

2012 – 2013 Faculty Promotions

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December 27, 2012 – February 6, 2013

February 7, 2013 – March 6, 2013

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Appointments

Rush has appointed **Kevin Harper, MA, MBA**, as hospital system director for Patient Access. This position is an expansion of Harper's current leadership responsibilities for patient access at Rush University Medical Center and for Rush University Medical Group (RUMG) with the inclusion of Rush Oak Park Hospital. This appointment continues our goal of aligning and integrating Rush Oak Park Hospital with the Medical Center. Harper has devoted the past 33 years of his career to Rush. He has served as director of patient access since 1998 and held a variety of positions at the Medical Center prior to that appointment. In 2008, Harper took responsibility for pre-registration for both the Medical Center and RUMG.

Rush University has appointed **Paul J. Jones, MD**, as acting chairperson of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. Jones is currently director of pediatric otolaryngology in the department. He is a graduate of Rush Medical College and completed his otolaryngology residency at Rush. He has practiced at Rush for nearly 25 years, and previously served as director of residency and medical student education in his department; assistant dean for student services in Rush Medical College; and associate provost for student services in Rush University. **David D. Caldarelli, MD**, is stepping down as chairperson after 36 years of distinguished service in that role at Rush. He will continue his busy academic clinical practice in the department, as well as providing senior faculty leadership.

Rush University has appointed **James L. Mulshine, MD**, as acting dean of the Graduate College. He replaces **Thomas Deutsch, MD**, provost, Rush University, dean, Rush Medical College, who has been acting dean since January 2012. Mulshine has been associate provost and vice president for research since 2005. He will continue in these roles during his tenure as acting dean. As acting dean, he will be the executive responsible for the college and will undertake an analysis of the functions, structure and governance of the Graduate College.

Rush has appointed **Jochen Reiser, MD, PhD**, as chairperson of the Department of Internal Medicine. Reiser is currently the Peggy and Harold Katz Professor of Medicine, and serves as interim chairman of the Department of Medicine, as well as the director of the Peggy and Harold Katz Family Drug Discovery Institute at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. He recently was vice chair for research and chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension in the Department of Medicine.

Reiser received his medical degree and PhD in Heidelberg, Germany, and served a residency in internal medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in nephrology at Harvard Medical School, and then was an assistant professor at Harvard before moving to Miami. He has had extensive research experience, and currently is funded by three National Institutes of Health grants. He holds 10 patents, and he has published

more than 70 peer-reviewed articles. He is world-renowned for his research in molecular mechanisms of kidney disease.

When he assumes this position on Sept. 1, Reiser will be replacing **Stuart Levin, MD**, who has provided outstanding leadership to Rush for more than 45 years, the past 21 years as chairperson of internal medicine.

Sharon Schoenemann, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, has been appointed as the unit director of 14 West Tower. Schoenemann was most recently the assistant unit director of 14 East Tower. She has also served as a clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner. Schoenemann's office is located at 14113 West Tower and she can be contacted at ext. 7-1440.

Rush University has appointed **Kimberly Skarupski, PhD, MPH**, as director, Rush Mentoring Programs in Academic Affairs. She will be responsible for the Rush Research Mentoring Program and the new Rush Teaching Mentoring Program. Skarupski has been with Rush since 2003 when she joined the Rush Institute for Healthy Aging as an epidemiologist. She was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2009 and has directed the Research Mentoring Program since its inception in 2006. Skarupski has served on the Rush Medical College Faculty Council; co-chairs the University's strategic work group on faculty development and excellence; and currently serves on the Medical College's Committee on Committees and the Provost's Committee on Gender Issues.

Kudos

Raj Behal, MD, MPH, associate chief medical officer, senior quality and patient safety officer, was appointed as an honorary clinical senior lecturer to the faculty of medicine at Imperial College in London, running from March 2012 to February 2014. He also was appointed as a visiting professor to the Ministry of Health's Clinical Excellence Commission in New South Wales, Australia.

Cathy Catrambone, PhD, RN, associate professor, College of Nursing, was invited to the White House in June for a discussion on improving care quality and patient health. As the vice president of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing organization with more than 125,000 members from 90 countries, she was one of 80 nursing leaders from around the country who met with officials from the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss delivery system transformation and how the Affordable Care Act can support their efforts to provide high quality care to their patients. The event's goal was to bring nurse leaders from around the country to discuss the challenges and opportunities they are facing in their clinics, hospitals and communities, and facilitate an open dialogue that can enable shared learning from one another.

She was also in Washington DC for United Lung Health Advocacy Day, which brings United for Lung Health partners to the capitol to meet with elected officials to educate and garner their support for lung disease prevention, improved air quality initiatives, better treatment options and increased access to care through policies and budgetary actions aimed at improving lung health. Catrambone is a United for Lung Health partner and a long standing board member of the Respiratory Health Association.

Louis Kraus, MD, Woman's Board Professor and chief of child and adolescent psychiatry, was reelected to the American Medical Association Council on Science and Public Health.

The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc® (AAHRPP) recently awarded **Rush** full accreditation with distinction in community programs. The achievement of full accreditation is a culmination of more than six years of work by the Rush research community to align with the Rush mission to assure our "research endeavors, and community service programs ... are dedicated to enhancing excellence in patient care for the diverse communities of the Chicago area now and in the future." The Rush commitment to excellence and to national best practices in human subject research is now validated through this AAHRPP accreditation. To read more about this accreditation, please visit this page. <http://www.rush.edu/webapps/MEDREL/servlet/NewsRelease?id=1604>.

Appointments

David Barker, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Rush has appointed **Linda Chirash** as director of HR systems. She is responsible for HR data integrity and reporting, HR metrics, HR systems administration, HR process improvement, and HR systems implementations as they occur. Before joining Rush, Chirash held HR systems leadership and communications roles for Fortune 500 companies such as Kraft Foods, R.R. Donnelley and Sons, Inc., and most recently U.S. Foodservice.

Joyce Corsica, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

Kate Engel, MS, staff manager, Medical Staff Office, has been named interim director of the Medical Staff Office. She will oversee both offices for Rush and Rush Oak Park Hospital.

Rush has promoted **Carmel Gaughan, RN, MBA**, from director to associate vice president of talent acquisition. Under her direction, the Rush recruitment team most recently hired more than 300 individuals for the Tower in addition to their regular recruitment assignments. In June, all of the recruitment team became Recruitment Academy Certified Recruiters. Additionally, Gaughan and the team have been instrumental in helping Rush meet the TIF hiring requirements from the City of Chicago, which helped Rush secure our first twenty-seven million dollars in payment from the city. During the coming year, she will continue her outreach to all sectors of Rush to ensure outstanding recruitment support.

Julie Lopez, DNP, RN, NE-BC, has been appointed as the associate vice president of Medical, Oncology & Cardiology Nursing Services. Since 2005, Lopez has played integral roles in nursing leadership, serving as the unit director of 7 South Atrium as well as interim director of Medical-Surgical Nursing while Paula Dillon, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, her predecessor, acted as interim chief nursing officer. Lopez's office is located at 407 Jones, and she can be contacted at ext. 25301. As of Aug. 15, Dillon will move into a role dedicated to special projects as she transitions toward retirement in December of this year.

Susan Mangano, MS, RN, LPC, has been appointed as the director of psychiatry nursing. Most recently, Mangano served as operations manager for behavioral health services at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. Her office is located at 425 JRB, and she can be contacted at ext. 2-3185.

James McAuley, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Shonda Morrow, JD, MS, RN, has been appointed as the director of resource management under the Department of Nursing Finance and Resource Management

Systems. Most recently, Morrow served as director of access and care management at University of Chicago Medicine, where she used process improvement methodologies to improve patient access. Her office is located at 192 Murdock, and she can be contacted at ext. 2-0774.

