11th Annual
Faculty Recognition Reception

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Office of Faculty Affairs
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Dear Colleagues:

Faculty excellence is the foundation of Rush University and the Rush University System for Health. I extend my congratulations to all the Faculty Excellence Award winners and nominees, and to those of you who have achieved promotions and appointments this year. Your contributions to education, discovery, innovation, patient care and the community, as well as your limitless resilience, are recognized and applauded.

Resilience has taken on new meaning in this era of COVID-19, and you exemplify a steady influence and the willingness to go the extra mile for our students and patients. You are the role models — collectively writing the blueprint, navigating the impact, continuing the research, and paving the way to improve health and health care at Rush and beyond.

As we continue to take on this immense responsibility, please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership promotions and appointments, and your day-to-day interactions with students and one other. Your efforts create the culture, and the change — locally, nationally and globally. It is an honor to recognize and celebrate your contributions.

All the best,

Susan L. Freeman, MD, MS
Provost and Senior Vice President
Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Professor, Rush University
Dear Faculty:

Together, we are climbing out of the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic and are moving onward stronger both at home with our families and at Rush as an institution. Faculty at Rush University continue to achieve excellence in online and hybrid education while remaining engaged as clinicians and researchers and addressing the challenges that COVID-19 has brought — all in a remarkably strong manner.

You continue to use best practices in research and seek avenues to offset future pandemics, and you do this while still addressing the current challenges our communities are facing. The manner in which you have forged ahead is nothing short of remarkable, and I am honored to celebrate all of these achievements.

I’m proud to share that, despite the commotion of our current time, many of you still took the time to recognize the incredible work performed by your colleagues. This year, we have six Excellence Award winners in addition to all of the academic appointments, promotions and achievements, as well as grants awarded and leadership positions earned.

The service Rush faculty provide to the institutional, local, regional, national and global communities is impactful and impressive. It is an honor for my office, the Office of Faculty Affairs, to support your professional, career and leadership development.

We have entered a new era, with faculty who are better equipped to face anything they may come across. It heartens me to know our communities are in a safer place due to your clinical best practices, your research endeavors and your work molding future health care leaders. I look to the future with awe and anticipation of all the great accomplishments you will be able to achieve in the future.

Sincerely,

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, Rush University

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Faculty Excellence Award Nominees

**Excellence in Clinical Service**

- James J. Conners, MD, MS
- J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP
- Paola Susan, MD

**Excellence in Community Service**

- Neelum Aggarwal, MD
- Jennifer Rousseau, DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE

**Excellence in Education**

- Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN
- Jori Fleisher, MD
- Rebecca Ozelie, DHS, OTR/L
- Aimee Szewka, MD

**Excellence in Mentoring**

- Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN
- Madhu Soni, MD
- Mary Tobin, MD

**Excellence in Research**

- Sandra Gomez-Perez, PhD, RD, LD
- Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L
- Kalipada Pahan, PhD, MS
- Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA
James J. Conners, MD, MS, associate professor and interim chair in Rush Medical College’s Department of Neurological Sciences, first joined Rush in 2010. Conners took over as medical director of the Joint Commission, and in this role he worked to develop Rush’s TeleStroke program to deliver care to stroke patients in remote emergency rooms across Chicagoland. With this technology, Rush was able to reach patients who were not being properly evaluated and treated due to a lack of local coverage.

The TeleStroke program helped cement many transfer relationships, and in partnering with the 2-Brain Program has led to Rush University Medical Center becoming a destination center for neuro-emergency transfers. They have seen more than 7,000 patients and treated more than 1,500 with thrombolytics, which has been proven to improve outcomes in acute stroke. In 2017, the program received the Telehealth Achievement Award for Caring for Underserved Populations. Conners is also a founding member of the Chicago Stroke Trials Consortium and has served in a clinical leadership role in multiple committees.

In July 2015, Conners was named medical director of the Rush Oak Park stroke program. He led the program through its first certification as a Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center. He improved inpatient stroke care by developing protocols and training staff to keep post-thrombolytic patients at Rush Oak Park Hospital rather than transferring them to Rush University Medical Center, which significantly benefitted both institutions.

