Faculty Recognition Reception
June 28, 2012

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Dear Faculty,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I congratulate the 2011-2012 Faculty Excellence Award winners, those faculty who received other awards, and everyone who was promoted and appointed to senior ranks in the past year.

These dedicated and talented faculty members have made significant and lasting contributions to Rush University. Our awardees’ efforts have touched the personal and professional lives of countless patients, families, colleagues and trainees. In the process, they have enriched our academic community and beyond in immeasurable ways.

As we work together to address the many challenges we face in academic medicine, I feel truly fortunate to work in such splendid company. Thank you for joining me in celebrating the accomplishments of the Rush University faculty.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Deutsch, M.D.
Provost, Rush University
Dean, Rush Medical College
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Dear Faculty,

I am delighted to welcome you to the second Annual Faculty Recognition reception. Congratulations to Rush Faculty Excellence Award winners and all faculty for their exceptional achievements, appointments and promotions.

We are very proud of our faculty who transform the academic life of the University, students, and staff. Transformation is a collaborative effort that affects not only the building of a new hospital, but also the way we provide clinical care, teach and perform research. Without all of you it would not be possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Office of Academic Affairs and for your participation. The Teaching Academy, social networking events, mentoring programs, faculty career and professional development enhance faculty experience and we look forward to your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

Susan Chubinskaya, Ph.D.
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, Rush University
Faculty Excellence Award Nominees

**Excellence In Clinical Service**
Mary J. Bacon, M.A., CCC-SLP, BRSS
Catherine D. Catrambone, Ph.D., RN
Michael Hefferly, Ph.D.
Michael J. Hussey, M.D.
Sally Lemke, MS., RN, WHNP-BC
Norman S. Ryan, M.D.
Claire Smith, M.D., F.A.C.R.
David L. Vines, MHS, RRT
Emily Q. Wang, Ph.D.

**Excellence In Community Service**
Ramona G. Hunter, RNC, MS, WHNP
Meenakshi Jolly, M.D., MS
Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC

**Excellence In Education**
Paul M. Carvey, Ph.D.
Jennifer G. Goldman, M.D., MS
Rebekah J. Hamilton, Ph.D., RN
Briana J. Jegier, Ph.D.
Tricia J. Johnson, Ph.D.
Thomas F. Lint, Ph.D.
Joel A. Michael, Ph.D.
Richard K. Peach, Ph.D.
Sharon E. Sholiton, M.D.
Shannon Sims, M.D., Ph.D.
John C. Somberg, M.D.
Karen Tessler, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Laura E. Thorp, MPT, Ph.D.

**Excellence in Mentoring**
Beth Bolick, DNP, PNP-BC, CPNP-AC, CCRN
Regina Chen, MS, PAC, L. Ac., Dipl. C.H.
Thomas E. DeCourcey, Ph.D.
Diane M. Howard, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Meenakshi Jolly, M.D., MS
Ali Keshavarzian, M.D.
Mary Katherine Krause, MS, FACHE, PCM
Omar Lateef, D.O.
Marcia Murphy, DNP, RN, ANP

**Excellence In Research**
Thomas E. DeCourcey, Ph.D.
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Excellence In Clinical Service

Catherine D. Catrambone, Ph.D., RN

Cathy D. Catrambone, PhD, RN, Associate Professor in the Department of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing in the College of Nursing is being honored for her excellence in clinical service.

Dr. Cathy Catrambone is one of the foremost nursing leaders and clinicians in respiratory health. For over 15 years, she has been a member of a multiprofessional and multi-institutional team of researchers and clinicians committed to bringing care in alignment with national guidelines. As the current leader of The Illinois Emergency Department Asthma Surveillance Project (IEDASP) team, Dr. Catrambone launched and coordinates the innovative, web-based statewide asthma surveillance system that provides real-time comparative data used to guide asthma quality improvement initiatives across Illinois Emergency Departments.

Dr. Catrambone is an outstanding advocate for public health at the local, state and national level. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (RHAMC) and has been an influential and inspirational leader of RHAMC’s Nursing Assembly for over 15 years. She is an expert leader in asthma prevention, surveillance, professional education and policy initiatives. She is chair of the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Illinois Asthma Partnership, providing leadership for the Illinois Asthma Action Plan. She is recognized as Illinois’ nursing leader who brings together healthcare professionals, community leaders and legislators to increase community awareness and action to reduce the burden of asthma.