Rush has appointed **David Nelson, MBA**, to a critical new role in Student Affairs as the director of student information systems and operations. Previously, Nelson was the director of student financial aid. In collaboration with staff from Rush information services, university affairs and each of the four colleges, he will assist with streamlining the electronic communication lifecycle of prospective and accepted students; confirm daily receipt of transcripts and other information; determine and make recommendations for appropriate security roles for specific end-users; and serve as the main point-of-contact for identifying, logging and rectifying any student information system errors.

Rush has appointed **Anthony J. Perry, MD**, as associate vice president/associate chief medical officer for Clinical Affairs and chief medical officer for Rush University Medical Group. In this new position, he will be responsible for oversight for the clinical operations of Rush University Medical Group, a 450-physician multispecialty group with offices on the Rush campus and throughout the Chicago area. Perry has been an integral physician leader at the Medical Center and currently serves as director of the Johnston R. Bowman Health Center, which he will continue to do so during this transition period. He was also a member of the Office of Transformation group that helped oversee the implementation of Epic and the design, construction and opening of the Tower.

Rush has appointed **Alita Tucker** as the manager of Employee and Organization Development. She will be working on talent management and leadership development as well as providing management to other Employee and Organization Development projects. Prior to Rush, Tucker was a principal in her own firm and held leadership positions at Health Care Service Corporation and PepsiCo.

Ulku Cenk Turba, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology.

Jeffrey Schaidler, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Kudos

Beth Bolick, DNP, coordinator of the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program (AC PNP) at Rush University College of Nursing, has been named one of only 20 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) executive nurse fellows from across the country for 2012. Bolick joins a select group of nurse leaders chosen to participate in this three-year, world-class

leadership development program that is enhancing nurse leaders' effectiveness in improving the nation's health care system.

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) elected **Stephanie A. Gregory, MD, FACP**, to its scientific advisory board. Gregory is the director of the Section of Hematology and the Elodia Kehm Chair of Hematology and Professor of Medicine. The 45-member board reviews grant proposals and makes recommendations regarding research priorities and funding to the LRF. Her five-year term began in July.

In August, Gregory received the Impresa Award for accomplished Italian-American women from the women's division of the Joint Committee of Italian Americans. The award honors women from the Chicago Italian-American community who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments during their lifetime.

Linda F. Gruenberg, DO, Psychiatric Services of Rush University Medical Center, was chosen as president-elect for the Illinois Psychiatric Society this past May.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, associate professor, Rush University College of Nursing, has been selected by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation as a 2012 Macy Faculty Scholar. Based in New York City, the 82-year-old Macy Foundation works to improve health care in the United States. The Macy Faculty Scholars Program helps nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing and develop the next generation of national leaders in medical and nursing education. Over the course of the two-year Macy Faculty Scholars Program, Julion will develop and implement an evidence-based cultural competency program at Rush University for students in nursing, medicine, health sciences and health systems management. To read more, visit "News Releases" on www.rush.edu.

Robin McConney, MHA, program coordinator, Johnston R. Bowman Health Center, joined the Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW) earlier this year. The CFW's mission is to increase resources and opportunities for women and girls to achieve their full potential and live in safe and healthy communities. In related news, McConney was also elected to co-chair the African-American Leadership Council, which is committed to empowering black women and girls by advocating for health equity, economic empowerment and leadership development.

Maggie Shreve, senior consultant, employee and organizational development, was elected president of the Organization Development Network of Chicago, which is a professional membership association of organization development practitioners and students.

The Department of Health and Human Services named **Rush University Medical Center** as one of five hospitals nationwide to take part in an initiative designed to train more nurses at a higher level. Under the Graduate Nurse Education (GNE) demonstration, Rush will receive approximately \$12.9 million over four years to increase training opportunities for advanced practice registered nurses. To read more about this, please [visit this page](#).

Appointments

Brenda Koverman, MBA, MS, OTR/L, instructor, occupational therapy, was appointed interim clinical director of the Occupational Therapy Department.

Linda Olson, PhD, OTR/L, assistant professor, academic program, was appointed interim chairperson of the Academic Occupational Therapy Department.

Rush University has promoted **Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC**, to associate provost for Professional Education and Community Engagement and associate vice president for Community Health Care Practice, effective Oct. 1. In the role of associate provost for Professional Education and Community Engagement, Wideman will report to Lois K. Halstead, PhD, RN, vice provost and vice president, University Affairs, and will be responsible for the development and administration of the University's Office of Continuing Health Professional Education. In the role of associate vice president for Community Practice Development, Wideman will report to David Ansell, MD, chief medical officer and senior vice president, Clinical Affairs, and will partner with other leaders at Rush to evolve our health care practice across disciplines both on our campus and into the community.

Kudos

Susan Breitenstein, PhD, assistant professor, is one of just 12 outstanding nursing educators to be awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars grant this year from RWJF. With the grant, Breitenstein plans to develop and test a digital parent training program for low-income parents of young children. She will receive a three-year, \$350,000 award to promote her academic career and support her research.

Bob Eisenberg, PhD, Bard Endowed Professor and Chair of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology, since 1976, was awarded a visiting professorship in the Miller Institute at the University of California Berkeley. Sponsored by Berkeley's Department of Chemistry, this position will allow Eisenberg to work on the mathematics and physiology of interacting ions in biological solutions, which allow nerves to signal and the heart to contract. Disturbance of these interactions is a frequent cause of sickness in general and poses a danger in operating rooms and intensive care units in particular.

Mary Jo Fidler, MD, assistant professor, Section of Medical Oncology, was appointed to the Chicago Medical Society's board of trustees.

The March of Dimes' Illinois chapter honored **Larry Goodman, MD**, Rush CEO, at its 15th annual Jonas Salk Health Leadership Awards luncheon in September at Chicago's Union League Club. Goodman received the health care management award for his work in improving the health of babies. Under his leadership, Rush University Medical Center's Perinatal Center physicians and staff have been instrumental in strengthening the regionalized perinatal system in Illinois.

The charity also recognizes Rush's efforts to reduce high-risk pregnancies and improve quality of care. In 2011, the March of Dimes partially funded the development of a school-based health center at a public school in Chicago geared toward teen moms that includes a Rush University Medical Center clinic. Additionally, March of Dimes applauds Goodman and Rush University Medical Center for consistently supporting professional development opportunities like the nonprofit's annual perinatal nursing conference. The March of Dimes celebrates Goodman's longstanding commitment to reducing premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

Kate Krajci, MSW, manager of social work services, and **Dana Bright**, manager of health promotion, both members of the Health and Aging Department at Rush, were recently published in the July – September 2012 edition of the journal *Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation* along with lead author, Caryn Etkin, PhD. In the article entitled "Caregiver Resources for the Rehabilitation Therapist," the authors describe the prevalence, scope and effects of providing care to a person with dementia and potential challenges when delirium and/or depression are present. The authors further present the range of resources available to caregivers of persons of dementia and rehabilitation therapists who may interact with caregivers.

Sally Lemke, instructor, College of Nursing Administration, and the Simpson School Health Center team were selected to receive funding for the Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) Program. The OHNEP Program is the first nursing initiative to lead a national oral health agenda and the first nursing sponsored interprofessional oral health grant program. Oral health is very important for good prenatal and natal outcomes as well as impacting health throughout the lifespan. All nursing and clinical nutrition students with clinical placements at Simpson as well as the medical and physician assistant student maternal advocate group will take part in this project in the coming year. Funding was awarded by the New York University College of Nursing.

Josh Melson, MD, attending physician, Section of Gastroenterology and Nutrition, recently received two grants totaling more than \$200,000 from the American Cancer Society. The grants are for, "DNA methylation for early detection of colorectal cancer" and "Optimizing navigation in colorectal cancer screening by colonoscopy."

