of Sigma Theta Tau since 2015, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses since 2012, and the American College of Nurse-Midwives since 2013. She has served on the board of directors for the Kansas chapter of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She has precepted dozens of students as both a nurse and a midwife. Dr. Evers professional interests are in maternal mortality and morbidity.

Erika Klitzke, MSN, APNP NNP-BC CPNP-PC, RN

Erika E. Klitzke is a dual board-certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, currently in practice at Children's Wisconsin Level IV NICU in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ms. Klitzke has practiced at various healthcare organizations throughout her 22 years of practice in the nursing field, including pediatric critical care, neonatal critical care, newborn nursery, pediatric day surgery and practiced as a pediatric nurse practitioner in pediatric pulmonology. Ms. Klitzke received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa in 2003 and was also the elected class speaker for commencement. She was awarded the State of Iowa Nursing Student of the Year in 2002. She earned a Master of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University in 2007 and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, Iota Chapter. She became board certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in 2007. She later went on to study in the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program at Rush University and earned a Post-Master's Certificate in 2016. She has special interests in management of very-low-birth-weight infants, neonatal neurocritical care, and development and education for student nurse practitioners and novice nurse practitioners.

Gayathri (Gay) Devi, PHD

Gayathri (Gay) Devi is an Associate Professor at Duke University in the Department of Surgery and is a primary member at Duke Cancer Institute (DCI) in their Cancer Risk Detection & Interception and the Cancer Biology programs. She is the Program Director of the Duke Consortium for Inflammatory Breast Cancer at DCI and serves as PI on multiple breast cancer grants. Dr. Devi also serves as Associate Director for Research Education in the Department of Surgery, which encompasses her role as Program Director of Duke MERITS (Multidisciplinary Educational and Research in Translational Sciences).

Dr. Devi's research interests include functional genomics, anti-cancer drug discovery and development, mechanisms of cancer cell signaling, tumor immunity and applications thereof for overcoming therapeutic resistance in cancer. In 2020, Dr. Devi was appointed to the editorial board for the journal *Cancers*, an international, peer-reviewed open access journal on oncology that includes articles in basic, translational, and clinical studies on all tumor types.

One of the aspects of Dr. Devi's career that she especially cherishes, and embraces is the opportunity to interact with, teach, and mentor the next generation of researchers and physician scientists. She has had more than 50 trainees to date come through her lab. In 2021, she received the Duke University Early Career Mentoring Award in Basic–Translational Science. Dr. Devi received her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Following that she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Oregon Health in Endocrinology and Cancer Biology.

Geraldine E. Kanne, ANP-BC, GS-C

Geraldine Kanne has a joint position as a nurse practitioner with Duke Population Health Management Office (PHMO), and the Division of Geriatrics with Duke University Health System. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in communications and marketing from the University of Arizona. She works to infuse geriatrics expertise into primary care practices, currently focused on annual wellness visits. She developed and now manages a falls prevention clinic for older adults. She is the clinical lead with a care team evaluating patients transitioning from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility (SNF), working with members of the health system and SNF staff. She has extensive experience leading interdisciplinary teams with members from the health system and community-based organizations. She was previously Associate Director of a grant-funded nurse practitioner fellowship program. Prior to her current role, Ms. Kanne provided medical care to older adults in a continuing care retirement community. She worked for several years as a clinical nurse practitioner in hematology/oncology, in addition to several years as an inpatient registered nurse. She is active in GAPNA (gerontological advanced practice nurses association) and is co-author of a review textbook for the NP geriatrics-certification exam, awaiting publication. She has published an article on falls prevention, spoken at national conferences, and has presented several posters, both nationally and locally.