Her current focus is educating Chicago Public School nurses to recognize and better manage asthma among the primarily African American and Hispanic children in the public schools who are disproportionately affected by this disease. She has worked tirelessly over the last 20 years in advocacy efforts to enact smoke-free legislation in Chicago, Cook County and the state of Illinois.

Her state and national leadership in public health has been recognized by RHAMC with the Herbert De Young medal, the highest honor of the organization. Dr. Catrambone received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Loyola University and her master’s and doctoral degrees from Rush University, College of Nursing.
Excellence In Clinical Service

Norman S. Ryan, M.D.

Norman Ryan, MD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Senior Medical Director for Performance Improvement at Rush Health is being honored for his work in achieving National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognition for all seven primary care practices nominated under Patient Centered Medical Home.

Dr. Ryan has been in practice for close to 30 years. He has been volunteering at a family medicine practice for many years. He has a strong research interest in population medicine and management of hypertension. He also has interests in preventive medicine and clinical performance improvement.

Dr. Ryan served as an advisor and mentor for the award winning team Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University’s CHEST Foundation Disparities Case Competition in Asthma Care. He serves as an Advisory Board Member of the State of Illinois Department on Aging Long-Term Care, UIC Roybal Center for Health Promotion and Behavior Change, and UIC CDC sponsored Worksite Wellness Project.

Dr. Ryan earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois, completed his graduate work in Developmental Biology at Washington University and his medical degree from the University of Graz Medical School in Austria. He continued his medical training at State University of New York at Buffalo. He completed his residency in the Flexible Program at Illinois Masonic Medical Center and at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center - Christ Hospital Family Practice Program.

Dr. Ryan received business training at Wharton School of Business’ Executive Education Program; Harvard School of Public Health’s Executive Education Program Health Care Strategy; Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University’s Executive Education Program; NCQA Quality Improvement Systems Training; American College of Physician Executives, PIM I, II and III (Medical Management) program; and at University of California San Francisco’s Emerging Role of Hospitalists program.
Emily Q. Wang, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences in the College of Health Sciences, and a certified speech language pathologist, is a national expert in the evaluation and treatment of motor speech disorders and swallowing disorders resulting from neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease and multiple sclerosis.

Her research program, using altered auditory feedback in treatment of Parkinsonian dysarthria, was the first research program in Speech Pathology to be funded by the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. She brings her knowledge gained from her research into her clinical practice.

Dr. Wang has been selected commencement hooder four times by Rush University’s Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences graduating class. In 2000, she was honored with an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Research Travel Fellow Award and received a recognition Award for outstanding contributions to the Rush Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training Program between Rush University and Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work.

Dr. Wang received her bachelor’s degree from Henan University and Hunan Agriculture University in China, a teaching English certificate from St. Mary's College in London, a master’s in Linguistics and a master’s in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Connecticut, and her doctoral degree in Linguistics (Speech Science/Experimental Phonetics) from the University of Connecticut and Haskins Laboratories.
Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC, Associate Professor, Associate Dean Faculty Practice and Community and Continued Education Provider Unit Administrator in the College of Nursing, is being honored for her work in the community for the development of outcome-driven, integrated care models for populations most at risk. Wideman establishes unique community based programs based on academic and service partnerships that address the needs of specific Chicago populations, such as the homeless, underserved high school students and pregnant and parenting teenagers.

Her most notable programs are the national Housing First (HF) program and Chicago Public Schools (CPS) health centers. Her HF care coordination model has been replicated by several Chicago agencies that work with the homeless. Her programs at CPS transcend the traditional school clinic model. They are wellness hubs that provide comprehensive services integrated within the school community. These centers are recognized by the Illinois Department of Health Services and CPS as the preeminent model for school health centers. Dr. Wideman has received over 1.9 million dollars in external funding for her school-based health center programs in Chicago Public Schools. Her Prenatal and Postpartum Health Center for At Risk Pregnant and Parenting Youth program is part of Care Challenge Innovators contest that highlights innovative nurses and their care solutions internationally. Recently the school-based health center at the Chicago Public Schools’ Simpson Academy for Young Women received an International Connecting Nurses Care Challenge Award for its innovation in addressing health care issues of pregnant and parenting youth.