Conners led efforts to help Rush University Medical Center become one of the first Joint Commission Comprehensive Stroke Programs in the country. Each year the department achieved the highest possible quality awards from the American Heart Association (AHA). Rush’s stroke program has consistently been recognized as the top stroke program in the region. As an integral part of the AHA's Regional Stroke Advisory Subcommittee, his expertise has helped improve stroke care regionally.

“It is not an overstatement to say that under Dr. Conners’ leadership, oversight, and vision, the Rush Section of Cerebrovascular Disease is considered to be one of the finest in the country, as evidenced by our strong rankings, our training program, and the high demand for our clinical expertise,” says Sarah Song, MD, MPH, associate professor, Department of Neurological Sciences.

In March 2019, Conners became interim clinical vice chair in the Department of Neurological Sciences and deputy director of the Neurosciences service line, which added the clinical programs in the Departments of Neurosurgery and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to his purview. He gained insights of the inner workings of all neurosciences at Rush and how to combine efforts to augment each of the various clinical programs.

Since August 2020, Conners has served as interim chairperson of the Department of Neurological Sciences and co-director of the Neurosciences service line. In the past year, he helped guide the department through the COVID-19 pandemic by creating contingency plans for inpatient clinical operations, modifying workflows for acute stroke patients in the ER, and integrating telemedicine visits in the outpatient setting to be less disruptive for patients. He worked with the transfer center to be sure the system wasn’t overwhelmed while still treating patients who absolutely needed the highest level of neurologic care. Concurrently, he initiated citywide discussions with stroke experts in the Chicagoland area to share best practices. He has also collaborated with cardiology services at Rush for a neuro-cardiology clinic, and he has worked within his department to formalize a cross-sectional women’s neurology clinic and a post-COVID-19 neurology clinic.

In January 2021, Conners served as chairperson and course moderator for the Rush Neurology-Therapeutics and Management Updates course. Clinical expertise was shared with more than 220 attendees from 16 states and eight countries.

In the most recent U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital rankings, neurology at Rush University Medical Center ranked fourth in the nation and first in Illinois.
J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP

J. Brady Scott, PhD, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP, is the director of clinical education and an associate professor in the Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Division of Respiratory care. He has been a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years, with clinical practice experience in adult emergency/critical respiratory care. In 2007, he was named the Adult Acute Care Specialty Practitioner of the Year by the American Association for Respiratory Care. Scott has lectured at regional, state, national and international conferences on respiratory care topics. His research interests include simulation-based education and emergency/critical respiratory care.

It is within Rush’s unique teacher-practitioner model that Scott continues to work as a bedside practitioner, which was particularly helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the majority of his time was spent in the COVID Intensive Care Units caring for extremely ill patients. When the pandemic created a major clinical surge in patients requiring assisted ventilation from March to June, Scott was tasked with opening cases of ventilators from the Strategic National Stockpile that were less familiar to staff and quickly put them into newly established intensive care units run by non-traditional staff.

He rapidly responded to questions and problem-solved the logistics for an ever-changing and challenging situation. When staffing for night shifts was short, he covered high patient loads of critically ill patients during work hours that other faculty were not able to fill. Additionally, his advocacy skills shined in local and national media outlets. He was a source for several print and on-camera media stories about respiratory care during the pandemic. Scott regularly contributed to the Public Voices project by writing four Op-Ed’s published prominently in national news outlets and one in his hometown newspaper this past year. He did this while shifting to an online work environment, mentoring student research projects and finalizing a dissertation.

Scott has been active with the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) and American College of Chest Physicians CHEST. For the AARC, he serves as chair of the program committee. As a panelist on a joint webinar with the AARC and the Society of Critical Care Medicine, he spoke about patient care during a pandemic, and he has presented numerous critical care lectures. Additionally, he is an AARC representative to the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Ventilator Alarms Workgroup and on the editorial board for the journal Respiratory Care. He became a fellow of the AARC in 2014.

