

2014 - 15 Faculty Promotions

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Appointments

Rush has appointed **Richard Abrams, MD**, assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education (GME), and **Joy Sclamberg, MD**, assistant designated institutional official. Effective July 1, Abrams and Sclamberg will work with Susan Vanderberg-Dent, MD, associate dean for Graduate Medical Education, designated institutional official, in the Office of Graduate Medical Education to provide the best possible clinical and academic learning environment for our 650 residents and fellows and to support and advocate for our training programs and program directors. Abrams is the program director of the internal medicine residency at Rush. Sclamberg is the program director of the diagnostic radiology residency at Rush.

Rush has appointed **Gordon H. Derman, MD**, as the acting chairperson of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Derman has spent his entire career at Rush, and is widely known and admired for his clinical, teaching and administrative expertise in plastic surgery. He will lead the department's clinical, educational and research components during the transition from the leadership of John Polley, MD, who is relocating his practice out of state.

Rush has appointed **Nora Flint, PharmD**, interim corporate director of pharmacy services. She is the associate corporate director of the Department of Pharmacy and serves as the department's section chair for the Department of Medicine. Flint will work closely with the two associate directors, Beth Shields, PharmD, associate director of operations, and Christopher Crank, PharmD, MS, BCPS, associate director of clinical services.

Rush has appointed **Monique Lambert, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC**, director of advanced practice in the Division of Nursing. Lambert most recently served as director of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Program at the University of Texas El Paso. She begins at Rush in September.

Rush has appointed **Marc Singer, MD**, assistant professor of colon and rectal surgery in the Department of General Surgery. He comes to Rush from the NorthShore University HealthSystem, where he was a clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

The Department of Health Systems Management has promoted **Matthew Stern** from program coordinator to program administrator.

Kudos

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Genesys Works named **Tommy Bankhead**, IS support services team lead, as its Chicago supervisor of the year. Genesys Works is a work intern program that introduces participating students to the professional cooperative world. It also allows them to practice existing skills sets while developing new ones. Rush had six interns recently graduate from the program. For more on Genesys Works, visit [this page](#).

David A. Bennett, MD, director, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, and the Robert C. Borwell Professor of Neurological Sciences, was the invited speaker at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's fifth annual Michael M. Ossoff Visiting Lecture in Memory Disorders and Alzheimer's Disease on June 10.

Rush College of Nursing associate professor **Rebekah Hamilton, PhD, RN**, was selected for fellowship into the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) and will be honored at the October induction ceremony in Washington, D.C. This is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a nurse in his or her career. Hamilton is a member of the Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing, and her research interests are in presymptomatic genetic testing for adult onset diseases such as hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. The AAN is comprised of more than 2,200 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy and research. To read more, visit [this page](#).

Louis Kraus, MD, Woman's Board Professor and Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, recently became the chair elect on the American Medical Association's (AMA) council of science and public health. He also serves as a delegate for child and adolescent psychiatry for the AMA.

Grisel Rodriguez-Morales was elected as the Chicago district chair of the National Association of Social Workers - Illinois Chapter. Rodriguez-Morales is a clinical social worker with Rush's Health and Aging. For more details, please visit [this page](#).

The **Rush Physician Assistant (PA) Student Society** was featured in the National American Academy of Physician Assistants Student Academy newsletter for June, outlining its community service accomplishments. Highlights include the PA class of 2016 and faculty members participating in St. Baldrick's in March, raising more than \$1,600 for child cancer research. They also participated in a number of community education events, including Rush University's "Spring into Fitness" Health Fair and its own event at St. Stephen's Terrace apartment complex. On a weekly basis, Rush PA students also volunteer at Franciscan Outreach Homeless Shelter and at the Community Health Clinic, the largest free clinic in Illinois. This June, four members of the class will be taking their skills abroad to serve various underserved, remote areas.

Appointments

Bradley M. Appelhans, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine, is the new section director of clinical preventive medicine. He is a clinical psychologist in the Rush University Prevention Center.

Rush University has appointed **Anthony Giornalista** as content manager for University Relations. Giornalista was previously a member of the Public Relations and Marketing Communications team here at Rush. In this new role, he will develop copy for publications, communications and websites for internal and external audiences. In addition, he will oversee the University's social media efforts.

Rush has appointed **Martin Hertl, MD**, as the director of Solid Organ Transplantation. This will complement his role as section director within the Department of General Surgery. Hertl joined Rush in February of this year as the chief of the Section of Abdominal Transplant Surgery and associate professor in the Department of General Surgery. He came to Rush from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was the surgical director of Liver Transplantation and an assistant professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Arthi Susai is the new service line administrator for solid organ transplant. She began at Rush in 2011 as an administrative fellow and has since become the division administrator of cardiology.

New Physicians

Sanford Baim, MD, professor, Division of Endocrinology, Department of Internal Medicine

George A. Lopez, MD, PhD, neurologist, associate professor, Department of Neurological Sciences

Gary Loy, MD, MPH, maternal - fetal medicine, professor and vice chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and medical student clerkship director, Rush University Medical College

Jennifer Ruskis, MD, emergency medicine physician, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

Peter Sargon, MD, gastroenterologist, instructor, Department of Internal Medicine

Alison Sweet, MD, emergency medicine physician, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

Sarah Won, MD, infectious disease physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Kudos

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Becker's Hospital Review recently named **David Ansell, MD, MPH**, chief medical officer, senior vice president of clinical affairs; **Larry Goodman, MD**, Rush CEO; and Jaime Parent, **Jaime Parent**, associate chief information officer and vice president of health information technology, to its "500+ People to Know in Health Care" list. For more details, visit this page.

Thomas Bleck, MD, FCCM, FNCS, professor of neurological sciences, neurosurgery, medicine and anesthesiology, and associate chief medical officer for critical care, recently returned from Tokyo and Atami, Japan, where he was the keynote speaker for the 28th annual meeting of the Japan Society of Neurological Emergencies and Critical Care, July 11-12. This meeting marked the start of an academic affiliation between the Japan Society of Neurological Emergencies and Critical Care and the Neurocritical Care Society, of which Bleck is the founding past president. Bleck is also an associate vice president, and director of the Laboratory of Electroencephalography and Evoked Potentials. In June, he was the plenary guest lecturer at the 19th annual meeting of the Korean Epilepsy Society in Seoul, South Korea. Prior to this meeting, Bleck was a visiting professor at the Department of Neurology, Yonsei University College of Medicine, also in Seoul.

Major League Baseball (MLB) recently selected team physician association member **Charles Bush-Joseph, MD**, sports medicine and arthroscopic surgical specialist with Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, as its orthopedic surgeon for the November 2014 Japan All-Star Series tour. Bush-Joseph is the head team physician for the Chicago White Sox. MLB requested a volunteer orthopedic surgeon and primary care sports physician to provide coverage for the traveling party, and 12 MLB team physician association members volunteered. The board then narrowed the names down to three surgeons and three primary care sports physicians as finalists.

Christopher Grote, PhD, professor and associate chairperson of behavioral sciences, was recently elected as a fellow in the American Psychological Association, and as president of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology.

The Illinois State Police selected **Tony Ladd**, supervisor, Security Services, for its Award of Distinction for the assistance he provided a motorist in distress while off duty. He received the award on Aug. 1 at a ceremony. [Read more here.](#)

Sue Larson, RN, MSN, education quality coordinator, Professional Nursing Practice, was recently elected to serve on the Association for Nursing Professional Development's National Nominating Committee. She will serve at the national level for two years.

Bruce Orkin, MD, chief, Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was elected to the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons' executive council for a three-year term as member-at-large.

Jun Sun, PhD, associate professor, Department of Biochemistry, is the senior author of the article "Intestinal Epithelial Vitamin D Receptor Deletion Leads to Defective Autophagy in Colitis," which has been accepted for publication in the prestigious gastroenterology journal *Gut*. **Shaoping Wu, PhD**, instructor of biochemistry, is the first author of the article, and **Di Chen, MD, PhD**, chairperson and professor of biochemistry, is a co-author, along with researchers at the University of Chicago, University of Rochester (NY), Queens College (Ontario, Canada) and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium).