Dr. Wideman’s work has been acknowledged by prestigious nursing and interdisciplinary organizations including the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and Institute of Medicine of Chicago. She also serves on boards and committees such as the National Accreditation Commission for Health Care and the AACN Practice Leadership Network.

Dr. Wideman received a registered nurse diploma from Saint Luke’s School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science of Nursing from Saint Louis University, a Master of Science of Nursing – Research in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing from Saint Louis University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Rush University College of Nursing.
Excellence In Education

Paul M. Carvey, Ph.D.

Paul M. Carvey, PhD, Professor in the Graduate College and the Departments of Neurological Sciences and Pharmacology in the Rush Medical College, is being honored as an exceptional educator who has mentored and inspired thousands of students and young investigators through his phenomenal academic career. During his tenure at Rush, he also served as Dean of the Graduate College, Associate Dean for Basic Sciences in the Rush Medical College and Chairman in the Department of Pharmacology.

Dr. Carvey has educated students in all four Rush colleges. He is the course director of several courses and carries almost 160 didactic contact hours in addition to his mentoring of graduate students and young investigators. Students evaluated him as an exceptional educator who made learning topics and objectives easier in two-way participatory lectures. He also mentored Rush junior faculty and helped them establish their careers.

Dr. Carvey’s research focuses on the pharmacology of the dopamine system in the brain with particular interest in Parkinson’s disease. He has received over 6 million dollars as a principal investigator to support his research, authored over 100 manuscripts and 20 book chapters.

His other two passions are golf and theatre. Each summer, Rush faculty, students, staff and alumni participate in the annual Go for the Green Rush University Golf Outing. Initiated by Dr. Carvey in 2007, the event raises scholarship funds for students in all four of the university’s colleges. Since the first golf outing in 2007, this event has raised more than $180,000. Not only has Dr. Carvey written grant proposals and journal articles, he has also produced, written and directed a musical, The Secret of Insignificance, for a community theatre.

Dr. Carvey earned his bachelor’s degree from Creighton University in 1972. He earned his master’s degree in Behavioral Physiology from Creighton University in 1974 and his doctoral degree in Behavioral Pharmacology from Rush University in 1983.
Joel Michael, PhD, Professor in the Department of Molecular Biophysics & Physiology is being honored as an outstanding teacher and teaching administrator. Dr. Michael was responsible for creating the Physiology medical school course at Rush around 1974 and was a key player and teacher in the Alternative Curriculum.

Dr. Michael’s research focus is on how students learn science, most specifically physiology, and how teachers can best help students learn. Specific issues that Dr. Michael has pursued in the past and continues to pursue today include: (1) the prevalence of student misconceptions about physiological mechanisms, (2) the efficacy of student laboratories as a vehicle for correcting student misconceptions, (3) active learning in its broadest sense, (4) what makes physiology hard for students to learn, (5) how to assess students' conceptual understanding of physiology, (6) the use of computer-based learning resources, and (7) how to use cases to help students learn physiology. He has been awarded over 1 million dollars in education-related research grants.

Dr. Michael is a member of numerous national committees and has been involved in multiple educational committees within the medical college and externally. He has also authored several books.

Dr. Michael earned his bachelor’s degree in Biology from California Institute of Technology, his master’s degree in Physiology from McGill University and his doctoral degree in Physiology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Excellence in Education

Richard K. Peach, Ph.D.

Richard K. Peach, PhD, CCC-SLP, BC-NCD, Professor of Otolaryngology, Neurological Sciences and Communication Disorders & Sciences is being honored for his exceptional achievement as an educator.

Dr. Peach is a Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, Board Certified in Neurologic Communication Disorders in Adults by the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Speech Pathology.