As part of this month's National Blood Cancer Awareness Month, the Leukemia Research Foundation named **Parameswaran Venugopal, MD**, one of its Heroes of Hope. Venugopal is the Samuel Taylor III, MD Professor of Oncology, associate professor of medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, and associate director of the section of hematology and stem cell transplantation at Rush. To read more about this honor, visit <http://www.facebook.com/LeukemiaResearch>.

Appointments

Janis Anfossi, JD, MPH, RN, has been appointed by the Rush Oak Park Board to serve as chief compliance and privacy officer for Rush Oak Park Hospital (ROPH). In this role at ROPH, Anfossi will report to Bruce Elegant, CEO for ROPH, and will work closely with Robert Spadoni, JD, general counsel, ROPH, and associate general counsel, Rush University Medical Center, and Michael Silver, MD, senior vice president of Medical Affairs and CMO, ROPH. This position is in addition to Anfossi's current leadership responsibilities at Rush University Medical Center where she serves as associate vice president of compliance and privacy and provides oversight of the functions for regulatory, research and HIPAA compliance and the institution-wide general compliance program.

Paola Cieslak has been promoted to associate vice president, strategic outreach, in the office of Strategic Planning, Marketing and Communications, effective Oct. 15. Cieslak's leadership includes the expansion of offsite clinical relations, the physician liaison program, patient special services and the international health services program. Since she came to Rush in 2003 to assist with physician recruitment, her responsibilities have grown significantly. Her accomplishments include starting the first physician liaison program in 2004, overseeing the continued growth of patient special services and international health services and playing a key role with off-site development opportunities, including the Rush-DuPage Medical Group collaborative and the stroke telemedicine program.

Brent Estes has been promoted to senior vice president, Business and Network Development. This change acknowledges a broader and important role associated with Rush's strategy to expand Rush Health and further evolve the Rush System for Health. Estes has been at Rush since 1997, and has served in his role as president and CEO of Rush Health for more than 10 years.

Patti O'Neil has been promoted to vice president, chief investment officer and treasurer. O'Neil, who has been at Rush for 13 years, manages more than \$1 billion in assets on Rush's balance sheet, has successfully led us through multiple bond financings, and has served as staff to the investment committee of the Board. She is also an assistant professor in the Department of Health Systems Management.

Runay Valentine, MHA, RN, CEN, NEA-BE, has been appointed as the director of Emergency Department Nursing Services. Most recently, Valentine worked as director of emergency and nursing support services at Rockford Memorial Hospital. During her time at Rockford Memorial, Valentine used process improvement methodologies for greater patient access; was a key leader in incident command operations; and achieved an improvement in ED patient satisfaction scores from the 20th percentile to the 85th percentile ranking.

Rush University College of Nursing has appointed **Karen Wright, PhD, APN, NNP-BC**, as assistant professor and neonatal nurse practitioner specialty coordinator. Prior to Rush, Wright was a neonatal nurse practitioner and newborn practice analyst for Women Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies in Orlando, Fla. Her areas of research interest include late

preterm infants, neonatal transport, maternal/infant mutual caregiving and the advanced practice nursing role.

Kudos

Lisa L. Barnes, PhD, associate professor, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Health to establish the Rush Center of Excellence in Disparities on HIV and Aging.

Melissa Browning, DNP, APRN, CCNS, critical care nurse specialist, surgical intensive care unit, received the 2012 Nurse.com Nurse of the Year Award for the clinical nursing inpatient category. Browning will be honored during a ceremony at Rush in November for her excellence in nursing. Nurse.com, home of *Nursing Spectrum* and *NurseWeek* publications, is a leading source of local and national nursing news, nurse continuing education and a thriving nurse community.

Michael Chen, MD, assistant professor, neurology, neurosurgery and radiology, received the Cynthia Lynn Sherwin Chair of Research grant from the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. The \$20,000 grant is for his work on timed hormone replacement therapy for women with cerebral aneurysms.

Gabriella Cs-Szabo, PhD, associate dean of the Rush Graduate College, was elected as a treasurer to the Leadership Council of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools.

Robyn Golden, LCSW, coauthored the IOM Discussion Paper, "Core Principles & Values of Effective Team-Based Health Care," which emerges from the work of the Best Practices Innovation Collaborative.

Jason Kane, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics and pediatric critical care, patient safety officer for the Rush Children's Hospital, has been appointed to serve as the Society of Critical Care Medicine's (SCCM) representative to the National Quality Forum (NQF). In this role, Kane will represent nearly 16,000 interdisciplinary members of the SCCM on the NQF Health Professionals Council. Council members provide a unique on-the-ground perspective of performance measurement and public reporting. They include associations representing physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and pharmacists. The Chicago-based SCCM is the leading organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care medicine.

Jeffrey Rado, MD, assistant professor of psychiatry and internal medicine, currently serves as the secretary for the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry. Rado will chair the planning committee for the association's 2013 national meeting and will become president-elect next year.

Julio Silva, MD, chief medical information officer, was recently chosen as one of *Modern Healthcare's* top 25 clinical informaticists. This annual recognition program honors medical professionals who excel at using patient-care data to improve both the clinical and financial performance of their health care organizations.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) selected **Robin Stoner, AuD**, audiologist, Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, to participate in ASHA's Leadership Development Program in Audiology for 2012 - 2013. The year-long program encourages ASHA members to develop their leadership skills and give back to the professions through volunteering.

Rosemarie Suhayda, PhD, APRN-BC, received notice from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that her grant submission was approved for the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship in the amount of \$700,000. This grant will support primary care nurse practitioner students at Rush University College of Nursing. The Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship was awarded to only 71 nursing programs throughout the nation through a competitive process, and Rush was one of only three schools selected in Illinois. Suhayda is an associate professor and director of evaluation for the College of Nursing, and is director of University Assessment and Student Learning for Rush University.

Appointments

Rush University's Division of Student Affairs has appointed **Michael Frechette, MA**, director of student financial aid. Prior to Rush, Frechette was at Northwestern University where he served as senior assistant director and assistant director of student financial aid.

Rush University's Division of Student Affairs has appointed **Jennifer Kestner, PhD**, staff psychologist, Rush University Counseling Center. In addition to working part time at Rush, Kestner also works part time at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Prior to Rush, Kestner worked at Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, Loyola University and Lake Forest College.

Rush has promoted **Keith William Millikan, MD**, professor of surgery and senior attending surgeon, vice chair for clinical affairs in the Department of General Surgery. Known widely for his expertise in complex gastrointestinal, hepato-pancreato-biliary and hernia surgery, Millikan will partner with the chair in overseeing the department's role in Medical Center operations, operating room processes, outpatient clinics, inter-departmental and inter-institutional clinical affairs, and quality and safety initiatives.

Rush University's Division of Student Affairs has appointed **David J. Nelson, MBA**, director of student information systems and operations. He was previously the director of student financial aid.

David Steinbach is joining Rush as assistant director of Environmental Services. Steinbach has served in various operational positions with Crothall Healthcare at hospitals throughout the Midwest. He brings more than 30 years of management and staff development experience in progressive business disciplines.

Rush University's Division of Student Affairs has appointed **Michelle Smith Williams, MA, MPA, MBA**, university registrar, Office of the Registrar. Prior to Rush, she was the registrar at Governors State University in University Park, Ill. Williams is currently an adjunct faculty member at Governors State University.

Rush University's Division of Student Affairs has appointed **Erica Warrior, MPA**, associate university registrar, Office of the Registrar. Prior to Rush, she has an operations manager and assistant registrar IIT.

Larry Woods is joining the Medical Center as director of Environmental Services (EVS). He comes from Crothall Healthcare, the group that Rush partners with on environmental services. Woods has more than 15 years of EVS experience in hospitals across the Chicagoland area, ranging in size from large academic medical centers to small, rural hospitals. He has a broad range of health care experience that includes safety, new hospital design, starting new accounts, patient throughput, HCAHPS, standardization and

customer/employee relations. **Tony Goulet**, who was appointed interim director, will continue at Rush as a process engineer until mid-January to assist with the transition.