Rush's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) hosted a two-day site visit by the Vermont-Oxford network NICUs in late July. The teams are among the biggest NICUs in the country and included approximately 10 NICUs, with five to six participants (physicians, neonatal nurse practitioners, NICU nurses, NICU dietitians, etc.) from each site. This was part of a virtual (web-based) homeroom that is focused on improving growth and nutrition and minimizing necrotizing enterocolitis in very low birth weight infants. The homeroom is a two-year project that institutions pay to participate in. This site visit focused on the NICU team's superior human milk promotion and evidence-based use of human milk, led by **Paula Meier, PhD, RN, FAAN**, director for Clinical Research and Lactation, Neonatal Intensive Care. It also focused on the work of **Aloka Patel, MD**, and **Jean Silvestri, MD**, neonatologists who specialize in the care of premature babies.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Academy of Architecture for Health has selected **Rush's Tower**, designed by Perkins+Will, as a recipient for its AIA National Healthcare Design Awards Program. Winning buildings had to exhibit conceptual strengths that solve aesthetic, civic, urban, and social concerns as well as the requisite functional and sustainability concerns of a hospital. [More information is available here.](#)

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Appointments

Rush has appointed **Marquis D. Foreman, RN, PhD**, as the fourth John L. and Helen Kellogg Dean of the College of Nursing. Foreman, who is currently acting dean, is a distinguished academic nursing scholar and leader who was chosen after a national search of outstanding candidates. He currently serves as professor and was previously the executive associate dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Nursing. Foreman has been acting dean of the College of Nursing since January 2014. Prior to his role as executive associate dean, he was chair of the Department of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing from 2008 to 2012, and previously had been professor and associate dean for nursing science studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Nursing.

His research record includes roles as principle or co-principle investigator of numerous National Institutes of Health-funded projects, most recently in the field of robotic assistants for the elderly. Foreman has published more than 75 articles and dozens of book chapters, abstracts and reviews. He has served in a leadership capacity in several professional organizations.

Rush has appointed **Jerome Hoeksema, MD**, as acting chairperson of the Department of Urology. Hoeksema has had his clinical practice at Rush for more than 30 years, and is a senior member of the department. Ajay Nehra, MD, has stepped down as chairperson, and will continue his clinical and research activities in the department.

Rush has appointed **Shawnda Mays** as the administrative director of radiation oncology. She has been a dedicated Rush employee since 1996, working in multiple roles where she obtained extensive knowledge and management experience in day-to-day operations, revenue cycle, coding, compliance and information systems. Mays has a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in health services and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in business information systems. In addition she also is a radiation oncology certified coder. Mays is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the National Association of Health Services Executives. Mays will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, financial oversight and planning/directing new initiatives across the department at Rush and Rush Oak Park in partnership with leaders across Rush.

After a productive career spanning more than four decades at Rush, **Ray Narbone** has retired from the position of director of the operating rooms and transitioned to a more focused role. He will concentrate the rest of his career within the Department of Anesthesiology, where he will be director of anesthesiology operations.

Rush has appointed **Jennifer Poirier, PhD**, research design and statistics manager in the Department of General Surgery. She will provide the department with statistical support, assisting them in grant writing, and conducting classes in research and statistics for the medical residents. Prior to Rush, Poirier worked at the public health research firm, Samuels and Associates in Oakland, Calif. (now the Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research and Evaluation), where she served as a statistician.

Rush Oak Park Hospital has appointed **Robert Spadoni** vice president of hospital operations. Spadoni has been an employee of Rush University Medical Center since 1995 and has held a number of leadership positions. Throughout his 19-year career he has served as associate vice president and general counsel for Rush University Medical Center and chief compliance officer for Rush Oak Park Hospital. In his new role, which began Oct. 1, 2014, Spadoni assumed responsibility for many of the departments managed by Jim Kaese, vice president of administrative services, who retires at the end of October after an exceptional 45-year career.

Along with his extensive background in legal, regulatory, and licensing activities for Rush Oak Park, Spadoni brings a wealth of knowledge and overall expertise to the vice president of hospital operations position. Some of his duties over the years have included advising administration and medical staff leadership personnel on patient care issues, overseeing risk management activities and collaborating with physicians and quality departments to improve patient and employee safety.

Faculty Appointments

Marta Batus, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Edie Y. Chan, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of General Surgery.

Xin Qi Dong, MD, MPH, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Rami Doukky, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Mary Jo Fidler, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW, has been appointed to adjunct professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

Xiu-Ti Hu, MD, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology.

Russell Kelly, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

George Lopez, MD, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Elizabeth B. Lynch, MD, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine.

Dianne Meyer, PhD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Carla Minutti, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Jack C. Olson, MD, has been promoted from assistant to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Section of Geriatrics.

John Showel, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Garth Swanson, MD, MS, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dian Wang, MD, PhD, has been appointed to professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Mark A. Yoder, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

New Physicians

Lisa Arkin, MD, dermatologist, director, pediatric dermatology, assistant professor, Department of Dermatology and Department of Pediatrics

Navdeep Chehl, MD, hospitalist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Brian Cone, MD, emergency medicine, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

Katherine H. Finn, DO, rheumatologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Diana Goodman, MD, critical care neurologist, assistant professor, Department of Neurology

Niranjn Jeganathan, MD, pulmonary and critical care, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Carolyn Jones, MD, PhD, director, Section of Genetics, professor, Department of Pediatrics

Burhan Mohamedali, MD, advanced heart failure/ transplant cardiologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Murali Nagarajan, MD, neuroradiologist, instructor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology

Susan Nathan, MD, geriatric/palliative care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Laura Pabalan, MD, general pediatrician, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics

Gian Pal, MD, neurologist, assistant professor, Department of Neurological Sciences

Vasil Peev, MD, nephrologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Sepehr Sani, MD, neurosurgeon, assistant professor, Department of Neurosurgery

Marc Singer, MD, colorectal surgeon, assistant professor, Department of General Surgery

Brett Williams, MD, infectious disease specialist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Heming Zhen, PhD, medical physicist, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology

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Gabriella Cs-Szabo, PhD, associate dean of the Graduate College and Biotechnology Program director was appointed to the Peer Reviewer Corps of the Higher Learning Commission. This organization is responsible for evaluating the accreditation of colleges and universities throughout the north central region of the United States. This appointment is recognition of an individual's expertise in higher education, and granted after a selection process and successful completion of intensive training. Cs-Szabo represents one of four esteemed faculty from Rush University to be part of the peer-review accreditation process for places of higher education.

Sally Lemke, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, director of Rush Community-Based Practices, has been appointed as the Illinois School Health Center representative for a policy collaborative organized by the National Alliance of School Health Centers. The purpose of this collaborative is to develop and implement policies that further support the integration of school health centers within the larger health care delivery and payment system. Other members of the Illinois team will include one representative from the Illinois School Health Center Coalition, the State School Health Center office and Medicaid.

Rebecca Liebman, MPH, was named a Fulbright Scholar. She served as a research study manager on the LIFE Study and as an intervention director on the CHART Study in the Department of Preventive Medicine for five years. Liebman will research how skin-to-skin contact can improve the health of newborn babies born to underserved mothers in India. She left for Delhi on Aug. 18 to begin her work.

Becker's Hospital Review recently named **John Mordach**, senior vice president and chief financial officer, to its list of "150 Hospital and Health System CFOs to Know." This list highlights some of the brightest leaders involved in financial aspects of the health care industry.

Orthopedics This Week named **Vincent C. Traynelis, MD**, to its list of 18 of the best North American spine surgeons for 2014. Traynelis is the director of the Neurosurgery Spine Service and vice chairperson of the Department of Neurosurgery. He is also the A. Watson Armour III & Sarah Armour Presidential chair and a professor of neurosurgery.

Appointments

Rush appointed **Lee Bitsoi, EdD**, as Rush University's new director of the Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. Bitsoi has spent his career working in social justice research – most recently at Harvard University, where he examined bioethics in research on indigenous and underserved communities.

In the newly created role, Bitsoi will serve in a number of capacities. Most importantly, he'll be a point of contact to support students as they navigate the higher education experience and how that might intersect with their particular backgrounds. He'll also kick off a "diversity audit" of efforts at the University, with the intent of uniting the various pockets of inclusion work into one cooperative strategy.

Rush has appointed **Dana Bradley**, associate vice president, human resources, and HR partner for the University. Bradley will collaborate with University leaders to deliver human resources services and solutions that support the execution of the mission and the strategy. These services may include organizational design and staffing models, compensation program design, coaching to leaders on employee relations matters and leadership development. She will support the provost, vice provost, deans, faculty and staff. Bradley brings to Rush over 20 years of progressive experience in human resource roles in both academic health care and industry. Her most recent experience was with the University of Chicago as the assistant vice president, human resources, for their Biological Sciences Division where she supported over 1,200 faculty members across clinical and basic science departments. Her first day at Rush was Oct. 20, 2014.