Dr. Peach offers didactic teaching of three graduate courses a year, provides medical resident lectures, and is guest lecturer in other courses. His courses are challenging and he seeks continuously to enrich them. He uses student-centered pedagogy (Problem-Based Learning) by which students learn in the context of complex and realistic problems. He provides Rush students with a strong theoretic foundation in neurogenic communication disorders, as evidenced by the recent result that 81% of our graduates scored in the upper quartile on the national board exam, and 100% scored in the upper two quartiles. He has mentored over forty students, residents, trainees, and fellows.

His research has focused on acoustic and psycholinguistic factors underlying language comprehension in acquired language disorders, electrophysiologic measures of auditory and lexical processing in elderly and aphasic listeners, and on diagnostic and treatment procedures for acquired speech and language disorders in adults. He has published extensively in a variety of peer-reviewed journals and books and is co-editor and contributor to the textbook “Cognition and Acquired Language Disorders” (Elsevier).

Dr. Peach is the former editor of the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology. He has served as the Associate Editor for Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Dysphagia for the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, as a member of the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Communication Disorders, Clinical Aphasiology, and Clinics in Communication Disorders. He has also served as an editorial consultant for numerous journals.

Dr. Peach is a Fulbright Scholar and a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida, his master’s degree from Memphis State University and his doctoral degree from Northwestern University.
Sharon E. Sholiton, MD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Pediatric Clerkship Director at the Rush Medical College, is being honored as an outstanding educator who is exceptionally dedicated to her students and the educational process.

Dr. Sholiton has consistently exceeded expectations and routinely volunteers for additional duties. She was pivotal in establishing the annual Rush Continuing Medical Education (CME) faculty development course focused on the needs of ambulatory preceptors. This course has served to recruit, retain, and recognize ambulatory teaching physicians who work with Rush students. She has taken the Computer-assisted Learning in Pediatrics Program (CLIPP) Case Analysis tool used within the Pediatric clerkship, refined it, and launched it into the national arena. This tool is one of only two peer-reviewed, validated tools available for use with the widely utilized computerized patient-simulated CLIPP cases.

This year, serving as Chair of the Educational Programs Subcommittee of the medical college Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) self study, she invested countless hours in compiling a thorough and meaningful database that reflects the Rush Medical College educational program. Dr. Sholiton is dedicated to her students, providing face-to-face mid-rotation feedback to third year medical students during their clerkship and advising fourth year medical students pursuing a career in pediatrics. She also serves as an active member of multiple work groups and committees within the medical college.

Dr. Sholiton earned her bachelor’s degree from Stern College and her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. She continued her medical training at the University of California in San Francisco with a Pediatric Residency.
Excellence In Mentoring

Ali Keshavarzian, M.D.

Ali Keshavarzian, MD, Josephine M. Dyrenforth Professor of Gastroenterology; Professor, Department of Medicine, Pharmacology, Molecular Biophysics & Physiology; Vice Chairman of Medicine for Academic and Research Affairs; Director, Division of Digestive Diseases; Founder and Executive Director of the Rush Research Mentoring Program, an internationally renowned physician, researcher and presenter on inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Keshavarzian is being recognized for his tireless support of the Rush Research Mentoring Program and young investigators at Rush University Medical Center.

Dr. Keshavarzian designed and developed the Rush Research Mentoring Program 6 years ago and since that time has been the key visionary responsible for its improvement and ultimate success. Dr. Keshavarzian has been instrumental to reestablish profound respect for research and generation of new knowledge among young investigators at Rush, giving young researchers all the necessary support and insight for this essential job. He has showed them the beauty of research and the dignity that comes with the new discoveries. He trains his mentees to become people like himself, with the highest intellectual standards for evidence based research, careful planning, and follow up of their projects. He is a role model and is the only mentor in the program who consistently (and efficiently) provides written feedback to all mentees on their grant applications. Most importantly, Dr. Keshavarzian’s passion for research and genuine love for nurturing and mentoring young investigators is unsurpassed.

The primary focus of Keshavarzian’s current research program is to determine the role of the intestinal barrier in disease and healthy states and to study the regulation of intestinal barrier integrity by the intestinal microbiota (flora) as well as in response to inflammation/oxidative stress and alcohol. Keshavarzian holds $7.4 million of active grant support funding as a principal investigator or co-investigator. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed publications, over 300 abstracts presented at national and international meetings, seven book chapters, and has five patents. He has served as a reviewer in numerous journals and study sections.