Kudos

Christopher L Coogan, MD, FACS, professor of urology, was elected in August as secretary/treasurer of the Chicago Urological Society for a one-year term.

Laura Grimmer, MD, second-year resident in general surgery, recently published a book titled *Burnt*. The novel is based on Grimmer's experience caring for burn patients. For more information on the book, please [visit here](#).

Stephen M. Korbet, MD, director of the Division of Nephrology and the Lester and Muriel Anixter Professor of Nephrology, was recently elected to mastership in the American College of Physicians (ACP) for his contribution to medicine. ACP is a national organization of internists – physicians who specialize in the prevention, detection and treatment of illnesses in adults. Korbet will be recognized in April during ACP Internal Medicine 2013 in San Francisco.

Latania K. Logan, MD, FAAP, interim section chief, pediatric infectious diseases, received a research grant from the Children's Foundation in October. The \$45,000 grant is for Logan's research on epidemiology of antibiotic resistant bacteria in children. The Children's Foundation provides shelter, food, clothing, education, medical attention and other life-altering necessities to children in desperate or abusive situations.

JoAnn O'Reilly, MA, MARS, received the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the North Central region of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) at its annual meeting held in October. This award was given in recognition of O'Reilly's long service to the North Central region and the national leadership of ACPE. The ACPE is a multicultural, multifaith organization devoted to providing education and improving the quality of ministry and pastoral care offered by spiritual caregivers of all faiths through the clinical educational methods of clinical pastoral education.

Shannon Sims, MD, PhD, director of clinical informatics, was recently appointed a member of the technical expert panel of the "eMeasure Feasibility Testing" project for the National Quality Forum (NQF). The NQF is a Washington, D.C.-based organization that sets standards for quality measurement for large federal government programs. When the federal government wants to pay providers more money or penalize them for *not* meeting certain quality benchmarks, they look to the NQF to be an independent adjudicator for those types of measures. With the advent of electronic medical records (EMRs), most measurement is now taking place using EMRs. Sims advises the NQF on how to develop a technical approach to gather data from EMRs, while making it as easy as possible for providers to participate in the programs.

Sims was also appointed chair of the Quality Data Model (QDM) Advisory Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee, on which he serves. The QDM is an NQF effort that is focused on creating a technical language for capturing clinical concepts for quality measurements in EMRs.

The NQF's overall goal is to use data to make health care safer and higher quality.

Appointments

Demetrius Lopes, MD, director of neuroendovascular surgery, and **Jeffrey Snell, MD**, director of interventional cardiology, have been named co-directors of interventional services (4 Tower). They will also chair the Interventional Services Executive Committee (ISEC) beginning in January.

Rush has appointed **Kurt Olson, PhD**, as vice president, talent management and leadership development. He joins Rush with extensive experience from Andersen Consulting and Accenture that focused on achieving Accenture's business strategy through the development of its people. As part of this work, Olson co-authored the book, *Return on Learning: Training for High Performance at Accenture*. Prior to leaving Accenture, he was responsible for all global curricula strategy and planning for Accenture's 220,000 worldwide employees. Most recently, Olson was the chief learning executive for Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he focused on their talent management efforts including the implementation of leadership development, employee development and employee engagement programs.

Rush has appointed **Allison Weathers, MD**, Department of Neurology, and **Shannon Sims, MD, PhD**, director of clinical informatics, associate chief medical information officers. Weathers and Sims have served information services in the role of medical directors for several years. Their participation in that capacity has been a critical element in many of our successful strategic programs at Rush and Rush Oak Park Hospital, from the inpatient and ambulatory implementations of Epic to successful attestation for Meaningful Use. These changes in their title are more consistent with their duties at Rush as well as with the evolving role of the physician informaticist across the country.

Weathers will be the principal physician liaison for our clinical systems while remaining active as an attending in the neurology department. She will be responsible for directing system optimization efforts for our physicians and will support educational programs for our medical staff, housestaff and medical students.

Sims will lead our data and analytics initiatives in addition to his work supporting our quality, decision support and Meaningful Use projects. As part of our departmental reorganization the knowledge management team will transition to Clinical Systems. He will assume oversight of the team with Larry Blackburn remaining as manager and reporting directly to Sims.

The College of Nursing's Office of Faculty Practice and Community Engagement has assembled a new leadership team to continue the work begun under the talented leadership of **Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC, FAAN**. The team includes the following:

- In her expanded role as assistant dean for operations and resource development in the College of Nursing, **Deidre Wesley, MPA**, has assumed responsibilities for the coordination and development of the operational and business aspects of the practice.

- As clinical director of the Office of Faculty Practice and Community Engagement, **Sally Lemke, MSN, RN, WHNP-BC**, will extend her current clinical responsibilities at the Simpson Academy to oversee all clinical and practice initiatives of the office.
- **Tanya Frieze, MSN, RN**, has assumed a new role in the College of Nursing as director of continuing education and lifelong learning. In this role, she will manage and grow the college's robust continuing education and certification programs.

Kudos

The work of **Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD**, professor of pediatrics, neurological sciences and biochemistry, was recently chosen by Autism Speaks as one of the group's Top 10 Research Advances for Autism in 2012. Berry-Kravis was the lead investigator on a study that looked at arbaclofen, an experimental drug used in treating the social withdrawal and challenging behaviors associated with fragile x syndrome. In addition, the study's findings suggest the drug might be used in the treatment of autism. To read more about this honor and the study, please [visit this page](#).

Aidnag Z. Diaz, MD, radiation oncologist, and medical director, Rush Radiosurgery, presented the results of his research on stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in November. The study, which was co-authored by **Lorenzo Munoz, MD**, University Neurosurgery, featured findings on how brain surgery and follow-up SRS help to streamline the care of brain cancer patients. To read more about the study, please [visit this page](#).

Andrew Garman, PsyD, professor, Department of Health Systems Management, and chief executive officer of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, received the inaugural College of Health Sciences faculty award for excellence in research and scholarly activity. Garman's publication and research record over the past year includes his work on high performance work systems driving health care value and global competitiveness, among a multitude of other projects.

Jane Grady, PhD, associate vice president, talent management, is retiring at the end of January. Grady began her career at Rush in 1970 as the director of the Laurance Armour Day School. Several years later, she added the role of administrator for the Child Life Therapy program, expanding the impact of her leadership to children who are patients. In 1996, Grady joined the Division of Human Resources as the director of employee and organizational development, recognition of her broad interest and expertise in learning. She has been twice promoted since that time to assistant vice president and most recently in 2010, to associate vice president in recognition of her leadership. Some key accomplishments include her integral role in implementing the I CARE values and the I CARE, I Connect program throughout Rush, which has helped to transform the patient and employee experience.

Patricia McCarthy, PhD, professor, Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, received the inaugural College of Health Sciences faculty award for excellence in

teaching. As an educator, McCarthy has made tremendous contributions to improving student education and teaching practices at both Rush and other institutions worldwide.

James T. O'Donnell, PharmD, MS, associate professor of pharmacology, recently had the third edition of his book *Drug Injury: Liability, Analysis, & Prevention* published. He also recently published the article "Clinical Pharmacology for the Primary Care Physician," in the October issue of *Disease a Month*.

Shannon Sims, MD, PhD, director of clinical informatics, recently published a paper in the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) annual symposium proceedings, which was selected as a Best of AMIA 2012 – "hot picks" of the conference.

Marisa Streelman, RN, MSN, CMSRN, joins Rush University Medical Centers as the unit director for 7 South Atrium, general adult medicine. Streelman was a patient care manager for a general medicine unit at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for four years. Since 2011, she was the patient care manager of a cardiovascular intermediate care unit at the University of Colorado.