Rush appointed **Allecia Harley, MPH**, associate vice president, Research Affairs and Clinical Trials Administration. She comes to Rush with 20 years of progressive experience serving the health care and higher education marketplace as a director, consultant, epidemiologist, researcher and administrator. Harley's most recent engagement was with Huron Consulting Group as a director of research services in which she has provided oversight to multidisciplinary teams assisting large complex organizations, such as academic medical centers, NCI designated cancer centers and health systems. She began on Oct. 6.

Rush has appointed **Joshua J. Jacobs, MD**, associate provost for research in Rush University, effective Nov. 1. Jacobs will continue in his role as chairperson of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, a position he has held since 2008. For the past four years, he has served in the presidential line of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons becoming its 81st president in 2013. In that role he has led an organization with an international impact and presence.

James L. Mulshine, MD, will continue as acting dean of the Graduate College, where he is leading a comprehensive change process that is expected to transform the Graduate College and its role in Rush University. Mulshine was the inaugural associate provost for research in

Rush University, and has led Rush over nine years to unprecedented performance in research funding, numbers of research projects, and number of active researchers. He has transformed our research processes and structure, and he deserves great credit for these successes. Jacobs and Mulshine will continue to work closely together to facilitate the transition and continue to build the fruitful interaction of research and education in realizing the mission of Rush.

Rush University has appointed **Linda M. Olson, PhD, OTR/L**, chairperson of the Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Health Sciences. Olson has been serving as acting chairperson of occupational therapy for the past two years. She has been on the faculty of the department since August of 2001. Olson brings to her department a strong background in mental health, having provided occupational therapy services in a variety of inpatient and outpatient mental health settings throughout the city. She is an established leader within both the national and state occupational therapy professional societies and is currently the chairperson for the American Occupational Therapy Association Mental Health Special Interest Section.

Rush University has appointed **Christy Tangney, PhD, FACN, CNS**, associate dean of research in the College of Health Sciences. In this new position, Tangney will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the College of Health Sciences' research initiative. She will continue to be part of, and teach in, the Clinical Nutrition Department. Tangney has worked at Rush for many years. From 1980 to 1986, she was an assistant professor, Section of Clinical Nutrition. From 1984 to 1986, she served in a conjoint appointment as associate scientist, Department of Internal Medicine, and from 1997 to 2004 she was the research director, Preventive Cardiology Program, Department of Medicine. She was appointed associate professor in 1989 and promoted to professor in 2013. Tangney also serves as a research mentor in the Graduate College and is the elected representative to the Graduate Council, representing the PhD Health Science Division. She serves on many College of Health sciences and university operational committees.

Faculty Appointments

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD, MS, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Daniel Nicholson, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Kumar Bharat Rajan, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

New Physicians

Anuja Antony, MD, MPH, plastic, reconstructive and cosmetic surgeon, associate professor, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD, gastroenterologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Jill Jeffe, MD, pediatric otolaryngologist, assistant professor, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Kyran Quinlan, MD, MPH, pediatrician, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics

Peter Revenaugh, MD, otolaryngologist/ facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, assistant professor, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Kerstin Stenson, MD, FACS, otolaryngologist, director, Rush Head and Neck Cancer Program, professor, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Maureen T. Sturman, MD, MPH, geriatrician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Karen Weinstein, MD, FACP, primary care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

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Gunnar B. J. Andersson, MD, PhD, spine, back and neck orthopedic surgeon at Midwest Orthopaedics, is The Ronald L. DeWald, M.D. Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush. He was recently named the president-elect of the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery (ISASS). ISASS is an international, scientific and educational society organized to discuss and assess existing strategies and innovative ideas in the clinical and basic sciences related to spine surgery to enhance patient care.

The CHEST Foundation selected **Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT**, professor, Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences, for its Robert McCaffree Community Service Grant. She received it for her proposal, "An Interprofessional Student Model: Respiratory Health Education in the Community." The one-year grant is for \$5,086 and began on Sept. 15.

Thomas Bleck, MD, FCCM, FNCS, professor of neurological sciences, neurosurgery, medicine, and anesthesiology, and associate chief medical officer for critical care, was selected as a Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Bleck received the MCCM designation during the SCCM's 44th Critical Care Congress on Jan. 19 in Phoenix.

Bruce Elegant, president and chief executive officer of Rush Oak Park Hospital, recently joined the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society (IWS) Board of Directors. The IWS is an association of Chicago-area women who support the IWS Children's Clinic in its mission to provide all children with unfettered access to quality health care. Elegant also took part in the third annual HealthLeaders Media CEO Exchange in Colorado Springs, Colo., last September. Elegant spoke about the challenges facing health care organizations.

Christopher Goetz, MD, director, Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Program, professor of neurological sciences, professor of pharmacology, and **Jeffrey H. Kordower, PhD**, director, Research Center for Brain Repair, and professor of neurological sciences, hosted the first ever World Parkinson Coalition (WPC) Scientific Update: Parkinson Pipeline Umbrella. This free, live three-day webcast highlighted the latest advances in the disease's research and brought together the international Parkinson's community.

Larry J. Goodman, MD, Rush CEO and president of Rush University and the Rush System for Health, has been chosen to receive the Pastora San Juan Cafferty Legacy Award from Casa Central, the Midwest's largest Hispanic social services organization. The award was presented at Casa Central's annual awards dinner, Oct. 16, 2014, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in Chicago.

The Cafferty award recognizes a person of extraordinary achievement whose work addresses critical issues that affect the quality of life of many people; who performs exceptional acts of philanthropy; who supports social services for members of disadvantaged populations; who promotes inclusiveness of people with differing backgrounds and views; and who is an inspirational leader.

The award is named for and honors the legacy of a late professor of social services at the University of Chicago. Cafferty also was a member of the Rush Board of Trustees and the wife of former Rush Medical College Dean Henry P. Russe, MD.

In April, the American College of Physicians (ACP) named **Alan A. Harris, MD**, associate chair, Department of Internal Medicine, senior attending, infectious diseases, and professor of internal medicine and preventive medicine, its new master. Harris is currently associate program director of subspecialties and a hospital epidemiologist at Rush. He has researched and published in infectious diseases, public health, and epidemiology. Honors include numerous awards for excellence in Clinical Medicine and teaching. He is a public health consultant for the Chicago Department of Health on communicable diseases, bioterrorism and immunization. He has served on the State of Illinois Governor's Panel of Public Health Advisors. As an Associate member, he hosted and chaired the first statewide meeting in the

country for ACP Associates, which is now done in states throughout the country. He was a founder of the Doctor's Dilemma competition. For the Northern Illinois Chapter, he served on the Governor's Advisory Committee and added his expertise to the planning of Chapter meetings. He regards the ACP academic programs as integral to resident training in IM, and he is a role model for lifelong career ACP membership.

Minh B. Luu, MD, FACS, surgery clerkship director, Rush Medical College, received the Top Gun award during the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons' annual meeting and Minimally Invasive Surgery Week in Las Vegas, Sept. 10-13, 2014. The Top Gun Laparoscopic Skills Shoot-Out is designed to provide the ultimate arena for the residents and trained surgeons from all specialties to develop and demonstrate their laparoscopic skill development while promoting friendly competition.

Anne Millheiser, LCSW, manager of Social Work Services, Health and Aging, was invited to join the Access Living Young Professional Council. The council's mission is "to engage society to join the movement toward inclusion and independence for people with disabilities through networking, fundraising and educating others about the disability rights movement."

Michael N. Nelson, PhD, and **Patricia M. Prentice, RN, MBA**, were honored at the March of Dimes' 17th annual Jonas Salk Health Leadership Awards on Sept. 9, 2014, in Rosemont, Ill. Nelson, who is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Psychology at Rush and a research associate professor in the Department of Women, Children and Family Health Sciences Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a research scientist; educator and practicing pediatric psychologist who seeks to improve the health of infants by early detection of motor, language and mental development delays.

Prentice, who is the administrator for the Rush Perinatal Center, received the Nurse Award. In her 42 years of nursing, she has made many contributions toward improving infant and maternal health. Prentice was instrumental to the success of the statewide implementation of perinatal HIV testing initiatives and the Obstetrical Hemorrhage Project (OBHEP), including successfully advocating for OBHEP's funding.

The National Postdoctoral Association recently named **Giselle Sandi, PhD**, director, Office of Rush Mentoring Programs, Academic Affairs, to its Board of Directors. Her member term began Jan. 1, 2015 and lasts through Dec. 31, 2017.

Becker's Hospital Review named **Rush** to its 2014-2015 list "100 Hospitals and Health Systems With Great Heart Programs." The hospitals featured on the list lead the nation in cardiovascular and thoracic health care. Many have pioneered groundbreaking programs, treatments or research, and all have received recognition from reputable sources for top-of-the-line patient care.