Dr. Keshavarzian received his medical degree from Tehran University School of Medicine in Iran. He completed his internal medicine residency at Guy’s Hospital in England and his gastroenterology residency at Hillingdon Hospital in England and was a gastroenterology fellow at Royal Postgraduate Medical School in England and the University of Maryland Medical Center.
Excellence In Mentoring
Marcia Murphy, DNP, RN, ANP

Marcia Murphy, DNP, RN, ANP, Assistant Professor in the Department of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing, Rush University College of Nursing and Specialty Coordinator for the Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (ACNS) Programs at Rush, is being honored as an excellent mentor. Dr. Murphy has been with Rush for over 30 years and has held positions as a staff nurse, practitioner-teacher, assistant unit leader, assistant professor and ANP and ACNS program’s specialty coordinator. She was one of the original nurse leaders in the Teacher Practitioner model established by Dr. Luther Christman, founding dean of the Rush University College of Nursing. Over the years, she has mentored hundreds of nurses and other healthcare professionals, including students of all levels, staff nurses, nursing leadership, and faculty colleagues. Dr. Murphy contributed significantly to the revision and reconstruction of the Division of Nursing (DON) leadership structure and professional practice model. Her work has been published and was presented at a national nursing leadership meeting. In her role as specialty program coordinator, she has advised and guided over 50 graduate students in the past few years. Dr. Murphy mentored faculty and students in the creation of the medical home model that not only served as an excellent clinical experience for APN students, but also created a model for seamless care for patients in the seven medical home practices that positioned Rush for the future of health care. These seven primary care physician groups at Rush University Medical Center were the first academic medical center practices in Illinois to receive National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) level 3 recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes (PPC-PCMH).

Dr. Murphy was the first president of the Professional Nursing Staff (PNS) organization at Rush. She maintains contact with past presidents and continues to mentor current presidents through her membership in the Past Presidents Council. She received a Nurse Mentorship Award in recognition of outstanding nursing mentorship. She is a Fellow of the American Heart Association and the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing.

Dr. Murphy earned her bachelor’s degree from Loyola University and two master’s degrees and her doctoral degree from the College of Nursing at Rush University.
Thomas E. DeCoursey, PhD, Professor in the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology, is being honored for his outstanding achievements in science. He is the world’s foremost expert on proton channels and a world leader in electrophysiology.

A major focus of Dr. DeCoursey's laboratory in recent years is the voltage-gated proton channel (VGPC). He was the first to measure their activity in mammalian cells in 1991. In 2002, his research reported voltage-activated proton currents for the first time in human peripheral blood T and B lymphocytes and in the human leukaemic T cell line Jurkat E6-1.

In 2011 Dr. DeCoursey and colleagues published a study in Nature, one of the two most prestigious science journals, identifying a specific amino acid, aspartate 112, that is critical to the exceptional selectivity of the human voltage-gated proton channel. The finding offers new insights into the function of the channel, which regulates basic biological processes implicated in conditions including asthma, male infertility, inflammation, and cystic fibrosis, as well as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus and other autoimmune diseases mediated by B cells.

Dr. DeCoursey and his research group’s recent discovery illuminates elusive proton channel gene in dinoflagellate. A 40-year search for a gene that causes some one-celled sea creatures to flash at night and is also found in others that produce deadly red tides has been successfully culminated by a group of scientists led by DeCoursey. The gene, discovered in a tiny marine organism called a dinoflagellate (Karlodinium veneficum), controls voltage-gated proton channels, which, in addition to triggering luminescence in certain single-cell sea creatures, activate many important biological mechanisms in other species, including humans. Results of the study were published in the October 17, 2011 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The study was funded in part by grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The study was also featured on the NSF website.

Dr. DeCoursey received his bachelor’s degree from McPherson College in Kansas and his doctoral degree from the University of Cincinnati. He continued his training at the University of Glasgow in Scotland and at the University of California.
Excellence In Research

Denis A. Evans, M.D.

Denis A. Evans, MD, Jesmer Professor of Medicine and Professor of Neurological Sciences, is being honored for his outstanding contributions to population-based research. He is a world recognized leader in studies designed to prevent Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) among elderly.