Mae Walrath, a Rush graduate student and dietetic intern in the Department of Food and Nutrition Services, received the Chicago Dietetic Association's outstanding student award for her leadership and accomplishments in nutrition.

Mary Jane Welch, DNP, director, human subjects' protection, and **Tom Wilson, MBA**, assistant vice president, Research Affairs, recently published a chapter in the book, *A Primer on Clinical Trials for the Research Administrator*.

In October, **Jennifer Weuve, MPH, ScD**, assistant professor of medicine, Rush Institute for Healthy Aging, received the Distinguished Service Award from her alma mater, Luther College in northeastern Iowa. This award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the college, which is given in recognition of success and achievements in professional fields, service to society, contributions to community and loyalty and service to Luther.

The **Office of Interpreter Services**, which just celebrated its 10-year anniversary at Rush, recently received national certification. The Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters recently began offering a national certification that consists of a board exam in two parts, written and oral. All of the interpreters at Rush have passed the exam and have been awarded the highest certification available to medical interpreters in the United States. This makes Rush the only major medical center in Illinois, and one of only a few in the nation, to have its entire staff certified at this level.

Rush University Medical Center was recently reaccredited as a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC). In order to become accredited by the SCPC, hospitals must meet or exceed a wide set of stringent criteria and demonstrate commitment to reducing the time it takes to receive treatment, and increase the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment in a coordinated process that can save lives. In 2009, Rush

became the first academic medical center in Chicago to earn the accreditation. To read more about this reaccreditation, please [visit this page](#).

Appointments

Rush has appointed **Amir K. Jaffer, MD**, as senior vice chairperson, clinical affairs, and professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. Internationally recognized for his work in the fields of hospital medicine, perioperative medicine and anticoagulation, Jaffer comes to Rush from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where he served as professor, division chief for hospital medicine and vice chair for patient safety, quality and compliance. Earlier in his career, he held several leadership positions at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he established and directed the Internal Medicine Preoperative Assessment, Consultation and Treatment Center.

Jaffer received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. His postgraduate training includes an internship and a residency in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn. He is board certified in internal medicine and practices both hospital and perioperative medicine. He recently earned an executive MBA in health care management and policy at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. He has been selected as one of the best doctors in America seven consecutive times by Best Doctors.

Rush has appointed **Allison Weathers, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, and **Shannon Sims, MD, PhD**, director of clinical informatics, associate chief medical information officers. Weathers and Sims have served information services in the role of medical directors for several years. Their participation in that capacity has been a critical element in many of our successful strategic programs at Rush and Rush Oak Park Hospital, from the inpatient and ambulatory implementations of Epic to successful attestation for Meaningful Use. These changes in their title are more consistent with their duties at Rush as well as with the evolving role of the physician informaticist across the country.

Weathers will be the principal physician liaison for our clinical systems while remaining active as an attending in the neurology department. She will be responsible for directing system optimization efforts for our physicians and will support educational programs for our medical staff, housestaff and medical students.

Sims will lead our data and analytics initiatives in addition to his work supporting our quality, decision support and Meaningful Use projects. As part of our departmental reorganization the knowledge management team will transition to Clinical Systems. He will assume oversight of the team with Larry Blackburn remaining as manager and reporting directly to Sims.

Bulent Arslan, MD, has been appointed to associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology.

David Baldwin, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Alexandru Barboi, MD, has been appointed to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Michael Chen, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Karen Cosby, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Gabriella Cs-Szabo, PhD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Biochemistry.

Andrew Dennis, DO, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of General Surgery.

Carl Eybel, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Jennifer Goldman, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Carl Kaplan, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Krystyna Kiel, MD, has been appointed to associate professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Melissa Larson, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Sean O'Mahony, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Sirimon Reutrakul, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Kern Singh, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Jun Sun, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry.

Thomas Turner, DVM, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Cynthia Waickus, MD, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine.

Edgardo Yordan, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Kudos

Sarah H. Ailey, PhD, RN, Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing, and **Tanya Friese, MSN, RN**, clinical instructor in community, systems and mental health in the College of Nursing, had their paper published recently. "Modifying a Social Problem-Solving Program with the Input of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Their Staff" was published in *Research in Nursing & Health*.

Dana Bright, LSW, manager of health promotion, Rush Health and Aging, recently joined the American Heart Association's (AHA) associate board of Chicago. Associate board members volunteer their time and talent to support the programs and activities of the AHA in support of its efforts to reduce the incidence of heart disease and stroke. During this year-long commitment, Bright will work to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke in the community and raise support for annual AHA events such as the Chicago Heart Ball, the Go Red For Women initiative and the Chicago Heart Walk.

Fred Brown, DNP, RN, director of the orthopedic surgery unit on 13 East Tower, was accepted into the American Organization of Nurse Executives' (AONE) 2013 Nurse Manager Fellowship class. The fellowship is a year-long professional development program designed to support and build future nurse executives. AONE is the national organization of nurses who design, facilitate and manage care.

Brian Cole, MD, sports medicine and cartilage restoration orthopedic surgeon, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, was named a top sports medicine specialist in a recent issue of *Orthopedics This Week*. Cole was one of 19 physicians named as the best in sports medicine in the country. He is a professor in the Department of Orthopedics with a conjoint appointment in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, as well as the section head of the Cartilage Research and Restoration Center. Cole is the team physician for the Chicago Bulls, co-team physician for the Chicago White Sox and for DePaul University.

Craig Della Valle, MD, a hip and knee surgeon with Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, recently received the Hip Society's 2013 Frank Stinchfield Award for his research. Della Valle also received the Chitranjan Ranawat Award Paper from the Knee Society for his research

on whether prophylactic antibiotics should be withheld prior to revision surgery to obtain appropriate cultures.

Suzanne Flood, RN, ANP, College of Nursing faculty, was recognized as the 2012 Volunteer Primary Care Provider of the Year by Community Health, which is a free clinic located in Chicago's West Town neighborhood that provides care to the uninsured.

Steven L. Lewis, MD, associate chairperson of the Department of Neurological Sciences, has been appointed editor-in-chief of *Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology*, the continuing education journal of the American Association of Neurology. Previously associate editor of the journal, Lewis began his six-year term as editor-in-chief on Jan. 1.

Rachel E. Miller, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, biochemistry, received the Arthritis Foundation post doctoral fellowship grant and the F32 fellowship grant from the National Institute of Health. Both grants are for two years. During her fellowship training, Miller will study the role of MCP-1/CCR2 signaling in the maintenance of OA pathology and associated pain.

Celeste Napier, PhD, professor, pharmacology, recently appeared on WGN and CLTV for a segment titled "Invisible Threat" about the brain and violent behavior. To learn more, view the WGN segment here (<http://wgntv.com/news/stories/invisible-threat/>) and the CLTV segment here (<http://wgntv.com/2013/01/10/the-brain-and-violent-behavior/>).

Allison Weathers, MD, associate chief medical information officer, assistant professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, was recently selected for the American Academy of Neurology's inaugural Emerging Leaders Forum. Weathers was one of 14 people selected for this prestigious program.

Stephanie Yohannan, RN, unit director, 9 North Atrium, was named the president for the Chicago chapter of the International Transplant Nursing Society.

Colleagues **Erin Emery, PhD**, director, Geriatric and Rehabilitation Psychology; **Robyn Golden, LCSW**, director, Older Adult Programs; **Amy Eisenstein, PhD**, formerly with Rush University College of Nursing; **Iulia Ivan**, Department of Behavioral Sciences; and **Stan Lapidus**, Department of Preventive Medicine, wrote an article on the BRIGHTEN project at Rush, which was published in *The Gerontologist*. BRIGHTEN, which stands for Bridging Resources of a Geriatric Health Team via Electronic Networking), is an interdisciplinary program at Rush that uses a "virtual" team of professionals for the assessment and treatment of depression and anxiety in older adults. *The Gerontologist* is one of the top journals in the field of aging and is published by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). The article appeared as part of the GSA's "Editor's Choice" series, which showcases new and interesting research in the field of aging.