Scott is a devoted CHEST volunteer, serving as a faculty staff member for several programs. CHEST is a global leader in advancing best patient outcomes through innovative chest medicine education, clinical research and team-based care. Scott received recognition from CHEST as a Distinguished Chest Educator for the past several years. He is a member for the Mechanical Ventilation Live Learning Domain Task Force and an incoming member for the Respiratory Care Network steering committee. As a member of the Mechanical Ventilation Domain Task Force, he has contributed to the development of live, hands-on course content and has served as faculty in multiple courses. In 2017, he became a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

“This key contribution is the translational learning he can provide clinicians,” says Chad Jackson, MS, RRT, FCCP, chief innovation officer, CHEST, American College of Chest Physicians. “Scott has the ability to provide his native experience in clinical respiratory practice and be able to describe how that will help our clinicians as they take back this knowledge and apply it to their own clinical practice. Not every RRT could provide that key insight and knowledge.”
Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN

Beth Nachtsheim Bolick, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC, FAAN, is a professor in the Department of Women, Children, and Family Nursing (WCFN) and Director of the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (AC PNP) program in the College of Nursing. Bolick has been committed to innovation in preparing pediatric providers to care for ill and injured children for almost 40 years. In the 1980s, she was among the first Pediatric Advanced Life Support trainers in the U.S. and traveled the Midwest with a small team to bring this systematic process for pediatric critical illness care directly to the providers. This experience led the Emergency Nurses Association to call on her to contribute to the development of a similar program, the Emergency Nurses Pediatric Course (ENPC). This course was designed for nursing providers who cared for children in intergenerational centers.

With her experience in neonatal and pediatric emergency/critical care and passion for teaching, the Rush Departments of Pediatrics and Women, Children, and Family Nursing asked Bolick in 1994 to start a new nurse practitioner program— one for acute care pediatric nurse practitioners. The University had been awarded a HRSA grant to fund the initiative to prepare providers to be members of interprofessional teams caring for critically ill and injured children. With an interprofessional team of Rush physicians, pharmacists, nutritionists, therapists, and nurses, Bolick led the initiative to national prominence. It is known for its rigor and its philosophy: “there are no shortcuts to excellence.”

Over the years Bolick worked with a national team to define the specialty and competencies, develop the national certifying examination and design a yearly certification maintenance program. Bolick is lead editor for the authoritative text Pediatric Acute Care: A Guide for Interprofessional Practice. The text has 250 contributors from four continents and 11 professions. This past year, she initiated a monthly national mentoring group for AC PNP program directors who needed to pivot their campus programs to on-line learning because of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions to campus education. The Rush College of Nursing is ranked number one by U.S. News and World Report for on-line learning. The didactic portion of the Rush AC PNP program has been mostly online since 2003 to provide access to this unique specialty for learners across the country. The Rush on-line experience was invaluable this past year to students in programs all across the country. Rush alumni now direct 11 of the 45 AC PNP programs in the U.S.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, RN, CNL, FAAN, associate dean for Equity and Inclusion at the College of Nursing, and professor in the College of Nursing’s Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing, says “Beth’s leadership led to the College of Nursing Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program being designated as the No. 1 program in the country by U.S. News & World Report in March 2021.” The specialty was ranked for the first time in 2021.

Two alumni of the program are presidents of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, three are editors of pediatric acute care texts, and three are executive board members of a national organization for vulnerable youth. Bolick’s passion for interprofessional team effectiveness led her to work with a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows group to build www.stopbullyingtoolkit.org. The resources in the toolkit were compiled and developed to help organizations identify, intervene and prevent workplace bullying in health care. The tool-kit has been accessed by more than 450,000 users from 143 countries.

This spring, Bolick was named the 22nd recipient of the Henry K. Silver Memorial Award, which is given biannually by the National Association for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners for outstanding achievement in child health and advanced practice nursing. She recently served on the University Learning Management System committee and the College of Nursing Dean’s Search committee. She serves on the University LEARN Strategy Advisory Committee and is presiding officer-elect for the College of Nursing Faculty Senate. Bolick is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the Illinois Institute of Medicine.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN, is the associate dean for Equity and Inclusion at the College Nursing, and professor in the College of Nursing’s Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing. As a senior mentor, Julion has learned about the value of collective thought and how the insights and perspectives of mentees must be as equally valued as the perspectives of the mentor. Her program officer at the National Institutes for Nursing Research recognizes her mentoring skills, as she frequently refers researchers to her to gain insights into conducting health disparities research in communities of color. In this capacity, she has worked with individuals from Rutgers University, the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve University and Duke University.

