



*Faculty Recognition  
Reception  
June 28, 2012*

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Room 500  
Searle Conference Center*

## *Faculty Recognition Reception*

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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, PA-C, L. Ac., Dipl. C.H.  
Thomas E. DeCoursey, 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. DeCoursey, Ph.D.  
Denis A. Evans, M.D.  
Meenakshi Jolly, M.D., MS  
Ali Keshavarzian, M.D.  
Paula P. Meier, DNSc, RN, FAAN

# *Faculty Award Recipients*

## *Excellence In Clinical Service*

*Catherine D. Catrambone, Ph.D., RN*

*Norman S. Ryan, M.D.*

*Emily Q. Wang, Ph.D.*

## *Excellence In Community Service*

*Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC*

## *Excellence In Education*

*Paul M. Carvey, Ph.D.*

*Joel A. Michael, Ph.D.*

*Richard K. Peach, Ph.D.*

*Sharon E. Sholiton, M.D.*

## *Excellence In Mentoring*

*Ali Keshavarzian, M.D.*

*Marcia Murphy, DNP, RN, ANP*

## *Excellence In Research*

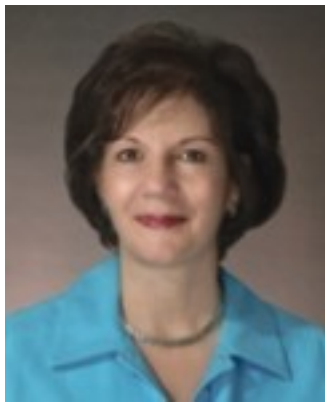
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## *Excellence In Clinical Service*

### **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.

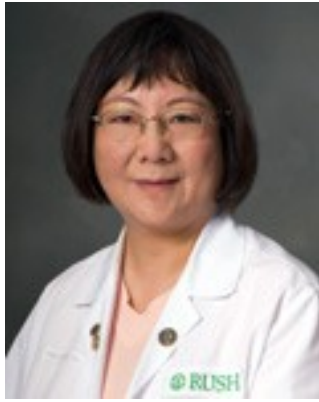
Dr. Ryan served as an advisor and mentor for the award winning team Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University's CHEST Foundation Disparities Case Competition in Asthma Care. He serves as an Advisory Board Member of the State of Illinois Department on Aging Long-Term Care, UIC Roybal Center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

## *Excellence In Clinical Service*

### **Emily Q. Wang, Ph.D.**



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.



## *Excellence In Community Service*

### **Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC**

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.

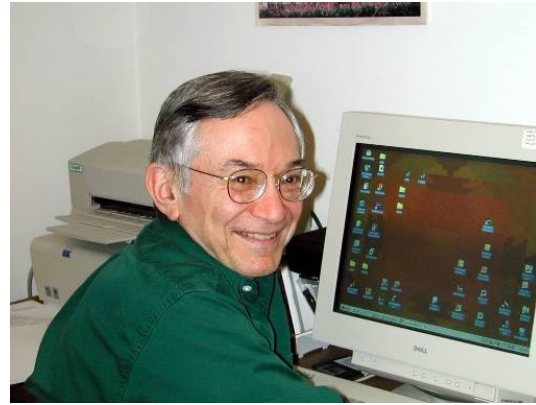
Dr. Carvey earned his bachelor's degree from Creighton University in 1972. He earned his master's degree in Behavioral Physiology from Creighton University in 1974 and his doctoral degree in Behavioral Pharmacology from Rush University in 1983.

## *Excellence in Education*

### **Joel A. Michael, Ph.D.**

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.

## *Excellence in Education*

### **Sharon E. Sholiton, M.D.**

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.

## *Excellence In Research*

### **Thomas E. DeCoursey, Ph.D.**



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.

## *Excellence In Research*

### **Paula P. Meier, DNSc, RN, FAAN**



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.

*Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees  
Congratulations on your promotion/appointment!*

*Professors*

**Aron Buchman, M.D.**  
Department of Neuroscience  
Rush Medical College

**Di Chen, Ph.D.**  
Department of Biochemistry  
Rush Medical College

**Robert Cohen, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine/Department of  
Medicine **Cook County**  
Rush Medical College

**Christopher Coogan, M.D.**  
Department of Urology  
Rush Medical College

**George Fitchett, Dmin, Ph.D.**  
Department of Religion  
College of Health Science

**Audrey French, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Neeraj Jolly, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Michael Kremer, Ph.D., CRNA, FAAN**  
Department of Adult Health and  
Gerontological Nursing  
College of Nursing

**Mathew MacCumber, M.D.**  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Rush Medical College

**Richard Penn, M.D.**  
Department of Neurosurgery  
Rush Medical College

**Girish Sharma, M.D.**  
Department of Pediatrics  
Rush Medical College

**Peter Smith, M.D.**  
Department of Orthopedics  
Rush Medical College

**Annabelle Volgman, M.D., FAC**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Chunhiang (Kevin) Zhang, Ph.D.**  
Department of Pharmacology  
Rush Medical College

*Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees  
Congratulations on your promotion/appointment!*

*Associate Professors*

**Konstantinos Arfanakis, M.D.**  
Department of Diagnostic Radiology and  
Nuclear Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Meenakshi Jolly, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Ambika Babu, M.D., MS**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Krishnan Kousik, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Catherine Catrambone, Ph.D., RN**  
Department of Adult Health and  
Gerontological Nursing  
College of Nursing

**Demetrius Lopes, M.D.**  
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**Youping Deng, Ph.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
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**Clark McKown, Ph.D.**  
Department of Behavioral Sciences  
Rush Medical College

**Harel Deutsch, M.D.**  
Department of Neurosurgery  
Rush Medical College

**Anne-Marie Malfait, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Department of Biochemistry  
Rush Medical College

**Deborah Hall, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Department of Neuroscience  
Rush Medical College

**John O'Toole, M.D.**  
Department of Neurosurgery  
Rush Medical College

**S. Ann Hartlage, Ph.D.**  
Department of Psychiatry  
Rush Medical College

**Aloka Patel, M.D.**  
Department of Pediatrics  
Rush Medical College

**Sarah Hoehn, M.D.**  
Department of Pediatrics  
Rush Medical College

**Janice Phillips, Ph.D.**  
Department of Adult Health and  
Gerontological Nursing  
College of Nursing

**Phillip Jacobson, M.D.**  
Department of Pediatrics  
Rush Medical College

**Shyam Prabhakaran, M.D.**  
Department of Neuroscience  
Rush Medical College

*Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees  
Congratulations on your promotion/appointment!*

*Associate Professors*

**Sanda Predescu, Ph.D.**  
Department of Pharmacology  
Rush Medical College

**Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, M.D.**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
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**Ruta Rao, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Samuel Saltzberg, M.D.**  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Raj Shah, M.D.**  
Department of Family Medicine  
Rush Medical College

**Scott Sporer, M.D., MS**  
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Gerontological Nursing  
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**Nikhil Verma, M.D.**  
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Rush Medical College

**Mary J. Welch, DNP, APRN, BC, CIP**  
Department of Community Systems and  
Mental Health Nursing  
College of Nursing

**Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC**  
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Mental Health Nursing  
College of Nursing

**Guozhi Xiao, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Department of Biochemistry  
Rush Medical College

## *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 Excellence in Published  
Writing Award

Gamma Phi

**James M. Williams, Ph.D.**

Aircast Award for Basic Science  
The American Orthopaedic Society for  
Sports Medicine

## *External Awards*

## *Other Awards*

**Zahid Amin, Profesor, 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*

### *American Academy of Nursing*

Catherine D. Catrambone, Ph.D., RN  
Mary E. Johnson, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC  
Wrenetha Julion, Ph.D., MPH  
Barbara Swanson, Ph.D., RN, ACRN, FAAN  
Susan M. Swider, Ph.D., RN  
Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC

### *American College of Neuropsychopharmacology*

Mark H. Pollack, M.D.

### *American College of Radiology*

John F. Hibbeln, M.D.

### *American Nurses Association*

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

### *Illinois Board of Higher Education*

Ruth Fiedler, EdD, APRN, BC, MS, RN  
Nurse Educator Fellowship

### *Institute Medicine of Chicago*

Elizabeth Carlson, Ph.D., RN  
Chandice Covington, Ph.D., RN, FAAN  
Wrenetha Julion, Ph.D., MPH  
Arlene M. Miller, Ph.D., RN, FAAN  
Clayton Thomason, J.D., M.Div.

### *Royal College of Psychiatrists*

Nada Stotland, M.D.

## *2011-2012 Faculty Development Advisory Committee Members*

**Thomas Bleck, M.D.**  
Rush Medical College

**Paul M. Carvey, Ph.D.**  
Graduate College

**Cathy D. Catrambone, Ph.D., RN**  
College of Nursing

**Susan Chubinskaya, Ph.D.**  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs,  
Rush University

**Gabriella Cs-Szabo, Ph.D.**  
Rush Medical College, Graduate College

**George Fitchett, Dmin, Ph.D.**  
College of Health Science

**Jane C. Grady, Ph.D.**  
Human Resources

**Stevan E. Hobfoll, Ph.D.**  
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**Judy Luborsky, Ph.D.**  
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**LaDonna Moreland, Ms, MT(ASCP), CLS**  
College of Health Science

**Nicole Russo-Ponsaran, Ph.D.**  
Rush Medical College

**Mary Ellen Schopp, MS**  
Human Resources

**Kimberly A. Skarupski (chair), Ph.D., MPH**  
Director, Mentoring Program,  
Rush Medical College

**Rosemarie Suhayda, Ph.D., RN**  
College of Nursing,  
University Assessment and Student Learning

**Karen Tessler, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**  
College of Health Science

**Mary Tobin, M.D.**  
Rush Medical College

**Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC**  
College of Nursing

## *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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