For more than five years, residents from physical medicine and rehabilitation have volunteered at Community Health Clinic and have given of their time twice a month along with two faculty members from Stroger Hospital (both are former graduates of the physical medicine and rehabilitation residency program). The clinic recently named **Rush University**

Medical Center's Musculoskeletal Department its Group Specialty of the Year during its 2012 Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony. Community Health, located in Chicago's West Town neighborhood, is the largest volunteer-based free medical facility in Illinois.

Rush Oak Park Hospital (ROPH) is now one of 10 hospitals in Illinois to have earned New York University College of Nursing's Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem (NICHE) designation. Through the NICHE program, ROPH's goal is to be recognized as a leader in holistic health care that's sensitive to the unique needs of older adults across the continuum of care. To read more, view the [news release here](#).

Rush University recently was recently named a 2012 Collegiate Advertising Award winner, receiving the following three awards:

1. A Gold award for the Rush University "40th anniversary elevator wraps and window decals" in the poster/display series category
2. A Silver award for the "Rush University Facebook" update (www.facebook.com/rushuniversity) in the social media marketing category
3. A Bronze award for the "prospective student microsite" (<http://admissions.rushu.rush.edu>) in the website design category

The Collegiate Advertising Awards recognize excellence in higher education advertising and marketing.

Rush University Medical Center won a Gold Award for Best Doctor Directory in the eHealthcare Leadership Awards competition. This awards program recognizes websites and other digital communications of health care related businesses, including hospital and health care systems, online health companies, pharmaceutical firms and medical equipment companies. Winners were recognized at the 16th Annual Healthcare Internet Conference held November 2012 in Las Vegas. Rush's physician directory also received a Gold Award in the 2011 competition.

The **Transforming Rush site** (transforming.rush.edu) received an honorable mention by the Association of American Medical College's (AAMC) Group on Institutional Advancement (GIA) in the 2013 competition in the electronic communications – websites category. The GIA awards program honors "exemplary work and contributions made by our colleagues in advancing medicine, research and education in academic medical centers." The judges' comments included the following: beautiful site, fun project that is very well conceived, thoughtful, nice use of video and focus was kept on the patient. Transforming Rush, created to promote the new Tower hospital and the overall Rush Transformation, was a collaborative effort involving **Rush's Marketing and Communications and Information Services** departments. Consultants Pivot Design and Risetime also helped with site design and development.

The *Black EOE Journal* has recognized **Rush** as a top employer in health care in its special "Best of the Best" spring issue, which will be on newsstands on April 15. Rush was recognized for its diversity efforts.

Appointments

Rush has appointed **Michael Dandorh** as executive vice president and executive director of Rush University Hospitals. Dandorh comes to Rush from the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where he served as senior vice president of strategy and business development. This position is responsible for administrative oversight of all clinical operations, including Rush University Medical Center's hospitals (the new Tower and Atrium Building, Rush Children's Hospital, the Johnston R. Bowman Health Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital) and all ambulatory services. As a senior officer of Rush, he will be responsible for executing the strategic plans of the organization and providing management oversight for the development of high quality, cost effective and integrated clinical programs.

Dandorh, along with Rush Medical College dean and Rush University provost, Thomas Deutsch, MD, form an executive partnership to lead Rush's operations across our entire mission. Our academic and clinical partnerships require these critical leaders to ultimately share responsibilities in a way that integrates the components of our mission. Deutsch leads the academic components of our mission, and Dandorh will lead our clinical operations, including all hospital and ambulatory services.

This position was previously held by J. Robert Clapp, Jr., from 2005 until he passed away in August 2012. Dandorh begins June 3.

Rush has appointed **Howard Kaufman, MD, FACS**, as chief of the Section of Surgical Oncology in the Department of General Surgery. Kaufman joined Rush in 2009 as a professor of general surgery, immunology and microbiology and internal medicine and he was appointed the director of the Rush University Cancer Center. He has established an inter-disciplinary melanoma program at Rush integrating expertise from general surgery, dermatology, radiation oncology, medical oncology, pathology, radiology, neurosurgery, head and neck surgery and thoracic surgery.

Rush has appointed **Michael J. Liptay, MD**, as chairperson of the Department of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery. This department is comprised of components of adult and pediatric cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery and vascular surgery. Liptay came to Rush in 2006 to lead the Division of Thoracic Surgery, which has grown to be the premier program in Chicago. He was promoted to professor in 2010 and later named to the Mary Denney Weaver Chair in Cancer Research in 2011. Liptay has been the program director of the thoracic surgery fellowship since 2010. He is a national leader in the development of minimally invasive thoracic surgery and an early adopter of video-assisted thoracic surgery, which has revolutionized surgery of the chest.

Rush has appointed **Ann Lough, RN**, as the new unit director in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU). Lough has been the clinical coordinator/assistant unit director of the SICU since 2005 and a Rush nurse since 1979. She has participated in both local and national professional organizations as well as several key Rush committees. Lough is a Rush graduate of the MSN-Clinical Nurse Leader program, member of Sigma Theta Tau international and American Association of Critical Care Nurses and has demonstrated both

leadership and critical care nursing expertise.

Rush has appointed **James Mulshine, MD**, as interim director of the Rush University Cancer Center. Mulshine steps in to the position as Howard Kaufman, MD, transitions to his new role as director of the section of surgical oncology in the Department of General Surgery (see above). Mulshine, associate provost for research in Rush University, is a renowned expert in lung cancer and in the past several years has focused his work on the early detection of lung cancer using imaging and other modalities. He spent 25 years at the National Cancer Institute, and has been at Rush since 2005.

Rush has appointed **Ajay Nehra, MD**, as chairperson of the Department of Urology. Nehra joined Rush in April 2012 as vice chairperson and professor and director of Men's Health in the Department of Urology, having had a distinguished career at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. With research interests in men's health and erectile dysfunction (ED), male infertility, prostate cancer, he has been the principal investigator for seven clinical multicenter studies on the efficacy and safety of a number of investigational treatments for ED. He is also a co-investigator in a National Institutes of Health project on aging.

Rush has appointed **Bruce Orkin, MD**, as vice chairperson, academic affairs, and section chief of colorectal surgery in the Department of General Surgery. Most recently, Orkin was chief of the colon and rectal surgery division and vice chair for academic affairs in the Department of Surgery at Tufts Medical Center and the Floating Hospital for Children in Boston. He has an extensive academic and clinical background in general surgery, robotic and laparoscopic colorectal surgery and is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Rush has appointed **Rosemarie Suhayda, PhD**, as associate provost for Institutional Research, Assessment and Accreditation for Rush University. She will oversee the newly renamed Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Accreditation (OIRAA), which will serve Rush University by providing data to support planning, policy formation, decision making and evaluation of University effectiveness. In addition, OIRAA will coordinate responses to external mandates and to internal and external requests for information about the University. Coordination of campus-wide and unit-level assessment of academic programs and administrative processes that support quality improvement efforts will be an important role for the office.

Kudos

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD, associate provost, Academic Affairs, Rush University, was accepted into the *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) Program at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. This is the only program in North America dedicated to preparing women for senior leadership roles in academic health science institutions, where they enhance institutional leadership while

contributing to organizational strategy and innovation. For more information on the ELAM program curriculum, faculty and participants, please visit www.drexelmed.edu/elam.

Jonathan Brady Scott, coordinator of clinical education, respiratory therapy, had a paper published in the journal *Respiratory Care*, titled “Apnea Testing During Brain Death Assessment: A Review of Clinical Practice and Published Literature.”