"She guides and nudges but doesn’t direct or demand," says Rebekah Hamilton, RN, PhD, CNL, FAAN, professor, Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing at the College of Nursing. “She collaborates with mentees to develop the most effective plan for advancing the person’s career and professional development. She expects responsiveness to mutual plans and encourages the mentee to develop plans in a way that is reasonable to their own lives.”

Julion has conducted research with low-income African American parents since 1996 and has conducted qualitative research since 2000. She has developed an intervention to promote positive African American father parental involvement for those who do not live with their children on a full-time basis. Since 1987, she has worked collaboratively in the African American community to promote the health and wellness of pregnant and parenting women and their children.

Julion is currently working on interprofessional and transdisciplinary teams to conduct research through the Etre Family Health Center to integrate fathers into prenatal care. She has also worked with fellow researchers to develop a nationally known parent-training program for low-income Latinx and African American families and collaborated on the development of an obesity intervention for African American mother-daughter days.

Her research has helped junior investigators learn the nuances of conducting community-based intervention research with African American families. For her NIH-funded fatherhood study, Julion specifically hired two junior researchers as co-project directors and has mentored them in preparation for becoming experienced researchers who are now embarking upon their own programs of research. She provided an opportunity for her Research Coordinator to participate in a training that prepares individuals to “Write to Change the World,” through the OpEd Project.

Julion knows that the need for minority nurses in academia is critical to the formation of a diverse nursing workforce. She is a strong advocate for societal changes that address health inequities, and her influence on students and faculty goes well beyond her formal mentor-mentee relationships. She mentors the next generation of health care professionals through involvement with pipeline programs at Rush and the community.

In 2019, Julion was first author on a manuscript that detailed a Think Tank approach to academic advancement and scholarship. Her group-based mentoring strategy for accelerating the growth of research resulted in an increase in faculty productivity. As a result of the ensuing mentorship and collaboration, faculty members published papers, developed and submitted grant proposals and successfully achieved promotions. The outcomes of her mentoring are evident in the numerous publications, presentations, funding and awards achieved by her mentees.

She is currently collaborating with a group of nurses with doctoral degrees to implement a mentoring program to support minority PhD and DNP students. They conduct biannual Minority Doctoral Student forums to mentor the next generation of researchers and practitioners of color. She has also served on the dissertation committees for students who are interested in research on African American fathers and families — from as far away as Howard University in Washington D.C.

In 2018, Julion was the recipient of the College of Nursing Dean’s Award. She also plays a role in the community as a mentor on a project with the Interfaith Youth Core to promote COVID-19 vaccine access and acceptance through church, college and university collaborations.
Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA

Olimpia Paun, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FGSA, is a professor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing at the Rush University College of Nursing, and the Rush Nurses Alumni Association Chair of Health and the Aging Process. In 2020, she received the Researcher of the Year award from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. This honor is given to nurse scientists who make significant impact in the field of psychiatric nursing. She has 35 research-based publications, one book chapter, and has given six regional, 10 national, and six international research presentations.

Her research program focuses on the chronic grief felt by family caregivers of patients with dementia and has been funded through local, regional and federal grants. Early support from the National Institute of Nursing Research allowed her to create and pilot a Chronic Grief Management Intervention designed for Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias (ADRD) caregivers who placed their family members in long-term care. This group-based intervention was delivered in-person over 12 weekly, manualized sessions. Based on promising results from the initial study, Paun refined the intervention for digital delivery.

Paun is currently a principal investigator in a National Institutes of Aging-funded, randomized clinical trial that is testing the effects of the Chronic Grief Management Intervention on ADRD family caregivers’ grief, depressive and anxiety symptoms, and positive states of mind, among other outcomes. Her chronic grief management intervention is among the first to provide an online support group to dementia caregivers using video conference technology, a new approach that addresses caregiver grief, depression and anxiety.

“[This study will inform translation of the intervention into long-term care settings and provide access to care through the internet. As such, it has unlimited potential for evidence-based nursing intervention with this growing population and addresses a critical public health need],” says Arlene Michaels Miller, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor, Department of Community Systems and Mental Health Nursing at Rush.

Paun is also lending her expertise in caregiver research as co-investigator on an R01 grant funded by the National Institutes of Health/Eunice Shriver Kennedy National Institute of Child Growth and Human Development to promote problem-solving skills of group home residents and their caregivers.