Appointments

We would like to announce important changes in responsibilities and titles for several of our organizational leaders, including the following:

- **Peter W. Butler**, President, Rush University Medical Center
- **Michael J. Dandorph**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Rush University Medical Center
- **Thomas A. Deutsch, MD**, Provost, Rush University
- **David A. Ansell, MD**, Senior Vice President, System Integration
- **Anthony J. Perry, MD**, Vice President, Ambulatory Care and Population Health, Rush University Medical Center

To read the complete memo on the organizational leaders, visit this page:

http://inside.rush.edu/News/Documents/november%20leadership%20message_goodman%20and%20Butler.pdf

Melinda Noonan, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, resigned as associate vice president, hospital operations, and executive director of Rush Children's Hospital, on Jan. 5. She is now an assistant professor in the Rush University College of Nursing's Department of Women, Children, and Family Nursing and will continue her role as assistant professor in the College of Health Sciences' Health Systems Management Graduate Program.

Noonan has been a member of the Rush team since 2007, when she joined the Division of Nursing as the director of nursing operations. In that role, she led the creation of the Rush Transfer Center, facilitating transfers from outside hospitals, as well as implementing the focused and ongoing professional practice evaluation process for advanced practice nurses, which was lauded by the Joint Commission as a best practice among hospitals surveyed. While she is leaving her role in operations, we are fortunate that she will continue to contribute her talent in the development of future nursing and health system leaders within the Colleges of Nursing and Health Sciences. We are grateful to her for her service here at Rush to date, and look forward to her continued contributions in the future.

Rush appointed **Omar Lateef, DO**, as the new chief medical officer, succeeding **David Ansell, MD**, who took on the position of senior vice president, system integration. As the senior physician leader for the Medical Center, Lateef will develop plans and provide the leadership necessary to achieve our ambitious clinical quality and safety goals, as well as work with many of us to further the overall effectiveness, efficiency and perception of the care we provide to our patients. Driving the organization to reach these shared goals requires a unique individual with extensive clinical expertise, business acumen and leadership skills to cultivate collaboration across programs and departments.

Rush appointed **Anna Spagnoli, MD**, as the next chairperson of the Department of Pediatrics and the Women's Board Chair of Pediatrics. Spagnoli is an accomplished leader in her field of pediatric endocrinology, with a record of achievement in clinical care, research, education, and administration. She is currently professor and chief of the Division of

Pediatric Endocrinology, director of the pediatric endocrinology fellowship program, and director of the Pediatric Bone Clinic at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also holds appointments in biomedical engineering and cell and developmental biology.

Spagnoli has a national and international reputation for her research in regenerative medicine applied to cartilage and bone diseases in children and adults. Pediatric bone disease is also her primary clinical focus. She has made ground-breaking contributions to this field, publishing more than 100 journal articles and abstracts, and she currently holds two large NIH grants. She has given presentations about her work throughout the world.

Spagnoli joined Rush on Feb. 23, replacing **Kenneth Boyer, MD**. Boyer, who will remain very active clinically, led the department for nearly 12 years, during which time the department has expanded the breadth and quality of its clinical, education and research activities. We are all grateful for his steadfast and outstanding leadership for a dozen years of success.

Rush appointed **Judson Vosburg** as the new vice president of financial planning and decision support. He began Feb. 2 and is responsible for all budgeting, financial planning and decision support activities. Vosburg comes to Rush after 11 years as vice president of finance at NorthShore University HealthSystem where he was responsible for decision support, business intelligence and management planning and reporting. His experience at NorthShore includes early development leadership for their enterprise data warehouse and reserve modeling for contractual allowances and uncollectible accounts, both of which have contributed to accelerating their month-end financial closing cycle time. He has developed multiple reporting tools to provide critical decision making data to the organization, and played a key role in acquisition activities that helped drive significant revenue growth for the organization.

Rush appointed **Nathalie Wheaton** to the position of part-time archivist/librarian of the Rush University Medical Center Archives, located in the Triangle Office Building, 1700 W. Van Buren St., suite 086. This position re-establishes professional archivist services at Rush. The Rush Archives remain open to internal users only. Wheaton served as assistant archivist from 2006-2012.

In her role, Wheaton provides reference services for faculty, students and employees, and answers information requests. Her responsibility in records management services includes updating the archives' collection databases for enhanced searching functionality, and assisting internal end users with use of digital and published resources of a genealogical, historical or educational nature.

Faculty Appointments

Sharon Sholiton, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Laura Thorp, MPT, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

New Physicians

Senada Bajmakovic-Kacila, MD, psychiatrist, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry

Jorge M. Balaguer, MD, adult cardiovascular surgeon, chief, cardiac surgery at Rush Copley Medical Center

Bantu Chhangani, MD, sleep physician, associate professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Laurel Clark, MD, psychiatrist, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry

Sarah Happe, MD, obstetrician/gynecologist, instructor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Deborah Katz, MD, hematologist/oncologist, assistant professor, Department of Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy

Ramandeep Kaur, MD, palliative care specialist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Rabia Malik, MD, neurologist, assistant professor, Department of Neurology

Stelios Mantis, MD, MPH, pediatric endocrinologist, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics

Sheela Raikar, MD, pediatric gastroenterologist, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics

Smriti Shivpuri, PhD, MPH, psychologist, assistant professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Sarah Thilges, PhD, psychologist, Bone Marrow Transplant Program, assistant professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Lauren Wiebe, MD, medical oncologist, palliative care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Jessica Zhou, MD, radiation oncologist, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology

Kudos

Sarah Ailey, PhD, RNC, APHN, CDDN, community health nurse specialist, and **Robyn Hart, MEd, CCLS**, director of Child Life Services, were interviewed for an article in the *American College of Physician's Hospitalist Journal* about the Rush Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program. The article, "Remembering, and respecting, the most vulnerable," referred to Rush's program as the gold standard for hospitals. Ailey and Hart created the program in 2007.

Antonio Bianco, MD, PhD, the Charles A. Weaver Professor of Cancer Research Medicine, division chief of endocrinology and metabolism, has been recently named president-elect for the American Thyroid Association. The announcement was made at the 84th annual meeting of the American Thyroid Association (ATA) held in California. The ATA is the leading worldwide organization dedicated to the advancement, understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disorders and thyroid cancer. ATA is an international membership medical society with over 1,700 members from 43 countries around the world.

Charles Bush-Joseph, MD, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush sports medicine physician and head team physician for the Chicago White Sox, was selected by the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball (MLB) to provide orthopedic coverage for its 11th annual All-Star Series tour in Japan. Bush-Joseph was the only orthopedic surgeon selected and was joined by John Cantwell, MD, of Atlanta to provide medical coverage for the MLB All-Star Series tour. The All-Star Series tour included games in five cities, including Osaka, Tokyo and Sapporo from Nov. 11-20, 2014.

Regina Chen, MS, PA-C, L Ac, Dipl. CH, chair and program director, assistant professor, Rush Physician Assistant Program, was named secretary of the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants for 2015.

Daniel Deziel, MD, the Helen Shedd Keith Professor and Chairman, general surgery, was chosen to receive the SAGES Distinguished Service Award for 2015. This award is given to a surgeon who has made a significant, long-term educational, research, clinical and/or technological contribution to the field of surgical endoscopy and has advanced the mission of SAGES. Deziel received the award during SAGES' annual scientific session and postgraduate course, April 15, 2014, in Nashville. SAGES is the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

Bruce Elegant, MPH, president and chief executive officer, Rush Oak Park Hospital, attended the third annual HealthLeaders Media CEO Exchange in Colorado Springs, Colo., in September 2014 to discuss the challenges of CEOs communicating strategy while leading their organizations. He was quoted in the *HealthLeaders Magazine's* "CEOs as Agents of Change" article.

Janet Furman, MMS, PA-C, faculty and assistant professor, Rush Physician Assistant Program, was named AAPA delegate for the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants for 2016 and 2017.

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW, director, Health and Aging, briefed Congress on Dec. 9, 2014, on behalf of Eldercare Workforce Alliance (EWA). Golden spoke along with several other panelists about the importance of funding geriatrics and gerontology training programs for health professionals, and providing team care that places individual and family caregiver at the center of care. EWA highlighted the fact that “by 2030, America’s older adult population will mushroom from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population, meaning nearly one in five Americans will be over the age of 65.” EWA is a group of [30 national organizations](#) joined together to address the immediate and future workforce crisis in caring for an aging America.