Brent Estes, president and CEO of Rush Health and senior vice president, Business and Network Development, was elected to serve a one-year term to the formation board for Land of Lincoln Health, Inc. Once licensed, Land of Lincoln Health will be Illinois’ first and only consumer operated and oriented health insurance plan.

George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, professor, director of research, Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, gave the 11th Annual David B. Larson Memorial Lecture at Duke University Hospital. His topic was, “Developing an evidence-based approach to spiritual screening and spiritual assessment.”

Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, associate professor, Section of Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders, Department of Neurological Sciences, recently became a board certified diplomate in behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry.

Robyn Golden, LCSW, director, Health and Aging, and **Gayle Shier, MSW**, program coordinator, Health and Aging, guest edited the winter 2012-2013 “Care Transitions in an Aging America” issue of the journal *Generations*, an American Society of Aging publication. **Anthony Perry, MD**, director, JRB administration, **Madeleine Rooney**, liaison, Health and Aging, and **Walter Rosenberg, LSW**, program coordinator, Health and Aging, each contributed articles to this issue. In related news, Golden and Shier moderated a national forum on care transitions in March as part of the American Society on Aging’s annual conference.

Joshua Jacobs, MD, chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and the William A. Hark, MD/Susanne G. Swift Professor, became the 81st president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) in March during the AAOS annual meeting in Chicago. Jacobs is a board-certified and practicing adult reconstructive orthopedic surgeon who specializes in total joint replacement. He has been a leading researcher on the biocompatibility, wear and corrosion of implanted joint prostheses including the impact of metal-on-metal implants for joint replacement patients. The AAOS president is selected by peer physician members of the academy. AAOS is the preeminent provider of musculoskeletal education to orthopedic surgeons and others in the world and engages in health policy and advocacy activities on behalf of musculoskeletal patients and the profession of orthopedic surgery. AAOS serves more than 36,000 members worldwide.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) has elected **Mathew W. MacCumber, MD, PhD**, as its next vice chair. MacCumber will begin serving on the AAO board of trustees on Jan. 1, 2014. He is a professor and the associate chairperson for research in the Department of Ophthalmology. MacCumber will join two other Rush faculty members as

trustees, including Tamara Fountain, MD, assistant attending, ophthalmology, and Jon Rubenstein, MD, vice chairperson, ophthalmology. AAO is the largest national membership association of eye MDs, who are ophthalmologists, medical and osteopathic doctors providing comprehensive eye care, including medical, surgical and optical care.

Robin McConney, program coordinator, Health and Aging, recently graduated from the American Society on Aging's New Ventures in Leadership Program (NVL). She has successfully developed "The Health Legacy Program for Women: A Community-Based Approach to Reducing Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes Among African-American Women and Their Families," which is currently being replicated in churches in communities with the greatest health disparities. NVL is a program designed to develop the next generation of leaders of color and dedicated to improving the quality of life for people as they age.

Norma A. Melgoza, FACHE, associate vice president, Hospital Operations, was awarded a full scholarship from the National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives (NFLHE) to participate in the American College of Health Care Executives Executive Education Program. This three-part program prepares future health care executive leaders. The NFLHE strives to increase the representation of Latinos at the executive level of U.S. hospitals and health systems and serves as a resource base of input from Latino executives in the areas of legislation, regulation and policy affecting communities across the country.

Michael E. Topel, PsyD, Treatment Research Center, Department of Psychiatry, recently published a new book with two other editors. *Antipsychotic Drugs: Pharmacology, Side Effects and Abuse Prevention* reviews the history and development of antipsychotics, while focusing on the use of these drugs in various disorders, age groups and clinical situations.

JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, APN, professor and associate dean for research at Rush University College of Nursing, has been named to the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. The International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame recognizes STTI members who are nurse researchers; who have achieved significant and sustained broad national and/or international recognition for their work; and whose research has impacted the profession and the people it serves. The 2013 award presentation will take place July 25 in Prague, Czech Republic during STTI's 24th International Nursing Research Congress.

Rush University College of Nursing doctoral student **Teresa Yambo, MSN Ed, RN**, was recently named a Bob Woodruff Foundation-Jonas Nursing Scholar. Recognized by the White House and Veterans Administration, this award honors doctoral students who have a research interest focused on veteran's health. She was selected for her research interest in creating early intervention strategies for military families with mental health issues. In addition to her research study, Yambo's service as a Bob Woodruff Foundation-Jonas Nursing Scholar will include assisting the American Academy of Nursing Veteran's Healthcare Expert Panel with the development of a policy statement and campaigning for quality health care for veterans and their families.

Rush University Medical Center's **Fred Brown, DNP, RN**, director of the orthopedic surgery unit on 13 East Tower; **Regina McClenton, RN**, practice administrator, Pediatric Primary

Care; **Marcia Murphy**; **Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC**, associate provost for Professional Education and Community Engagement and associate vice president for Community Health Care Practice; **Benson Wright, RN**, Magnet program coordinator; and Rush Oak Park Hospital's **Jennifer Grenier**, unit director, nursing administration, have been named regional finalists for the 2013 Greater Chicago Nurse.com Nursing Excellence Award. They will be honored at an award ceremony this upcoming May and have the opportunity to represent the region in the national program. The candidates will be continuing Rush's legacy of Nursing Excellence by joining the ranks of **Melissa Browning, DNP**, critical care nurse specialist, surgical intensive care unit, the 2012 National Winner for Clinical Nursing, and other esteemed Rush nurses who have been nominated.

Benson Wright, RN, Magnet program coordinator and **Deb Song**, associate director, media relations, submitted a poster presentation to the 2013 American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) National Magnet Conference. The poster, which is on social media and nursing, was accepted as a podium presentation. The ANCC conference takes place in early October in Orlando, Fla.

The Illinois Society from Respiratory Care Adult Critical Care Seminar, held in March, featured several speakers from Rush, including **David Shelledy, PhD, RRT, FAARC**, dean, College of Health Sciences ("Developing Competencies for Advance Practice Respiratory Therapists"), **Keith Roberts, RRT, CPFT, MBA**, director and assistant professor, Department of Respiratory Care Services ("Ventilator Associated Events -2013 CDS-NHSN Surveillance Definitions") and **Brady Scott**, coordinator of clinical education, respiratory therapy ("Assessment and Management of the Difficult Airway").

Becker's Hospital Review named **Rush University Medical Center** as one of 100 great hospitals in America as part of its annual list. Rush received this honor because it's proven to be an innovator for medical treatments, research, technology and delivery of care. *Becker's Hospital Review* is a monthly publication offering up-to-date business and legal news and analysis relating to hospitals and health systems.

Appointments

Steven Gitelis, MD, will be appointed associate dean of surgical services, Rush Medical College, and associate chief medical officer for surgery. **Omar Lateef, DO**, will be appointed associate dean of medical services in the medical college and associate chief medical officer for medical services. They will begin these new roles on July 1.

These new roles expand and enhance previous leadership positions in medical and surgical sciences and services, and add quality, patient safety, and management responsibilities to the positions.

In the newly-reconfigured position of associate dean of surgical services and associate chief medical officer for surgery, Gitelis will have responsibilities of a surgeon in chief. He will work with surgical sciences department chairpersons and faculty members, as well as the management team that facilitates the programs and operations of the surgical departments. He is currently president-elect of the Rush Medical Staff, professor and vice chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and serves on multiple committees, including Rush's Medical Staff Executive Committee and Surgical Services Executive Committee.

Keith Millikan, MD, is stepping down as associate dean of surgical services after nine years in this position to devote more time to his new role as vice chairperson for clinical affairs in the Department of General Surgery.

As associate dean of medical services and associate chief medical officer for medical services, Lateef will be responsible for quality and patient safety, as well as the academic and clinical concerns of faculty members and department chairpersons in the medical sciences and services. He served as an assistant chief medical officer and director of the medical intensive care unit and is also currently the vice chairperson of the Department of Medicine. In addition, he serves on numerous committees at Rush. Lateef also is an associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.