“I genuinely have been amazed by her resilience and perseverance to secure funding for her program of research successfully,” says Ben Remor Inventor, PhD, APN/CNP, director of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program, and assistant professor, Rush University College of Nursing. “Her research endeavors have a tremendous positive impact on the academic growth of students and faculty and, more importantly, the health outcomes of patients and their caregivers.”

Paun is an expert in dementia caregiving and receives frequent calls for manuscript, abstract and grant reviews. She is currently serving on a National Institute on Aging Special Review Panel and has reviewed grant proposals for the Israel Research Foundation, Research Retirement Foundation, American Psychiatric Nursing Association, Midwest Nursing Research Society, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Alzheimer's Association. She is also a regular manuscript reviewer for Western Journal of Nursing Research, American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias, Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Japanese Journal of Nursing Research, and the Gerontologist and Geriatric Nursing. She is an editorial board member of two high-impact nursing journals, including The Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services and the Journal of Practical and Professional Nursing.
Facility Recognition Reception

Facility Recognition Reception Honorees

Congratulations on your appointments and promotions.

The following is a list of new professors named this past academic year.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Professors**

- Garth Swanson, MD, MS
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Jason Turner, PhD, MAE, FAHM, CHFP
  Health Systems Management
  College of Health Sciences

- Lydia Usha, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- David Vines, PhD, MHS, RRT, FAARC, FCCP
  Cardiopulmonary Sciences
  College of Health Sciences

- Hong Wu, MD, MS
  Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  Rush Medical College

- Adrienne Adams, MD, MS
  Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Amina Ahmed, MD
  Obstetrics and Gynecology
  Rush Medical College

- Samer Al-Khudari, MD
  Otorhinolaryngology
  Rush Medical College

- Mohammad Saleem Bhat, PhD
  Urology
  Rush Medical College

- Mihir Kiran Bhayani, MD, FACS
  Otorhinolaryngology
  Rush Medical College

- Christopher Bruti, MD, MPH
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Elaine Chen, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Laurel Cherian, MD, MS
  Neurological Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Galeta Carolyn Clayton, MD, FACEP
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Lionel Clement, PhD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Matthew Colman, MD
  Orthopedic Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Alexandre d’Audiffret, MD
  Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Dayle Davenport, MD
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Summer Dewdney, MD
  Obstetrics and Gynecology
  Rush Medical College

- Ioannis Economou, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Deborah Edberg, MD
  Family Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Jori E. Fleisher, MD, MSCE
  Neurological Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Sharon Foley, PhD, RD, LDN
  Clinical Nutrition
  College of Health Sciences

- Ricardo Fontes, MD, PhD
  Neurological Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Laurie Gillard, MS, MLS(ASCP), SBB
  Medical Laboratory Science
  College of Health Sciences

Congratulations on your appointments and promotions.

The following is a list of new associate professors named this past academic year.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Associate Professors**

- Adrienne Adams, MD, MS
  Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Amina Ahmed, MD
  Obstetrics and Gynecology
  Rush Medical College

- Samer Al-Khudari, MD
  Otorhinolaryngology
  Rush Medical College

- Mohammad Saleem Bhat, PhD
  Urology
  Rush Medical College

- Mihir Kiran Bhayani, MD, FACS
  Otorhinolaryngology
  Rush Medical College

- Christopher Bruti, MD, MPH
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Elaine Chen, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Laurel Cherian, MD, MS
  Neurological Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Galeta Carolyn Clayton, MD, FACEP
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Lionel Clement, PhD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Matthew Colman, MD
  Orthopedic Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Alexandre d’Audiffret, MD
  Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Dayle Davenport, MD
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Summer Dewdney, MD
  Obstetrics and Gynecology
  Rush Medical College

- Ioannis Economou, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Deborah Edberg, MD
  Family Medicine
  Rush Medical College

- Jori E. Fleisher, MD, MSCE
  Neurological Sciences
  Rush Medical College

- Sharon Foley, PhD, RD, LDN
  Clinical Nutrition
  College of Health Sciences

- Ricardo Fontes, MD, PhD
  Neurological Surgery
  Rush Medical College

- Laurie Gillard, MS, MLS(ASCP), SBB
  Medical Laboratory Science
  College of Health Sciences
Congratulations on your appointments and promotions. The following is a list of new associate professors named this past academic year.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Associate Professors**