The American Cancer Society honored **Katherine Griem, MD, FACR**, with its St. George National Award, the society’s most prestigious division volunteer honor. Griem was one of 19 individuals from across the country to receive the award. She was chosen for her 20-plus years of service to the American Cancer Society. Griem, a professor of radiation oncology, specializes in the areas of radiation oncology, breast cancer research and head and neck cancers. She championed the Patient Navigator Program at Rush and has paired her clinical interests as an oncologist with the society’s scientific research committees.

Robert S. Katz, MD, senior attending, Rheumatology Associates, SC, received the master award from the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) during its annual meeting in November 2014, which was attended by 15,000 rheumatologists and scientists from all over the world. He was one of 22 physicians worldwide to receive this honor, which is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to the field of rheumatology through scholarly achievement and/or service to their patients, students and the rheumatology profession.

Sally Lemke, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, director of Rush Community-Based Practices, was accepted into the inaugural group of the national School-Based Health Alliance Leadership Fellows Program and was chosen as the Linda Juszczak Legacy Fellow. Lemke was selected as one of 10 fellows from a very large and competitive nomination pool. The School-Based Health Alliance designed the Leadership Fellows program to engage school health care leaders in a shared learning community to gain the knowledge and skills they need to lead the transformation of sustainable school health systems in their communities and states.

James T. O’Donnell, PharmD, MS, FCP, associate professor of pharmacology, wrote the chapter, “Alcohol in Civil Litigation” in the sixth edition of *Garriotts Medical Legal Aspects of Alcohol*.

Jennifer M. Orozco MMS, PA-C, director of clinical education, assistant professor, Rush Physician Assistant (PA) Program, was named president of the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants for 2015. Orozco is also the director of PA clinical practice in Medical Affairs.

The Chicago Healthcare Executives Forum (CHEF) chose **Jaime Parent**, associate chief

information officer and vice president of health information technology, to receive its community leadership award during its annual meeting on Feb. 25. **CHEF** is the largest chapter of the American College of Health Executives. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a health care leader in the Chicago area who has paved the way for excellence in service delivery. It seeks to highlight successful health care leaders who have a demonstrated commitment toward the design, direction and delivery of quality health care within the community.

The American Heart Association's (AHA) Heart Innovation Forum held its first Open Innovation Challenge in November 2014. The challenge featured three start-up companies with products that help to combat cardiovascular disease. Each company had to pitch their product in front of an audience and expert judges. The competition's winner was TeleHealthrobotics, a company led by **Jeff Soble, MD**, University Cardiologists. The company received a \$20,000 grant from the AHA to help it further develop its product and move it to the patient's bedside.

David A. Turner, MD, emeritus professor, diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine, received the 2014 Excellence Award for achievement in radiology from the Paul C. Hodges Alumni Society of the Department of Radiology of the University of Chicago.

Former Illinois governor Pat Quinn appointed **Allison L. Weathers, MD, FAAN**, associate chief medical information officer, associate professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, to the Illinois State Medical Marijuana Advisory Board as the neurologist on the board.

The Major League Baseball Team Physicians Association elected **Kathy Weber, MD, MS**, director of primary care/sports medicine and women's sports medicine at Rush, as its president-elect. She will be vice president for 2015 and president for 2016. Weber is the first female physician to lead the organization.

The Chicago United Way appointed **Marilyn Wideman, DNP, RN-BC, FAAN**, to its Women's Leadership Advisory Board. Wideman is an associate provost for professional education and community engagement, associate vice president of community healthcare practice and a professor of community systems and mental health nursing.

Margaret K. Wilson, MMS, PA-C, physician assistant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Section of Gynecology-Oncology, was named AAPA delegate for the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants for 2015 and 2016.

Rush's series of videos about the Interventional Platform has received a Platinum Award in the MarCom Awards' Web Video/Medical category – the top honor in the contest. The videos, produced by Rush Powers Media with **Rush's Department of Marketing and Communications**, were among 6,500 entries overall. The Family Birth Center and Stories from the Rush NICU video series, also produced by Rush Powers Media, won an honorable mention in the same category.

From the awards letter: "MarCom's Platinum Award is presented to those entries judged to be among the most outstanding entries in the competition. Platinum Winners are recognized for their excellence in terms of quality, creativity and resourcefulness. About 17 percent won this award."

Gold recipients made up about 23 percent of entries, and 10 percent of entries were honorable mention winners.

An IEMA-Division of Electronic Products inspector visited Rush on Nov. 21, 2014, to inspect **Out Patient Radiology and Mammography**. There were no citations. In early December, two inspectors from IEMA-Division of Nuclear Safety inspected **Radiation Safety, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Oncology, Research Labs & Security departments**. For the eighth year in a row there were no citations.

The **Department of Pathology's histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratory** received the President's Choice Poster Award at the 40th annual meeting of the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, held in Denver in October 2014.

Rush Health and Aging, in partnership with Access Living, Thresholds and the Chicago Housing Authority was granted state funds to pilot a nursing home deflection program. The pilot's purpose is to reduce the number of post-discharge nursing home placements, to shorten the length of stay of unavoidable placements, and to promote meaningful community integration for individuals receiving long term services and supports. The pilot is intended to demonstrate the impact of this integrated model and evaluate its potential for statewide implementation.

Appointments

The office of the Chief Medical Officer has made several appointments, including the following:

- **Richa Gupta** has been appointed chief quality officer, a position that builds on her success as associate vice president of performance improvement and clinical effectiveness.
- **Catherine Dimou, MD**, has been appointed associate dean for medical services.
- **Steven Gitelis, MD**, will continue as associate dean of surgical services and surgeon in chief.
- **Robert Balk, MD**, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has been appointed associate chief medical officer for critical care services.
- **Ed Ward, MD, MPH**, medical director of the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Rush Transfer Center, has been appointed assistant chief medical officer for regulatory issues.
- **Brian Stein, MD**, has been serving as the interim senior patient safety officer and assistant chief medical officer and will continue in this role permanently.
- **Amir Jaffer, MD**, associate chief medical officer, and **Michael Silver, MD**, vice president of medical affairs for Rush Oak Park Hospital, will continue in their current roles in the chief medical office, where they have worked successfully on special projects and in oversight of quality and safety at Rush Oak Park Hospital

Rush has appointed **Regina Chen, MS, PA-C, L Ac, Dipl. CH**, chairperson of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, College of Health Sciences. She has served as program director for Physician Assistant Studies since July 2009. Chen is currently completing her doctorate degree in leadership for the advancement and service in higher education at Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee. She has been on the faculty of the College of Health Sciences since 2009.

Rush has appointed **Maribeth Flaws, PhD, MLS (ASCP)^{CM} SM,SI**, chairperson of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, College of Health Sciences. She has served as acting chair of the department since July 2013 and has been on the department faculty since 1994.

Gail Kempster, PhD, associate professor, was appointed associate chairperson of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences. In her new position, she retains responsibility as program director of the speech-language pathology (SLP) master's degree program. Kempster has been a member of the Rush University faculty since 1995 and has been key to the SLP program's rapid growth and its rating in the top 10 percent of programs (*US News and World Report*). Her additional responsibilities include leadership for new program development and for continued integration of the SLP academic and clinical programs. Kempster's research and scholarly work focuses on vocal function and disorders. As a respected clinician-researcher, she has made important scholarly contributions through her numerous publications and presentations.

Patricia McCarthy, PhD, professor, was appointed associate chairperson of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences. In her new position, she retains responsibility as program director for the doctor of audiology (AuD) academic program.

McCarthy has been a member of the Rush University faculty since 1992 and was instrumental in the opening of the Rush AuD program in 2002, one of the first in the country. Under her guidance, the program is rated among the top ten in the country by *US News and World Report*. In her expanded role, McCarthy provides strategic leadership for the department's recognition and quality goals. As a recognized expert in the area of rehabilitative audiology, she has published widely and is a frequent speaker at national and international forums.

Rush has appointed **Brian D. Patty, MD**, vice president of clinical systems and chief medical information officer (CMIO). He will report to Lac Van Tran, senior vice president, Information Systems and chief information officer. Prior to joining Rush, Patty was the vice president and CMIO at HealthEast Care System in St. Paul, Minn. During his time there, he was responsible for championing clinical applications and the use of technology to serve patients, leading computerized provider order entry and electronic health record implementations throughout the system. Prior to joining HealthEast, he was medical director for Fairview Clinical Information Services at Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, Minn.

He has twice been recognized by the Association of Medical Directors of Information Services (AMDIS), in 2005 and 2011, with the AMDIS Award for Excellence, and in 2012 received the AMDIS IT Innovation Advocate Award. Patty has also been recognized by *Modern Healthcare* magazine as one of the nation's top 25 clinical informaticists.