Jamie Mancuso, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC

Jamie Mancuso is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Duke University School of Medicine, where she manages a school-based health clinic located inside a local Durham high school. She also works part-time as a Consulting Associate and Clinical Nurse Educator in the Simulation and Skills Lab at the Duke University School of Nursing, where she and her colleagues have won several awards for their work to shift to virtual learning and continue providing safe in-person skills training during the pandemic. Mrs. Mancuso holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University School of Nursing. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and serves as a board member of the NC Chapter of NAPNAP and Legislative Committee member. She is also a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses, North Carolina Nurses Association and National School-Based Health Alliance. Her professional interests are adolescent health care with a focus on mental health awareness and education, bringing healthcare to underserved communities and advocating for health policy impacting all children.

Jennifer Schuster, NNP, BC, APNP

Jennifer Schuster is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Jennifer has worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for 17 years, 8 of those years as an NNP. She has experience in precepting new graduates, as well as students. Ms. Schuster is developing a training program involving simulation for procedural competence for NNPs. She is currently participating in multidisciplinary mode code simulation for the NICU. She is working on a QI project to improve chest milk at discharge. Ms. Schuster is a member of National Association of Neonatal Nurses in addition to being a member of the local chapter (SWANN)

Jessica Cerulli, DNP, FNP-c, RN

Jessica Cerulli is the Inpatient Director for Advanced Practice Providers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer in New York, New York. She also holds an adjunct faculty position at her alma mater, Wagner College in Staten Island, NY. Dr. Cerulli holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of science in Nursing and a Doctor in Nursing Practice degree all from Wagner College. She is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Her doctorate degree focused on disaster management and epidemiology. She has spent her entire career in the service of Oncology patients. Most recently, she has helped her institution strategize patient flow operations. Dr. Cerulli's professional interests include patient and staff resiliency in the face of trauma and operational strategies targeted at improving patient care.

Joy Curry, DNP, MSN, APRN, NP-C

Joy Elliott Curry is a Nurse Practitioner at Duke University Medical Center, where she practices at Duke Hematology in Durham, NC, and Duke Raleigh Benign Hematology in Raleigh, NC who partners closely with five hematology providers. She also works on the Duke Apheresis Team. She originally attended the University of North Carolina Greensboro, where she received her Adult Nurse Practitioner degree. In addition, Dr. Curry has a Post-Master's Certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner from East Carolina University. While working full-time at the Division of Hematology, she returned to East Carolina University to complete her Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2018. She works primarily with Benign Hematology involved in the continuum of health care of chronic disease management providing exceptional care. She has experience in teaching, precepting, mentorship, primary care, and research. Dr. Curry is a member of several professional organizations including the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Sigma Theta Tau, Golden Key Honor Society, Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Health Care Conciliation, and was inducted into the East Carolina Honor Society. She enjoys teaching, shopping, and weekend getaways in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Kaci Costello, MPH, RN, CWOCN

Kaci Costello is a Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) in the ambulatory setting. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Palm Beach Atlantic University and a Master of Public Health with a focus in Community Health Science and Practice from New York University. In addition, she pursued her studies in wound, ostomy, and continence care at Cleveland Clinic's R.B. Turnbull, Jr., MD School of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing. Ms. Costello is a member of the Delta Omega Honorary Society for Public Health and the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society. She has over ten years of diverse clinical experience across the continuum of care in both public and private healthcare settings in the New York City area. Last year she received the Sherry Beilinson MVP Award which recognizes individuals who have gone about and beyond to help the most vulnerable patients at MSK. Ms. Costello has also collaborated with ostomy advocates and manufacturers to successfully petition CMS for a new HCPCS coding structure, which expanded access to colostomy irrigation supplies. Her professional interests focus on improving health outcomes using nurse-led initiatives and tackling health disparities.