Dr. Evans major research interests are in epidemiology of common chronic diseases among older persons, epidemiology and etiology of Alzheimer’s disease and epidemiology of disability among elderly. The NIH and the National Alzheimer’s Disease Association (AA) based their guiding policies on Dr. Evans’ data. Risk factors for AD identified by his signature study, the Chicago Health and Aging Study (CHAP), are listed on the NIH and AA websites as recommendations. Dr. Evans has a long history of continued NIH funding and publications in leading medical journals including the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). In addition to his own research, he has mentored and supported faculty across the Institution including the Alzheimer’s Disease Center, Internal Medicine, Neurological Sciences, Preventive Medicine, and the College of Nursing.

Dr. Evans was part of a research team that examined the toxicity of a peptide known to be an important contributor to Alzheimer’s disease; the results of this study were published in Science in October 2011.

Prior to coming to Rush University Medical Center in 1990, he was Project Director of the Boston Center of the Established Populations for Epidemiologic Studies of the Elderly and the Director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Population Registry in East Boston. While at Rush, he was Co-Director and Director of the Rush Institute for Healthy Aging (1992-2008) and Director of the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Core Center (1991-2002).

Evans earned his bachelor’s degree from the Catholic University of America and his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He received internship and residency training in internal medicine and fellowship training in infectious diseases at the Harvard Medical Service, Boston City Hospital.
Paula P. Meier, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Director for Clinical Research and Lactation in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Professor of Women, Children and Family Nursing and of Pediatrics, is being honored for her ground-breaking research in the field of neonatal care. She is known as a global research expert on the importance of human milk for premature infants. Her latest findings of milk as “medicine”, has been accepted by clinicians worldwide and challenges the traditional view of milk as food.

Dr. Meier has worked as a practitioner and researcher in the area of human milk, lactation and breastfeeding for premature infants and their mothers since 1975. Meier's Rush Mothers' Milk Club model of evidence-based lactation interventions, which she developed and implemented in the Rush Special Care Nursery, has received national and international acclaim. Dr. Meier has conducted numerous externally-funded research and demonstration projects, and currently serves as the principal investigator for a 5-year, 2.76 million dollar, NIH-funded study, "Health Outcomes and Cost of Human Milk Feedings for Very Low Birthweight Infants." She is also co-investigator on a 3-year, 2.9 million dollar AHRQ-study, Accelerating Adoption of Comparative Effectiveness Research in Premature Infants.

She has published over 70 peer-reviewed manuscripts, five book chapters, parent education booklets, and educational DVD’s that have helped improve the percentage of premature infants that receive human milk. She serves as the President-Elect for the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) and serves as a member of the Health Advisory Council for LaLeche League, International.

Dr. Meier received her bachelor’s degree from the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois, her master’s degree from the Neihoff School of Nursing at Loyola University of Chicago and her doctoral degree from Rush University’s College of Nursing.
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External Awards

Professional Societies & Associations Awards

Jacques Abramowicz, M.D.
Fry Award
Presidential Award
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
Leadership Award
March of Dimes

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, M.D., Ph.D.
Champion Award
Fragile X and Autism Research Foundation

Thomas Bleck, M.D., FCCM
Distinguished Service Award
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Beth Bolick, DNP, CPNP-AC, PNP-BC, CCRN
Certification Advocate Award
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

Lynne T. Braun, Ph.D., ANP
2011 Volunteer of the Year Award
American Heart Association

Maria Brown, D.O.
Leonard Tow Award
Gold Humanism Society

Richard Byrne, M.D.
Career Achievement Award
Chicago Neurological Society

Elizabeth Carlson, Ph.D., RN
Practice Academe Innovation Collaboration Award
Sigma Theta Tau International

Demetra Castillo, M.Ad.Ed, MT(ASCP)
Service Award
Branch Recognition Award
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Illinois

Stephanie Cavanaugh, M.D.
Lifetime Achievement Award
Association of Medicine and Psychiatry

Susan Chubinskaya, Ph.D.
2012 Jacqueline Perry Resident Research Award
American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons

Craig Della Valle, M.D.
John Charnely Award
James A. Rand Young Investigator Award
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
Current Concepts in Joint Replacement Award
Orthopaedic Education and Research Foundation

Dario Francescatti M.D., J.D.
Service Award
American Society of Breast Surgeons

Tamara Fountain, M.D.
Secretariat Award
American Academy of Ophthalmology

Steven Gitelis, M.D.
Career Achievement Award
American Academy Orthopedic Surgeons

Ziyad Hijazi, M.D., MPH
Distinguished Service Award
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions

Michael Huckman, M.D.
Lifetime Service Award
American Board of Radiology
Past President's Recognition Award
American Society of Neuroradiology
2012 Alumni Merit Award
St. Louis University School of Medicine
External Awards

Professional Societies & Associations Awards

Jason Kane, M.D., MS  
Presidential Citation for Meritorious Service  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  
New Voices of Quality Award  
American Society of Quality  

Ruth Kleinpell, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, FCCM  
Inductee - Hall of Fame Award  
International Nurse Researcher  

Andrea Kline, MS, PCCNP, FCCM  
Presidential Citation  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  

Omar Lateef, D.O.  
Presidential Citation  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  

Pamela Levin, Ph.D., RN, APHN  
Outstanding Contributions to Public Health Nursing Education  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  

Thomas Lint, Ph.D.  
Golden Apple Award  
American Medical Student Association  

Amy Manion, MSN, APN, CPNP  
Leadership Academy Recipient  
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Clinical Research Award  
Gamma Phi STTI local chapter  

Herb Miller, Ph.D. MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)  
Outstanding Service  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Illinois  

Paria Mirmonsef, Ph.D.  
Travel Award  
American Association of Immunologists  

Jason Ong, Ph.D.  
2012 Early Career Distinguished Achievement Award  
Society of Behavioral Sleep Medicine  

Xavier Pombar, D.O.  
Student Teaching Award  
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics  

Maureen Richards, Ph.D.  
Young Investigator Award  
Society of Neuroimmune Pharmacology  

Jonathan Rubenstein, M.D.  
Senior Honor Award  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  

Dustin Wakeman, D.O.  
2012 Conference Travel Award  
American Society for Neural Therapy and Repair  

Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC  
International Care Challenge Award  
Connecting Nurses International  
Christman Excellance in Published Writing Award  
Gamma Phi  

James M. Williams, Ph.D.  
Aircast Award for Basic Science  
The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine  

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**External Awards**

**Other Awards**

Zahid Amin, Professor, M.D.
Teaching Interventions Award
Bangha Bandu Sheikg Mujib University, Bangladesh

Melanie Dreher, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
Distinguished Alumna Award
Long Island University

Charmane Eastman, Ph.D.
Excellence in Applied Circadian Rhythm Research Award
National Sleep Foundation

Carol Farran, DNSc, RN
Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award
Rosalynn Carter Institute on Caregiving

Suzanne M. Flood, RNC, ANP
DAISY Faculty Award
DAISY Foundation

Andrew Garman, Psy.D., MS
Whitehead Award for Excellence in Health Organization Management Leadership
Texas A&M University

Steven Gitelis, M.D.
Distinguished Alumnus
Niles North High School

Clare Giuffrida, OTR/L, Ph.D., FAOTA
Pioneer Award
Pathways

Trupti Gokani, M.D.
Breaking Barriers Award for Transforming Health and Wellness
Chicago Foundation of Women
External Awards

Other Awards

Robyn L. Golden, LCSW
Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award
Rosalynn Carter Institute on Caregiving

Stephanie Gregory, M.D.
Italian American Women's Accomplishment Award

Kathryn Keim, Ph.D., RN
Award for Excellence in Reviewing
Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior

Ruth Kleinpell, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, FCCM
Leading and Advancing the Profession Award 2012
Nursing Spectrum/Nurses.Com

Marcia Patterson, MS, RNC
DAISY Faculty Award
DAISY Foundation

Patti Raksin, M.D.
Distinguished Service Award
Association of Yale Alumni

Alison Ridge, MS, RN
DAISY Faculty Award
DAISY Foundation

Michael Schindlbeck, M.D.
Connie Green Award - Teaching Attending of the Year
Cook County Hospital Emergency Medicine Training Program