- **Sandra Gomez-Perez, PhD, RD, LDN**
  - Clinical Nutrition
  - College of Health Sciences
- **Manya Gupta, MD, FHM**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Marilyn Hallock, MD**
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Sobia Hassan, MD**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Scott Heinrich, MD, FACEP**
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Barbara Hinch, DNP, RN, APN-ACNP**
  - Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
  - College of Nursing
- **Henry Huang, MD**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Josune Natalia Iglesias, MD, FACP**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Ravi Kasi, MD**
  - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  - Rush Medical College
- **Anil Kesavan, MD**
  - Pediatrics
  - Rush Medical College
- **Douglas Kuperman, PhD, RRT**
  - Health Sciences
  - College of Health Sciences
- **Vincent La Russa, PhD, MSc**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Nadine Lerret, PhD, MT(ASCP)**
  - Medical Laboratory Science
  - College of Health Sciences
- **Rabia Malik, MD**
  - Neurological Sciences
  - Rush Medical College
- **Stelios Mantis, MD**
  - Pediatrics
  - Rush Medical College
- **Nicholas Moore, PhD, MLS(ASCP)/CM**
  - Medical Laboratory Science
  - College of Health Sciences
- **Naomi Parrella, MD**
  - Family Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Daniel Pohlman, MD**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Robin Pourzal, PhD**
  - Orthopedic Surgery
  - Rush Medical College
- **Jitesh Pratap, PhD**
  - Cell and Molecular Medicine
  - Rush Medical College

**Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees**

- **Lisa Sanchez-Johnsen, PhD**
  - Family Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Michelle Sergel, MD**
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Ami Shah, MD**
  - Surgery
  - Rush Medical College
- **Robert Shulman, MD**
  - Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  - Rush Medical College
- **Jagadeesh S. Singh, MD**
  - Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Hussam Suradi, MD**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Jordan Tasse, MD**
  - Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
- **Elizabeth Van Opstal, MD**
  - Pediatrics
  - Rush Medical College
- **Nea Yadav, MD**
  - Internal Medicine
  - Rush Medical College
**New Endowed Chairs**

Cynthia A. Brincat, MD, PhD  
The John M. Simpson Professorship of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Brian Cole, MD, MBA  
The Dr. Ralph and Marian C. Falk Professorship of Biochemistry

Donald Jensen, MD  
The Richard Capps Chair of Hepatology

Aloka Patel, MD  
The Glore Family Professorship of Neonatology

Madeleine U. Shalowitz, MD, MBA  
The James A. Hunter, MD, University Professorship

Jean M. Silvestri, MD  
The Woman’s Board Chair of Pediatrics

**External Awards**

Indu Agarwal, MD  
Alternate Delegate  
House of Delegates - Illinois  
College of American Pathologists

Puja Agarwal, PhD  
Incoming Chair  
Communications  
Alzheimer’s Association

Elizabeth Baker, MD, MHPE  
Immediate Past Chair  
Central Group on Educational Affairs  
Association of American Medical Colleges

Jay Behel, PhD  
Elected Vice Chair  
Central Group on Student Affairs  
Association of American Medical Colleges

Mallory Bejster, DNP, RN  
Board of Directors  
Association of Public Health Nurses

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD  
Co-Chair  
Spanish Symposium: Status Epilepticus:  
Hot Topics Annual Meeting  
Council Member-at-Large  
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society  
Co-Founder  
Escuela Latinoamericana Para Tecnicos en EEG

Karen Burns, RN, RVT, MBA, FSVU  
Co-Chair  
Annual Conference  
Society for Vascular Ultrasound

Richard Byrne, MD, FAANS  
Board of Directors  
The American Board of Neurological Surgery  
Treasurer  
The Society of Neurological Surgeons

Catherine Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Co-Chair  
Executive Committee  
Distinguished Service Illinois Asthma Partnership  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Vice Chair  
Respiratory Health Association

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD  
Board Member  
International Combined Orthopedic Research Societies  
President  
Board of Directors  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
Orthopedic Research Society

Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC  
Chair  
Student Engagement Task Force  
Association of Community Health Nurse Educators

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29th Annual International Conference
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine

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40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader Award
Illinois Nurses Foundation