Faculty Appointments

Massimo Caputo, MD, has been appointed to professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery.

Chad Jacobs, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery.

Brian Kim, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Rudolf Kumapley, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Nell Lurain, PhD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Immunology.

Nina Paleologos, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Kousiki Patra, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Theodore Pincus, MD, has been appointed to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Marvin Rossi, MD, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Jay Shils, PhD, has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Anesthesiology.

William Trick, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Jennifer Weuve, MPH, ScD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

New Physicians

Raquel Carneiro, MD, MSci, endocrinologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Jennifer Edidin, PhD, pediatric neuropsychologist, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry

Jennifer Glueck, MD, endocrinologist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Jennifer Goldfarb, MD, primary care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Paula Grabler, MD, medical director of Breast Imaging at Rush Oak Park, assistant professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Samir Gupta, MD, surgeon, chief, acute/critical care surgery and director, surgical intensive care unit, assistant professor, Department of General Surgery

Shanu Gupta, MD, hospitalist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD, allergist/immunologist, assistant professor, Department of Immunology/Microbiology

Matthew N. Meriggioli, MD, neurologist, acting professor, Department of Neurological Sciences

Gregory Rauch, MD, primary care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Maria Reyes, MD, primary care physician, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Kudos

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), will induct **Carol J. Farran, DNSc, RN, FAAN**, professor, The Nurses Alumni Association Chair in Health and the Aging Process, Rush University College of Nursing, into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame at STTI's 26th International Nursing Research Congress in Puerto Rico, July 23-27. Farran is one of 19 nurse researchers to receive this honor.

Sigma Theta Tau International's 26th International Nursing Research Congress selected an abstract by **Tanya R. Friese, DNP, RN, CNL**, for oral presentation. The organization called "You Would Think Coming Home is the Easy Part: Cultural Competence for Healthcare Providers in Caring for Veterans and their Families" an "excellent reflection of current nursing trends and timely issues." Friese is an instructor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing, as well as an educational coordinator for the Road Home Program: The Center for Veterans and Their Families. She is also the continuing nursing education manager for the Interprofessional Continuing Education Office.

Becker's Hospital Review named **Lac V. Tran**, senior vice president, chief information officer and associate dean, to its 2015 list of "100 hospital and health system CIOs to know."

Girish Sharma, MD, FCCP, FAAP, professor of pediatrics, director, Section of Pediatric Pulmonology & Rush Cystic Fibrosis Center, recently received the Hind Rattan Award from the NRI Welfare Society of India. This award is granted at the NRI Welfare Society's annual congress, held in New Delhi on national Pravasi Bharatiya Divas day each January and attended by senior members of India's government and supreme court. The Hindi phrase "Hind Rattan" translates into English as "Jewel of India" and is one of the highest awards granted to non-resident Indian citizens (NRI).

D. Rick Sumner, PhD, the Mary Lou Bell McGrew Presidential Professor for Medical Research, and chairperson, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, was recently elected to the Orthopaedic Research Society's board of directors. From 2015 – 2016, he'll serve as the second vice president; from 2016 to 2017, he'll serve as the first vice president; and from 2017 to 2018, he'll serve as president.

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) elected **Kim Williams, MD**, as its president during its Annual Scientific Sessions. Williams is chief and James B. Herrick Professor of cardiology at Rush. Williams, who previously served as the ACC's vice president and president-elect, plans to use his one-year term as president to focus on his passion for population health and prevention.

The Chicago-based Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons awarded **Rush University Cancer Center** an outstanding achievement award (OAA). As one of 76 cancer programs, Rush received this honor from surveys performed during 2014. The Rush University Cancer Center has received the OAA four consecutive survey cycles since the award's inception.

Appointments

The Department of Anesthesiology has appointment of **Jay Shils, PhD, D.ABNM, FASNM, FACNS**, as associate professor and director, intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring. Shils previously served as director, intraoperative neurophysiology, Department of Neurosurgery, Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, in Burlington, Mass., and as associate professor, Department of Neurosurgery, Tufts University School of Medicine.

In 1994 he began his work in the field of intraoperative neurophysiology, specializing in single unit recordings during surgery for movement disorders in the Department of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He started and ran the intraoperative neurophysiology monitoring program at the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center for the past 10 years. His research interests include investigating methods for improving real-time intraoperative neurophysiologic techniques as well as theoretical research into neuromodulation mechanisms of action.

Anna Spagnoli, MD, joined Rush in February as the new chairperson of the Department of Pediatrics and the Woman's Board Chair of Pediatrics. She was also appointed to professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Spagnoli is an accomplished leader in the field of pediatric endocrinology, with a record of achievement in clinical care, research, education, and administration.

Faculty Appointments

Sarah Ailey, PhD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Community Systems and Mental Health.

Haluk Altiok, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Sanford Baim, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Ruth Fiedler, EdD, RN, APRN-BC, CNE, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Community Systems and Mental Health.

Sarah Livesay, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing.

Matthew Meriggioli, MD, has been appointed to professor in the Department of Neuroscience.

Heather Rasmussen, PhD, RD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Clinical Nutrition.

Mary Rodts, DNP, APN, CNP, ONC, FAAN, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing.

Kudos

Megan Dunning, senior physical therapist, inpatient rehabilitation, received the Chicago Five Star Physical & Occupational Therapists' highest in service and overall satisfaction honor. A former patient of Dunning's nominated her for the award.

Anita Gewurz, MD, professor, Section of Allergy & Immunology, Department of Immunology/Microbiology, was named the 2015 vice chair for the ACGME Review Committee for Allergy & Immunology. Her appointment is for 2015-2016. In related news, **Beverly Huckman**, Rush's retired associate vice president for equal opportunity, was recently appointed to this review committee, as its first public member.

Christopher Goetz, MD, director, Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Program, professor of neurological sciences, professor of pharmacology, received the Movement Disorders Research Award during the American Academy of Neurology's 67th annual meeting in Washington, DC, April 18-25. Nearly two dozen scientific research awards were given to researchers from around the world during this event.

First-year medical student **Vissagan Gopalakrishnan** was recently awarded the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Summer Medical Fellowship. This prestigious fellowship provides no more than 20 medical students nationally with the opportunity to perform research in the labs of current HHMI investigators, with the goal of fostering research in future physicians and deepening the pool of physician scientists. Gopalakrishnan will begin the fellowship this summer for eight to 10 weeks. He will conduct research on a potential alternative to antibiotics at the Yale School of Medicine. Gopalakrishnan is the first student from Rush to receive this summer fellowship.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, professor, College of Nursing, has been selected to join an elite network of more than 5,000 women as a member of the Leadership America Class of 2015.

Jitesh Pratap, PhD, assistant professor, anatomy and cell biology, was chosen to receive an American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) Grants in Aid Program (GAP) Award for "Regulation of Runx2 in bone metastasis." The GAP program is offering 20 grants of \$50,000 USD to ASBMR members who have submitted a peer-reviewed grant application to a major funding sponsor within the last 15 months and received a full review but were not funded. The grant's goal is to allow the award recipient to continue to develop the research and strengthen the proposal for future funding.

Nurse.com's prestigious Nursing Excellence GEM Awards program honors outstanding nursing in regions across the country leading to the selection of National Nurses of the Year in each category. Categories include advancing and leading the profession; clinical nursing inpatient; education and mentorship; home; community and ambulatory care; patient and staff management; and volunteerism and service. In addition, they provide a rising star award. The Chicago Nursing Excellence GEM awards will take place on May 8, at the Chicago

Marriott in Schaumburg. Rush nominated nurses in all categories, which resulted in having five amazing finalists. The finalists include the following:

- **Christy Aliposa, BSN, RN, CMSRN**, PNS president elect, RN3, 13 West Tower – volunteerism and service category
- **Cynthia Barginere, DNP, RN, FACHE**, chief nursing officer, vice president of nursing, and associate dean, Nursing Practice – advancing and leading the profession category
- **Beth Day, MSN, RN, CCNS, CCRN**, RN3, critical intensive care unit – clinical care inpatient category
- **Stephanie Krienitz, BSN, RN, RN2**, Mother Baby Unit – volunteerism and service category
- **Carrie Renschen, MSN, RNC-NIC**, assistant unit director, pediatric intensive care unit – patient and staff management category

Leaders at **Rush** recently filmed a series of videos discussing how they created and implemented a continuing education program to prepare Medical Center staff prepare to care for patients with **Ebola**.