Kara Threatt, RN, MSN, ANP, AOCNP

Kara Threatt is the Assistant Director of Clinical Operations for the Department of Surgery at Duke University. She is also the Senior Team Lead for the Surgical Oncology Division at Duke. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University School of Nursing, and soon will hold a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a focus in leadership in 2022. She has experience in oncology nursing, surgical oncology, leadership, and research. She is the recipient of the Excellence in Surgical Oncology Nursing Award from the Oncology Nursing Society in 2015. Mrs. Threatt is a member of Oncology Nursing Society, The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, and Triangle Oncology Nursing Society. Mrs. Threatt's professional interests are in areas of patient access to care and Lean methodologies in healthcare.

Karen R McCain, MSN, FNP, APRN-BC

Karen McCain is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Duke University Health Systems. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing, both respectfully from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She currently works in the Duke Specialty Infusion Center working with complex non-oncology patients receiving infusion therapies. She has been a Family Nurse Practitioner for over 25 years with extensive work experience in chronic pain management, psychiatry and addiction medicine, and maternal fetal medicine. She has worked on several phase 3 clinical trials in the Duke University Department of Psychiatry focusing on addiction medicine. Ms. McCain is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the American Nursing Association, and the North Carolina Nursing Association. She has served as a member of the SECU committee. She serves as a mentor to newly graduated nurse practitioners focusing on career development. Ms. McCain's professional interests are African American women health disparities with chronic diseases and health care accessibility.

Katie Eisele, APNP

Katie Eisele is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Edgewood College and a Master of Science in Nursing from Creighton University. She has experience in unit education, precepting, perinatal bereavement, and neonatal nursing. She is a member of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, as well as the State of Wisconsin Association of Neonatal Nurses. Ms. Eisele's professional interests are in the areas of supporting and mentoring novice nurse practitioners, care for micro premature infants, and effective communication between bedside nurses and providers.

Keisha O'Garro, Psy.D. ABPP

Keisha-Gaye N. O'Garro is an Assistant Professor at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. She is a faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Duke and works as a clinical health psychologist at the Duke Pain Medicine Clinic. Dr. O'Garro holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and African Studies from the State University of New York at Binghamton, a Master of Psychology, and a Doctor of Psychology from Argosy University at Tampa Campus. She has received her internship and postdoctoral training at the Alabama Veterans HealthCare System and CT VA Healthcare System and Yale University, respectively. Dr. O'Garro has also completed an externship opportunity at the University of West Indies located in Kingston, Jamaica on Caribbean psychology. She became board certified in Clinical Health Psychology in 2014. Dr. O'Garro's primary appointment involves conducting intake evaluations and providing psychological services to individuals with acute and chronic pain and psychological distress. She specifically performs pre-surgical psychological screenings for implanted devices and chronic opioid management in both civilian and military populations. In addition to her work in the chronic pain field, Dr. O'Garro provides a variety of evidence-based trauma therapies for both civilian and veteran populations and is certified as a cognitive processing therapist.

She also has an interest in cultural diversity and is promoting the importance of incorporating diversity in the evaluation and treatment of patients, particularly those from underrepresented populations. Dr. O'Garó is a member of the American Academy of Pain Management, the Health Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association, and the Jamaican Psychological Society. She is also a member of Duke Academy for Health Professions Education and Academic Development, along with being a fellow of Advance Development, Advocacy, Networking, Coaching, and Education for Underrepresented Populations. Dr. O'Garó's professional interests are in the areas of chronic pain, military psychology, trauma, and providing clinical care to underserved populations.

Krysta Ramirez Henry, DNP, APRN, CNM

Krysta Ramirez Henry is a clinical faculty member at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She teaches didactic and practicum courses in midwifery and advanced practice. In addition, she provides full-scope midwifery care in a rural setting in Warrensburg, Missouri. Here she has served as a preceptor for over thirty advanced practice students. Dr. Ramirez Henry holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas, a Master of Science in Nursing with a Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery from the University of Kansas, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Ramirez Henry is a recipient of the 2020 American College of Nurse-Midwives Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2021 she was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Dr. Ramirez Henry is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau, Lambda Phi Chapter, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, and Postpartum Support International. Her professional interests include perinatal mood and anxiety disorders.