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Residency-Fellowship Program Director
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Emerging Leadership Program Member
American Orthopedic Association
Young Investigator Award
Symposium on Clinical Interventional Oncology
Society of Interventional Oncology

Beth Bolick, DNP, PPCNP-PC, CPNP-AC, FAAN
Henry K. Silver Memorial Award
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Presidential Award
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Nursing Leadership Fellowship
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Innovation and Inspiration to Cure Award
Standout Achievement Award
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Trainee Registration Award
Orthopaedic Research Society

Shannon Halloway, PhD
New Investigator Award
Health Promoting Behaviors Across the Lifespan
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Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy-Related Inflammation
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Best Psychiatry Residency Website
University of Texas Health

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Collaborative Exchange Grant
Orthopaedic Research Society

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Agnes Purcell McGavin Award
Distinguished Career in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families

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Dream Maker Award
Dream in Black Campaign
AAT
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Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
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Best Presentation
Orthopaedic Implants Section
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Basic Science Award
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National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

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Research Interest Groups
Midwest Nursing Research Society

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Certificate of Recognition
Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease

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Recognition
Notable Nurses and Champions Series
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Melissa Lamar, PhD
1R01 AG062180
A Dynamic Environmental Exposure Approach to Study Health Behaviors in Midlife
National Institute on Aging
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Alan Landay, PhD
SU91 HL146245
MACS/WHIMS Combined Cohort Study: Cook County Clinical Research Site
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IR03 AG079443-01
Multilevel Contributors to Cognitive and Physical Function Decline in Older African Americans
National Institute on Aging

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IR03 HL156941-01
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IR21 NR010952-01A1  
The Use of a Digital Application for Reporting Pain and Pain Management in Home Hospice  
National Institute of Nursing Research  

Rachel Miller, PhD  
IR01 AR077019-01A1  
The Role of Mechanosensation Pathways in Osteoarthritis Joint Damage and Pain  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases  

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3U11 TR002389  
Moderate Versus High Dose Vitamin D for Prevention of COVID-19 in Healthcare Workers  
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Gut Microbiome and Steroid Hormones  
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Glutamate Receptor Signaling Pathways in the Circuit Integration of Adult-Born Neurons  
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The Role of Elevated BIN1 Expression in Alzheimer’s Disease  
National Institute on Aging University of South Florida  

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IR01 AT010980-01  
Muscle Building Supplement HMB for Remyelination  
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IR21 AG069229-01  
Intranasal TISS Peptide for Tauopathy  
National Institute on Aging  

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Personalized Analytics and Wearable Biosensor Platform for Early Detection of COVID-19 Decompensation  
National Cancer Institute  
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COVID-19CAPO: Clinical Trial of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma in Outpatients  
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute University of Michigan  
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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute University of Illinois at Chicago  

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U9P NS103948  
The Clinical Significance of Incidental White Matter Lesions on MRI Amongst a Diverse Population With Cognitive Complaints (INDEED)  
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SU01 AI38897  
HOPE in Action Prospective Multicenter, Clinical Trial of HIV+ Decreased Donor Liver Transplants for HIV+ Recipients  
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Johns Hopkins University  

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T301 OD0234882-04  
The Role of Steady State Broadly Neutralizing Antibody Tissue Levels in Preventing Distal Site SHIV Replication  
Office of the Director National Institutes of Health  
IR23 MH125389-01  
Imaging the CNS LVTR in a CART Cessation Model  
National Institute of Mental Health  

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IR01 AL00664-01A1  
Role of Immune System in Prophylactic Antibiotic’s Surgical Site Infection Control  
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  

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Pragmatic Evaluation of Events and Benefits of Lipid Lowering in Older Adults  
National Institute on Aging Duke University  
U19 AG024904  
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Nonlinear Models of Cognition Preceding AD in a Biracial Population Sample  
7RF1 AG007532-03  
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Preserving Cognitive Resilience: a Biracial Parent-Offspring Study  
National Institute on Aging  

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IR01 DK128888-01  
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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
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Elucidating Genetic and Environmental Second Hits in Racial and Ethnic Minorities with APOL1 High-Risk Genotypes  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
IR01 ES032214  
Developmental Origins of Kidney Function in Early Life and Environmental Risks  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences New York University  
IR01 HL133884  
Role of p65 in the Intersection Between Cardiovascular and Kidney Disease  
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