Robert Kimura, MD, has been in the position of associate dean for the past nine years. He continues as associate chairperson in the Department of Pediatrics and co-director of the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Center.

Kudos

Heather Anaya, DO, attending physician, obstetrics and gynecology, medical student OB/GYN clerkship director, and associate program director, OB/GYN residency program, recently received the Rush Medical College Phoenix Award, which is given by graduating medical students for the most outstanding clinical teacher. She also received the Leonard Tow Society Award for Humanism from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. She received this award for best demonstrating the foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families and health care colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

David Ansell, MD, MPH, senior vice president for medical affairs, chief medical officer, recently received the American Hospital Association Society for Healthcare and Consumer Advocacy Award presented at the Society for Healthcare and Consumer Advocacy Annual Conference in St. Louis on April 4. The award recognizes an outstanding community or national leader and/or group who have made a significant impact on the quality of care for the health care consumer. Ansell also was a keynote speaker at the conference, talking about advocacy and health care reform.

In other news, Ansell was quoted in an *AARP* magazine article on how to prevent hospital errors. Rush University Medical Center was listed as one of the top medical centers in safety. Read the May story [here](#).

Robert Balk, MD, pulmonologist and director, Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program, and **Stephen Korbet, MD**, assistant director, nephrology, recently received masterships from the American College of Physicians (ACP). Mastership is the highest honor the ACP gives to an individual, and only 20 are awarded each year. Balk and Korbet received this prestigious honor for their work, teaching, patient care and research. The ACP is a national membership organization for internists. Only four other Rush faculty members have received this honor, including Stuart Levin, MD, Medical Affairs; Edmund Lewis, MD, director, Section of Nephrology; C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, Rush University Internal Medicine; and Whitney Addington, MD, a former professor of internal medicine.

Chris Codispoti, MD, assistant professor, Department of Immunology/Microbiology, Section of Allergy and Immunology, recently completed his doctorate in epidemiology from the University of Cincinnati.

Audrey P. Dean, process improvement specialist, Rush University Medical Group, was recently appointed to the board of directors for the American Hospital Association Society for Healthcare and Consumer Advocacy, which is a two-year term.

The Lymphoma Research Foundation has named **Stephanie A. Gregory, MD, FACP**, the April 2013 Lymphoma Research Foundation Featured Researcher. Gregory is the director of the Section of Hematology and the Elodia Kehm Chair of Hematology and Professor of Medicine. To read more about this honor, [click here](#).

Lois Halstead, PhD, RN, vice provost, Rush University, and vice president, University Affairs, gave the commencement address at St. Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford, Ill. on May 18. Her speech focused on the role of nursing in health care reform.

Robyn Hart, MEd, director, Child Life Services, recently received the 2013 Starlight Achievement Award during the anniversary gala of the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest on May 18 at The Standard Club in Chicago. Hart was recognized for her "outstanding leadership in brightening the lives of sick children." The foundation helps seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through therapeutic entertainment, education and family activities.

Charles McKiel, Jr., MD, Rush University Urology, **Ajay Nehra, MD**, chairperson, Department of Urology, received presidential citations during the American Urological Association's (AUA) annual meeting May 4 -8 in San Diego. Presidential citations are presented to individuals who have significantly promoted the cause of urology. McKiel was awarded for his outstanding contributions in AUA's strategic planning and excellent service as AUA president. Nehra, who is the director of Men's Health and a professor, was awarded for outstanding achievements in men's health awareness and contributions to international educational activities in India and Saudi Arabia.

William Scheftner, MD, attending, psychiatric services, and associate professor, was mentioned several times in an article on bipolar disorder in the New York Times Magazine. Read the story [here](#).

Maggie Shreve, senior organizational development consultant, presented on the *I CARE*. I Connect. mentoring group project at The Beryl Institute conference on the patient experience in April in Dallas.

Jose M. Velasco, MD, attending surgeon and professor, general surgery, is the president elect of the Chicago Surgical Society. He will assume the one-year presidency of the society next year.

Ed Ward, MD, medical director, emergency medicine, recently was elected president-elect of the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians.

R. Mark Wiet, MD, assistant professor, head of the Section of Otology, Neurotology and Lateral Skull Base Surgery, will be part of a panel on vestibular schwannoma at the 20th World Congress of the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies on June 1 in Seoul, Korea.

Judy B. Friedrichs, RN, MSN, education/quality coordinator, Professional Nursing Practice, and **Stefanie Spanier-Mingolelli, MD**, neonatology, presented a poster at the International Conference on Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death in April. With assistance from GEM nursing students **Stephanie Hazinski** and **Heather Sulikowski**, they presented on a collaborative approach to exceptional caring.

Keri Kwarta, AuD, audiologist, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences; **Francis Fullam, MA**, senior director, patient relations; and **Briana Jegier, PhD**, assistant professor, College of Nursing; recently presented at the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) annual meeting. Their presentation was on the impact of patient experience data collection on patient satisfaction in an evolving reimbursement climate. Funded by the AAA Foundation, the presentation was simultaneously web-broadcast and continues to be available as a web seminar.

Mike Lamont, MBA, associate vice president, capital projects, and **Jenny Han**, project manager, Proteus Group, presented in March at the 2013 International Conference on Biocontainment Facilities held in San Diego. They spoke about recent work on the Jelke

Building. To read a synopsis of their presentation, click [here](#).

Judith Salitore, RN, unit director for the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and general pediatric unit director, recently retired after 40 years of service. **Shelia Levins, RN**, will serve as the interim unit director for the PICU, and **Elizabeth Casseday, RN, BSN**, will serve as the interim unit director for the general pediatrics unit.

Several members from Rush participated in the Voices Against Brain Cancer Walk in Lincoln Park on May 5, and afterward received special recognition, along with Rush patients and families. **Robert Aiken, MD**, associate professor of neurology, and **Laura Zuckerman, APN-BC, RN**, neuro oncology nurse practitioner, each received an award. Three Rush patients received courage awards; a patient's brother received a caregiver award; and two former patient's children/grandchildren received youth ambassador awards.

Three Rush Medical College students were selected for 2013-14 Schweitzer Fellowships – a prestigious service learning program that enables aspiring change agents to design and direct innovative year-long projects to help vulnerable Chicago communities improve their health and well-being. The new Rush Schweitzer Fellows are:

- **Joji Kohjima**, who plans to work with high school students at Instituto Health Sciences and Career Academy, where he will promote physical activity and cultural enrichment, as well as mentoring them to prepare for careers in the health care field.
- **Karena Rounsaville**, who will partner with the American Indian Health Services, where she will teach health education workshops to low income Native American women.
- **Ava Socik**, who will address childhood obesity by implementing First Lady Michelle Obama's "Five Simple Steps to Success," a part of the "Let's Move!" campaign to improve child health outcomes. Socik's program will be in collaboration with a Chicagoland school, and will also target parents, teachers and administrators

May is National Asthma Awareness Month, a designation that is intended to promote understanding of and education about asthma. The Illinois House of Representatives also recently declared May Asthma Awareness Month in the state of Illinois, and **students in Rush University's respiratory care program** traveled to Springfield prior to the declaration to show their support for it. In addition, the students asked the Illinois Senate to support chronic obstructive pulmonary disease awareness and programming, lung cancer awareness, smoke-free college campuses, and restricting the sales of electronic cigarettes to minors, as well as similar initiatives in the house.

Rush recently received the Get With The Guidelines®–Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. The award recognizes Rush's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted guidelines. Get With The Guidelines–Stroke

helps staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes to improve patient care and outcomes. The program provides hospitals with a web-based patient management tool, best practice discharge protocols and standing orders, along with a robust registry and real-time benchmarking capabilities to track performance.