Margaret Canjura, DNP FNP-BC

Margaret Canjura is a Nurse Practitioner at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She is an APP Manager managing several inpatient medicine teams where she also practices clinically on the thoracic medicine service. She also manages the inpatient triage APPs who work on patient flow. She is an associate professor at Wagner College teaching in undergraduate and graduate Nursing studies. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing with a post-master's certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner and a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a focus on public health and disaster management all from Wagner College. Dr. Canjura has experience in teaching med/surg, public health, simulation lab and nursing leadership. She is a member of the American Nurse Credentialing Center where she is board certified in addition the Nurse Practitioner association of NY state. She is an active member on many task forces, councils and committees. Dr. Canjura recently just completed the Emerging Talent Program at MSKCC.

Melissa Nelson, MSN, CNM, WHNP-BC

Melissa Nelson is a Certified Nurse Midwife and the Associate Director of Midwifery Services at Boston Medical Center. She received her BA in Liberal Arts from the College of The Holy Cross where she majored in anthropology. Afterwards she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she specialized in nurse midwifery and women's health. In addition, Ms. Nelson is a faculty member of the Boston University School of Medicine, where she is a clinical instructor for the department of OBGYN. She has experience in teaching nursing students, medical students, and OB/GYN and Family Medicine residents. She is a member of the American College Nurse Midwives (ACNM) and currently serves as the Northeast Regional Ambassador for Midwives of Color Committee (MOCC) of ACNM and the Co-Chair of Diversity and Inclusion for the Massachusetts Affiliate for ACNM.

Michele Kuszajewski, DNP, RN, CHSE

Michele Kuszajewski is the Assistant Director of the Center for Nursing Discovery (CND) at the Duke University School of Nursing. As the Assistant Director, Dr Kuszajewski's manages the day-to-day operations of the CND. She also collaborates with the advanced practice faculty on the integration of simulation-based education into the clinical courses across the graduate curriculum of the Nurse

Practitioner and Nurse Anesthesia programs. Dr. Kuszajewski works diligently with the faculty to increase the realism of course scenarios, including the use of telepresence and standardized patients across all programs. Dr. Kuszajewski began her nursing career as a graduate of the Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing (1987) and advanced her education by earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Slippery Rock University (1989) and a Master of Science in Nursing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist from the University of Pittsburgh (2004). As a CNS, Dr. Kuszajewski worked to improve patient outcomes in the emergency setting through simulation education and the training of emergency personnel in the both the emergency department and air medical transport. She completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice at the University of Pittsburgh (2015), which included a focus in healthcare simulation debriefing and curricular design. She has published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at several national and international conferences. Dr. Kuszajewski is an active member of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) and serves on several SSH committees/ councils in the areas of education, accreditation and certification.

Mistee Formica, DNP, CNM

Mistee Formica is the Supervisor of Maternity Operations for Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services. This entity serves as the community network for maternity clients and the high-risk hub for the surrounding three counties. Dr. Formica also serves as the community liaison for the OB Hospitalist Group and the Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist. She holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University and is a Certified Nurse Midwife. She also holds a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Carolina University. She has experience in leadership, public health, clinical administration, full scope midwifery, community outreach, undergrad, graduate, and doctoral student precepting. She is a North Carolina American College of Nurse Midwives Board Member and serves on the Marketing and Membership Committee at the national level. Dr. Formica's professional interest surround the needs of vulnerable populations, ultrasonography, and the collaborative management of high-risk pregnancies.

Nathan Pearl, BSN, RN, CCRN

Nathan R. Pearl is an Assistant Manager and Clinical Lead Nurse for Duke Homecare & Hospice, home health nursing agency for Duke University Health System in Durham, NC. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington after first earning an associate degree in nursing from Durham Technical Community College. His current role and experience involve quality and performance improvement, staff development and training, and direct patient care. He is a former member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and earned the Critical Care RN (Adult) specialty certification in 2019. He is a grateful husband and father of three children six and younger and an active member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Raleigh, NC where he resides.