Julio Silva, M.D.
Distinguished Alumni Award
UIC College of Medicine Hispanic Center of Excellence

Jennifer Weuve, MPH, ScD
Distinguished Service Award
Luther College
Rush University Awards

Beth Bolick, PNP, CPNP-AC, PNP-BC, CCRN
Outstanding Educator
College of Nursing

Lynne Braun, Ph.D., CNP, FAHA
2012 Distinguished Alumni Award
Rush Nursing Alumni Association

Maria Brown, D.O.
Thonar Award
Rush University

Mark Foreman, Ph.D., RN
Overall MVP Award
College of Nursing

Steven Gitelis, M.D.
Distinguished Alumnus
Rush Medical College

Jennifer Goldman, M.D., MS
Travel Award for Abstract Presentation
Rush Research Forum
Rush University Mentoring Program

Thomas F. Lint, Ph.D.
Brainard Award
Rush Medical College Class of 2012

Cheryl Mandell, MSN, WHNP
Golden Lamp Society DNP Scholarship
Golden Lamp Society RUMC

Marcia Murphy, DNP, RN, ANP
Presidential Mentoring Award
Rush Professional Nursing Staff

Terri L. Russell, DNP, RNC, NNP
Clinical Practice Award
College of Nursing

Brian T. Smith, MHA, BEE
Leadership in Developing Students Award
Department of Health Systems Management
College of Health Science

Barbara Swanson, Ph.D., RN, ACRN, FAAN
Mentor of the Year
Graduate College

JoEllen Wilbur, Ph.D., RN, CS, FAAN
Research and Scholarship MVP
College of Nursing

Research Grand Slam

The results of four groups of researchers have been published in the peer-reviewed journals, Science and Nature nearly simultaneously over the past three months. We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate them on this unprecedented accomplishment at Rush.

Thomas E. DeCoursey, Ph.D., Nature, and colleagues in the department of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology. Jeff Kordower, Ph.D., Nature, in collaboration with researchers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Joshua Jacobs, M.D., Markus Wimmer, Ph.D., Science, and researchers from Northwestern University and the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany. David Barnett, M.D., Denis A. Evans M.D., Science, and collaborators at the Eli and Edythe L. Broad Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts
Fellowships

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American Nurses Association
Dawn Boyd Bounds, MSN, PMHNP-BC
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Minority Fellowship Program

Illinois Board of Higher Education
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Nurse Educator Fellowship

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2012-2013 Teaching Academy Workshops/Seminars Series

All Rush University faculty are invited to participate in the 2012-2013 Teaching Academy Workshops/Seminars Series! The Teaching Academy Series will be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in room 994 AAC. Lunch will be provided. Please see tentative schedule and presentation topics below.

July 17, 2012  
Library Resources/Rounds  
presented by Jonna Peterson, MLIS

August 21, 2012  
How to interview/  
Tips for a Successful Interview  
presented by Courtney L. Kammer

September 18, 2012  
How to Write Letters of Recommendation  
presented by Ruth Kleinpell, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, FCCM

October 16, 2012  
Gaining Visibility as a Leader presented by  
Chandice Covington, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

November 20, 2012  
Successfully Hiring, Retaining and Managing Employees and Staff  
presented by Jane C. Grady, Ph.D.

December 18, 2012  
How to Make PubMed Work for You  
presented by Jonna Peterson, MLIS

January 15, 2013  
How to Structure Clinical Teaching  
presented by Thomas Bleck, M.D.

February 19, 2013  
Test Blue Print/ How to Write Test Questions  
presented by Rosemarie Suhayda, Ph.D., RN

March 19, 2013  
Outcome Measures of Successful Teaching  
presented by Rosemarie Suhayda, Ph.D., RN

April 16, 2013  
Online Teaching presented by  
Ningchun Han, Ph.D. and Lei Zhao, M.Ed

May 21, 2013  
Competency Based Education presented by  
David Shelledy, Ph.D., RRT, RPFT, FAARC

June 18, 2013  
How to Chair a Committee and a Meeting  
presented by Lauren Goebel, MBA, MHSA

For more information or to RSVP  
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