Appointments

Rush has appointed **Cynthia Barginere, DNP, RN, FACHE**, senior vice president and chief operating officer for Rush University Hospital, effective June 1. In this new role, she will have responsibility for all operational aspects of our hospital, ensuring that we continue to deliver the service that best meet the needs of our patients, physicians, and staff, as well as the ongoing development of high quality, cost effective and integrated clinical programs. The search for this position was announced in November of last year.

During her four years at Rush serving as the Medical Center's chief nursing officer, Barginere has been a key partner in transforming care at Rush, from supporting the move of many clinical services into the Tower shortly after her arrival, to furthering our nursing and advance practice provider development programs, and taking on executive leadership for the operations of Rush's Women's and Children's services. **Patty Nedved, MSN, CENP, FABC**, has been named acting chief nursing officer.

Rush has appointed **Fred Brown, DNP, RN, NE-BC**, director of behavioral health nursing. Brown has served in the interim leadership position for behavioral health nursing for the past three months. Over the past five years, he has served as the unit director for the orthopedic inpatient care unit on 13 East Tower and has proven himself an exceptional leader here at Rush. Over the years, Brown has successfully taken on many challenging roles, including leading multiple performance improvement initiatives as well as serving in the interim unit director role in the surgical intensive care unit, proving himself a true collaborator and accountable partner throughout the organization.

Rush has appointed **Robert DeCresce, MD**, acting director of the Rush University Cancer Center. DeCresce fits is a proven leader of many disparate components of Rush. He currently serves as chairperson, Department of Pathology; chair, Rush Health board; director, Rush clinical laboratories; and is soon to step off of as chair, Rush Medical College admissions committee. He is former president of the medical staff, and has served on virtually every leadership committee at Rush, from the Faculty Council of Rush Medical College to the Board of Trustees.

Internal audit has appointed **Tawana Gray** as staff auditor. She will report to Jason Torres, IT audit manager. In her new position, she will perform audits covering both Rush and Rush Oak Park Hospital operations. Since April 2014, Gray had been a member of the external reporting team in corporate finance. She will be located on the third floor of the Annex building and can be reached at Tawana_A_Gray@rush.edu or at ext. 2-6734.

In April, the Department of Environmental Services' management shifted to ABM Corporation from Crothall Management. As part of the shift, Rush has appointed **Keith Jackson** as director of environmental services. Mr. Jackson has more than 18 years of experience in the field of environmental services management. He has worked at Ingalls Memorial Hospital, the University of Chicago and Aramark Corporation in environmental services operations management. Additionally, a second environmental services leader will be joining Rush shortly. **Tim McClung** will fulfill the role of system director for

environmental services. He will serve as an interface between Rush and ABM, as well as oversee the entire agreement.

The facilities management department has recently named **Elizabeth Melas** as director, capital projects. She will be responsible for the planning and implementation of all capital construction projects. Previously, she served as senior project manager, overseeing the development of project manager training programs and policy and procedure improvement. Melas directly managed the successful implementation of the Regenstein Breast Imaging Center, the new Fitness Center and the Kellogg/Pavilion relocation planning. In addition, she has managed the pending relocation of the pediatric intensive care unit in Kellogg and preparation for the super block demolition.

Rush has appointed **Thomas Wheeler, PharmD, BCPS**, corporate director of pharmacy. Wheeler comes to Rush from Advocate Illinois Masonic, where he was the director of pharmacy and respiratory services for seven years. He has a long and varied career and an extensive management history.

The facilities management department has recently named **Peter Ziarno** as director, corporate real estate services. He will be responsible for real estate acquisition, leasing activities and site development for an expanded portfolio of Rush properties. Ziarno also will oversee all the enabling space activities for the campus master plan expansion. He has managed an ever increasing portfolio of properties for the main campus, Rush Oak Park Hospital and the Rush System for Health over the past 14 years. Most recently he oversaw the implementation of an additional Rush Health office in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., and major lease negotiations with the Westgate Office Center. In addition to providing leadership in the field of real estate services, Ziarno serves on the board of Rush's Science and Math Excellence Network at Rush and is past-president of the Rush Laurence Armour Day School parent board.

Faculty Appointments

Edward J. Ward, MD, MPH, was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Kudos

Lisa L. Barnes, PhD, director, Rush Center of Excellence on Disparities in HIV and Aging, professor, neurological sciences and behavioral sciences, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, received the Institute of Medicine Chicago Centennial Scholar Award on April 18. This is a one-time award given to a faculty member at each of the medical schools in Chicago in celebration of the 100 year anniversary. Criteria included a faculty member who is: a distinguished scholar, embraces interprofessional collaboration, shows evidence in improving health of the public and addressing social justice issues, and fosters diversity. Barnes was nominated by **Thomas A. Deutsch, MD**, provost, Rush University, the Henry P.

Russe, MD, Dean of Rush Medical College.

Daniel J. Deziel, MD, the Helen Shedd Keith Professor and Chair, Department General Surgery, was elected to the American Surgical Association (ASA) in April. Founded in 1880, the ASA is the nation's oldest and most prestigious surgical association.

Bruce Elegant, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, Rush Oak Park Hospital, was recently featured in an American College of Healthcare Executives's *Physician Executives Forum Newsletter*. The article was titled "CEO Insights: The Role of Physician Leaders in an Era of Change."

Maribeth L. Flaws, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, chair and associate professor in the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, was recognized at the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Illinois (ASCLS-IL) 2015 meeting for her leadership and service to the national ASCLS organization by being named a recipient of the Omicron Sigma award from the national ASCLS president, Susanne Zanto. Flaws currently serves as the research and reports editor for the society's journal, *Clinical Laboratory Science*, a quarterly peer-reviewed journal that publishes topics related to medical laboratory science.

Jisu Kim, MD, associate division director, Division of Hospital Medicine, Rush University Hospitalists, chief quality officer, Department of Medicine, won the Society of Hospital Medicine's "Award for Clinical Excellence" award at the society's national conference in March. Criteria for this award include outstanding contributions to patient care, promotion of clinical knowledge, professionalism, leadership in medicine and excellence in practice management. Kim has made innumerable contributions to the Department of Internal Medicine as well as Rush as a whole. His work has led to multiple successful quality improvement projects, an expanded presence of the hospitalist co-management service within the Medical Center, and several teaching awards. He has also been formally recognized by both his hospitalist and nursing colleagues, winning the "Excellence in Teamwork and Clinical Care" award for the Division of Hospital Medicine.

Nicholas M. Moore, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, an instructor in the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, was honored with the prestigious President's Award at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Illinois (ASCLS-IL), which was held on April 16 in Peoria, Illinois. Moore received the award from ASCLS-IL president, Wendy Norton, for his dedication, professionalism, and leadership efforts within the organization. In addition, Moore was recognized at the meeting for his leadership and service to the national ASCLS organization by being named a recipient of the Omicron Sigma award from the national ASCLS president, Susanne Zanto.

Becker's Hospital Review recently named **John P. Mordach**, senior vice president, chief financial officer, corporate finance, to its "150 Hospital and Health System CFOs to Know."

Bruce A. Orkin, MD, professor of surgery, vice chair for Academic Affairs, Department of General Surgery, chief, Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was elected to a three-year term as member at large on the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons' executive council. Orkin is also completing his seven-year commitment to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as member and chair of the Residency Review

Committee for colon and rectal surgery. He provides oversight and accreditation of all ACGME programs in colon and rectal surgery in the United States.

At the Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Meeting, **Suparna Dutta, MD, MPH**, medical director, Attending Directed Service, Division of Hospital Medicine, Department of Medicine; **Jisu Kim, MD**, associate division director, Division of Hospital Medicine; **Margaret McLaughlin, MD**, section head, general internal medicine, medical director, Rush University Internists administration; and **Amir Jaffer, MD, MBA**, senior vice chair and assistant chief medical officer, Department of Internal Medicine, presented a poster, "Improving the Patient Experience with Hospitalists", detailing the interventions leading to a 400% improvement in the Division of Hospital Medicine's HCAHPS scores between 2009-2014. The poster was awarded 3rd place overall in the research category, and first place overall in the patient experience category.

Oncology Times recently tweeted about a study at Rush that suggests routine use of antibiotics for patients having breast-conserving surgery is unnecessary. The study was conducted by senior resident **Lindsay Petersen, MD**, recent Rush Medical College graduate **Kjirsten Carlson, MD**, and breast surgeons **Andrea Madrigrano, MD**; **Katherine Kopkash, MD**; and **Thomas Witt, MD**.