Nellie Modaress, MS

Nellie Modaress is the Assistant Director of Online Learning at the University of Kansas Medical Center and a Liaison to the School of Nursing from the Department of Teaching and Learning Technologies (TLT). Ms. Modaress has supported KUMC faculty and staff for 25+ years in both face-to-face and online learning environments. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS) and a Master of Science in Communications and Educational Technology from Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS). In her role as an Assistant Director, she meets with leadership to ensure processes, projects, and TLT initiatives meet the expectations and strategic initiatives of the school of nursing. In her School of Nursing Liaison role, she meets with faculty and Program Directors to ensure there is appropriate integration of technology and that all students have access and sufficient support infrastructure to succeed. She also assists in developing training programs (e.g., workshops and webinars both online and face to face) and dissemination of teaching and learning best practices through print and social media outlets. Ms. Modaress is also the Co-Chair of the Best Practices and Metrics subcommittee and involved in the Diversity, Ethics, and Inclusion cabinet at KUMC.

Patrick Cacchio, MHS, PA-C, CCD

Patrick Cacchio is a Physician Assistant at the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Nutrition within the Department of Medicine at Duke University. Patrick's clinical expertise involves the care of patients with metabolic bone disease, including osteoporosis. He serves as a clinical preceptor for the Divisions of Endocrinology and Geriatrics. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Duke University and a Master of Health Sciences degree from the University of South Alabama. He is a certified clinical densitometrist. Mr. Cacchio is an active member of the Duke Clinical Bone Group, the International Society for Clinical Densitometry Certification Council, the Duke Social and Behavioral Drivers of Health CME Planning Committee, the Duke Endocrinology Grand Rounds Planning Committee, and the Mid-Atlantic Bone Health Coalition.

Paul Evangelista, DPT, PT, MIM, MBA

Paul Evangelista is a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Duke Homecare and Hospice in North Carolina. Dr. Evangelista is a member of the following professional organizations: American Physical Therapy Association, APTA North Carolina chapter, and APTA Home Health Chapter. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from Emilio Aguinaldo College in the Philippines, a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Utica University, a Master's in Management from Escuela de Negocios Europea de Barcelona and an International Master's in Business Administration in MCA School of Business and Postgraduate. He has 25 years of collective experience in direct patient care and owning and managing physical therapy clinics in New York. Prior to being a physical therapist, Dr. Evangelista also worked in the pharmaceutical industry and has extensive experience in product development and management for Bayer AG. Dr. Evangelista's professional interests include management, neuro-linguistic programming and coaching. He is involved in his community by being a member of and supporting the Rolesville Highschool Band Booster; the Asian American Pacific Islander Affinity Group; and Tribu NC, a cultural group affiliated with the Archdiocese of Raleigh.

Rebecca White, PA

Rebecca White is a physician assistant in the Emergency Department at South Shore Hospital, an approximately 400 bed community hospital in Massachusetts, south of Boston. She graduated from Bates College in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Ms. White worked in clinical research until 2010, when she enrolled in South University and received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies in 2012. She currently works at South Shore Hospital as the lead APC in the emergency department. She is responsible for the hiring and orientation process and is involved in teaching PA students that rotate through the Emergency Department. Her professional interests include quality improvement projects within the hospital and identifying areas that will improve patient experience and safety.

Sara Schedler, MS, APNP, NNP-BC

Sara Schedler is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. She also serves as the Coordinator for Clinical Excellence and Mentorship. Ms. Schedler holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin- Madison, a Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Post-Master's Certificate from Rush University. She is qualified as a Family Nurse Practitioner, as well as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. She has experience in a variety of clinical settings, inpatient & outpatient, including neonatal/pediatric ICU, ER, forensic nursing, school-based health and urgent care. Ms. Schedler was also on the clinical faculty at Milwaukee School of Engineering College of Nursing and has precepted advanced practice nursing students. Ms. Schedler is a member of the American Nurses Association, the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, and Sigma Theta Tau. Her professional interests are in the areas of mentorship and peer review.

Savannah Henderson, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC

Savannah Henderson is currently a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In addition to traditional DNP studies, she is pursuing a nurse faculty track and is set to graduate in December of 2023. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Carolina University and she recently graduated from Duke University in December of 2021, with a Master of Science in Nursing. Ms. Henderson is certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP-PC). While she is waiting for her first Nurse Practitioner job and pursuing further education and training, Ms. Henderson is currently on a travel nurse assignment in Seattle, Washington at Seattle Children's Hospital in pediatric endocrinology. She is set to return to North Carolina in mid-June. She has experience in youth leadership, advocacy, and prevention work. In nursing, she has worked on an inpatient adolescent unit, in pediatric school health, pediatric home health and in children's procedural sedation. Ms. Henderson is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and the Society of Adolescent Medicine. Her professional areas of interest include adolescent medicine and mental health.

Shieghetha Edwards, DNP, FNP-BC

Shieghetha Edwards is a Nurse Practitioner at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC. She works with adult sickle cell patients primarily in the Sickle Cell Day Hospital providing acute pain management. She also provides consultative services for sickle cell patients who are admitted in the hospital. Dr. Edwards holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) from Winston Salem State University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. In 2007, she was certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She has experience in acute pain management, primary care, teaching, and research. Dr. Edwards is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners; the American Nurses Association; the North Carolina Nurses Association; and Sigma Theta Tau, where she served as a local president. Dr. Edwards' professional interests are in the areas of health promotion and vulnerable populations.

Stacey Bhalla, CNM, MPA

Stacey Bhalla is a Certified Nurse Midwife working at Gaston County DHHS for almost 20 years. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM). She possesses a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Public Administration from New York University and a certificate degree in Nurse Midwifery from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at Rutgers. She cares for maternity and family planning patients in a suburban public health setting. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Belmont Rowing Center for the past 6 years and has initiated and continues to lead a learn to row program for cancer patients and survivors.

Therese Hennig, MPAS, PA-C

Therese Hennig began her medical career after attending the Physician Assistant Program at Duke University Medical Center. She began work in bone marrow transplant at the Detroit Medical Center where she worked for six years. Following her work with the bone marrow transplant program she spent 5 years in internal medicine and pediatrics. She returned to Duke University Medical Center in 2001 to a clinical research position in behavioral cardiology exercise interventions. In 2004, Ms. Hennig returned to the Hematologic Malignancy and Cellular Therapy program at Duke Medical Center where she remains in her current clinical position. She completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Nebraska in 2009. Her focus for her master's degree was a review of quality of life in bone marrow transplant survivors. Her responsibilities included clinical care and coordinator of care for patients with Blood Cancers. In addition, Ms. Hennig remains active in research for hematologic malignancy and bone marrow transplant. She took a leadership role in the division in 2013 as the lead for Advanced Practice Provider and grew the APP workforce by 30 APP's. In 2019, she accepted the role as Director of Advance Practice for the Duke Cancer Institute. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, a member of APSHO and sits on the leadership committee for APSHO. She is also certified by the National Commission Certification of Physician Assistants.

Valerie Keck, NP

Valerie Keck is a Nurse Practitioner with the Duke Outpatient Clinic. In her current role, she passionately serves a large population of the underserved community. She is the Director of the Diabetes Mellitus Clinic and a lead provider of the Homebase+ team, which is a complex care program whose goal is to decrease hospital utilization of some of Durham County's most socially and medically complex individuals. She currently holds a Master of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at El Paso. Ms. Keck has a host of experience in trauma care, bone marrow transplant, community health, and rural health. She is a member of the Medicaid P&T committee, where she continues to advocate for the underserved.