Congratulations to residents in the Department of Medical Physics and Advanced Imaging who took top honors at the American Association of Physicists in Medicine Midwest Young Investigator Symposium held in Lombard, Ill. on April 26, 2015. They are as follows:

First place: **Gage Redler, PhD**

Imaging of Scattered Radiation for Real-Time Tracking of Tumor Motion During Lung SBRT

Third place: **James W. Anderson, PhD**

Helical IMRT on a TrueBeam Linac: Proof of Concept

Fourth place: **Nrusingh C. Biswal, PhD**

Commissioning aS1000 electronic portal imaging device, EPID, for patient specific IMRT QA on a Varian Trilogy machine

Rush Health and Aging recently received a \$350,000 grant from The Commonwealth Fund, a national private foundation based in New York that supports independent research on health care issues. The program will use this money to help assess its Ambulatory Integration of the Medical and Social (AIMS) model, where social workers work with primary care and specialty clinic patients to address psychosocial, functional and environmental factors that influence their physical health and well-being. The social workers partner with the patients to identify high-priority needs, then develop a care plan with specific goals related to those needs and continue to assess and support patients as they progress toward their goals.

Rush received a gold 2015 Aster Award for its series of videos about the Family Birth Center and stories from the neonatal intensive care unit. The Aster Awards, hosted by *Marketing Healthcare Today Magazine* and Creative Images, Inc., is one of the largest national competitions of its kind. The 2015 awards received nearly 3,000 entries from across the United States as well as many foreign countries.

Appointments

Rush has appointed **Thomas (Tom) J. Champagne, Jr., MBA, CM, C.P.M.**, chief research administrator, and associate vice president, Rush University Medical Center. In this new role, he will assume overall leadership responsibility for key research administration functions, including sponsored programs management; intellectual property/technology transfer; clinical research operations' regulatory operations; animal care and use; as well as responsibility for technologies supporting research administration across Rush. Champagne worked for more than a decade with Huron Consulting Group where he assisted universities, academic medical centers and research institutes with a wide array of opportunities associated with life sciences research.

Rush has appointed **Susan Hossli, RN, MSN**, director of ambulatory nursing for Rush University Physician's Group. In this role, Hossli will be responsible for promoting and maintaining excellence in ambulatory nursing practice at Rush. This position serves as facilitator of collaborative professional relationships between medical staff, academic programs, corporate programs, Rush University Medical Group practices and hospital operations for the purpose of fostering a healthy and supportive environment for patients and families. She comes to Rush from the Chicago Department of Public Health where she was the assistant commissioner of Women and Children's Health. She has also held leadership positions with University Healthcare Consortium and Heartland Health Centers in Chicago. She will bring a set of experiences, perspectives, and knowledge to engage in the development and implementation of strategic plans for ambulatory nursing at Rush.

Faculty Promotions

Denise Harmening, PhD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences.

Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, professor, College of Nursing, was appointed acting chair for the Department of Women Children and Family Nursing in the College of Nursing.

Louis Kraus, MD, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

Marvin Sinsakul, MD, has been promoted to associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

New Physicians

Marie Teresa Brown, MD, FACP, internist, associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Daniel Dunham, MD, MPH, FACP, internist, professor and division chief, Department of Internal Medicine

Ricardo Fontes, MD, PhD, spine surgeon, assistant professor, Department of Neurosurgery

Janet Forbes, MD, internist, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Divya Murthy Gupta, MD, pediatrician, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics

Kudos

Beth Bolick, DNP, NP, professor in the College of Nursing, was elected to the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Board of Directors.

Recently, **Brinda Bradaric, PhD**, assistant professor, College of Health Science, research fellow in the Graduate College, Department of Pharmacology, and **Amanda Persons, PhD**, instructor, Departments of Pharmacology and Neurology, were guest speakers for Body Trek, a popular science and health-related summer camp for middle school students. Body Trek is hosted each summer by the Robert Crown Centers for Health Education, a non-profit organization located in the suburbs of Chicago that is dedicated to teaching children and youth to lead healthy, happy and safe lives. Bradaric and Persons, both with the Rush University Center for Compulsive Behavior and Addiction (CCBA), introduced the neuroscience of drug addiction and discussed the reward system of the brain and how this system is affected by drugs of abuse. The CCBA at Rush University has a long-standing relationship with the Robert Crown Centers, providing scientific knowledge and expertise for its drug prevention education programs.

Susan Breitenstein, PhD, RN, PMHCNS, associate professor in the College of Nursing, was the recipient of the Early Stage Investigator Award from the Midwest Nursing Research Society.

Asokumar Buvanendran, MD, vice chairman of research in the Department of Anesthesiology, and director, orthopedic anesthesia, was recently elected president-elect of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, one of the largest national specialties for regional anesthesia and pain medicine. Buvanendran will serve as president-elect from 2015-2017 and as president from 2017-2019.

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD, associate provost of Academic Affairs, Rush University, was elected as 2015 honorary fellow of the International Cartilage Repair Society. Out of 1,300 members, only seven members including Chubinskaya have ever received this honor. She is the first woman to be awarded.

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, FAAN, professor in the College of Nursing, received the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse of the Year Award from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA). She will be recognized at the APNA 29th annual conference in October.

Robyn Golden, LCSW, director of Health and Aging, was the commencement speaker at

Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work on May 6. Her speech, "The Power and Potential of Social Work," focused on Golden's vision for social work and important factors that influence career development.

Peter M. Jokich, MD, director of the Division of Breast Imaging at Rush, was made a fellow of the American College of Radiology at its convocation and annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 17.

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FCCM, professor in the College of Nursing, was named the 2015 Distinguished Nurse Alumna by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing.

T. Celeste Napier, PhD, professor, Departments of Pharmacology and Psychiatry, director, Center for Compulsive Behavior and Addiction, received the Chicago Society for Neuroscience Career Achievement Award during the group's chapter meeting on March 20. The award is given for outstanding contributions to neuroscience education, research and outreach in the Chicago community. The Chicago chapter is one of the largest in the world, with more than 1,200 members.

In other news, Napier was the invited speaker at the National Institute on Drug Abuse/National Institutes of Health sponsored symposium held at the University of Chicago on June 29. Her presentation was titled "Utility of self-administering HIV-1 transgenic rats to model addiction HIV/AIDS comorbidity." She will also present for the Chicago Council on Science and Technology's speakeasy event at Greek Bar Beta on July 7.

Denise Nedza, vice president, revenue cycle, achieved the designation certified healthcare financial professional awarded by the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Susan Swider, PhD, APHN, FAAN, professor in the College of Nursing, was selected by the Institute of Medicine of Chicago as the recipient of the Pusey Licensed Healthcare Professional Award, and was honored at the IOMC 100th Anniversary Gala Reception at the University Club of Chicago.

Julie Worley, PhD, FNP, PMHNP, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, was accepted as a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. She also had an article published titled, Doctor Shopping and Prescription Substance Use Disorders: A Nursing Response, in the June issue of *American Nurse Today*.

The Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine received several honors during May. They include the following:

- **Omar Lateef, DO**, chief medical officer, received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Service.

- **Elaine Chen, MD**, attending physician, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, received one of the four mentoring awards from the Department of Medicine Clinical Education.
- **Andrew Schlachter, MD**, resident, internal medicine, received the Department of Medicine Teaching Fellow of the Year Award for the second time. He also received the Department of Religion, Health and Human Values' Hero of the Heart award.
- **Janice Stanley, MD**, resident, internal medicine, received the Department of Religion, Health and Human Values' Hero of the Heart award.

For the past several years, the Cohn family foundation has provided \$100,000 in grant support that is distributed equally to five junior faculty at Rush who act as mentees in Rush University's research mentoring program. The funding allows mentees to gather preliminary data for research proposals and for their continued engagement in research activities.

Cohn fellows are selected through a competitive process. This year's recipients are as follows:

- **Jamie A. Cvengros, PhD**, assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences
- **Mahboobeh (Maha) Mahdavinia, MD, PhD**, assistant professor in the Section of Allergy and Immunology
- **Rachel E. Miller, PhD**, instructor in the Division of Rheumatology within the Department of Internal Medicine
- **Jitesh Pratap, PhD**, assistant professor in Rush's Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology
- **Natalie R. Stevens, PhD**, assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences

Rush received the Diversity Award from United Way of Metropolitan Chicago on June 19 at the Chicago Cultural Center. The Medical Center was recognized for its commitment to creating an inclusive and flexible workplace that enables individuals to embrace their diversity, richness of backgrounds and varying perspectives.

Discover Rush, winter 2014, the aches and pains issue, won **platinum** in the newsletter category of the Hermes Creative Awards. Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of traditional materials and programs, and emerging technologies. Entries come from corporate marketing and communication departments, advertising agencies, public relations firms, graphic design shops, production companies, web and digital creators and freelancers. The competition has grown to one of the largest of its kind in the world.