

## FELLOWS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE Fall/Winter 2010

**Barbara Dahlen, PhD, RN** graduated from the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) with a PhD on December 9, 2010. She is the 15th known American Indian



Nurse to receive a Ph.D. She chose as her dissertation topic: Giving Voice to Historical Trauma through Storytelling: the Impact of the Boarding School Experience. Her faculty advisor and dissertation chair, John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, is Vice Chair of the MFP National Advisory Committee and MFP Alumni, Class of 1996. Dr. Dahlen was recognized by FAU President Dr. Mary Jane Saunders during her commencement address. Please see attached for excerpt of Dr. Saunders remarks; and view [Palm Beach Post published article](#); and view [the 5pm FAU graduation ceremony webcast](#). Others attending the FAU graduation were: Janet Jackson, MFP/ANA Project Director; MFP Alumna Dr. Kim Jolly; and, Eugenia Millender, FAU doctoral student and MFP Fellow. Dr. Dahlen has accepted the position of Director of Nursing at Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribal College in South Dakota.

**Rosa Maria Gonzalez-Guarda, PhD, MPH, RN**, has been invited to present her research on HIV Risk, Substance Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence among Hispanic Females and their Partners, during the SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Think Tank, February 3-5, 2011, in Alexandria, VA. Moreover, Dr. Gonzalez-Guarda served on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) committee that recently published the report on the "Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health." As one of six nurses on the committee, Dr. Gonzalez-Guarda said "diversity is one of the underlying themes of the report and references the SAMHSA MFP as one exemplar of how to promote diversity in nursing, especially in leadership positions." The Report also includes a series of bold recommendations that are relevant to the MFP. Dr. Gonzalez-



Guarda is an MFP Alumna, Class of 2008, an Assistant Professor at the University of Miami, and the proud Mother of Sebastian. (pictured right) [Click here to view the full IOM Report](#);

**Kim Jolly, PhD, APRN**, Assistant Research Professor, Florida Atlantic University, and MFP Alumna, Class of 2009, was the keynote speaker during the Red Rose Ball, November 6, 2010, in Freeport, Bahamas. She spoke on "HIV/AIDS Awareness."



Dr. Jolly's dissertation research focused on Immigrant Status, Substance Use and Sexual Risk among Afro-Caribbean Adolescents Living in South East, FL. Click here to view Dr. Jolly's presentation published in the [Bahamas Weekly News](#).



**Robert Pope, PhD, RN**, presented on his dissertation research, "Pathways to Long-term Illicit Drug Use in Older African Americans: Emulation and Environment," during the 3rd Annual Health Disparities Institute sponsored by the Caribbean Exploratory National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the University of the Virgin Islands, October 23, 2010 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Dr. Pope is currently an MFP post doctoral Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Margaret Wallhagen, PhD, RN, FAAN, is his faculty advisor. His post-doctoral research focuses on Perceived Control and Psychosocial/Physiological Functioning in Substance Abusing Older African Americans. He is the author of a book Chapter, *Social Determinants of Substance Abuse in Older African American Men*, in collaboration with Clare Xanthos, PhD, Senior Researcher, Community Voices; Healthcare for the Underserved Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine. The book chapter is slated for publication in the spring/summer 2011.



**Teresa Richardson, PhD (c), APRN, BC**, passed her comprehensive exams on October 30, 2010 at Catholic University of America. She chose, The Association between Perceived Stress, Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms in African American School Age Youth that Bully, as her dissertation topic. Ms. Richardson believes that this research is significant for nursing to understand the link between perceived stress, anxiety and depressive symptoms in African American youth who are bullies, or victims in 6th to 8th grades. Mary Patterson, PhD, RN, FAAN, is her faculty advisor. Ms. Richardson is also a recipient of the M. Elizabeth Carnegie scholarship and was the featured scholar in the most recent issue of [Nurses Educational Funds, Inc.](#) newsletter.



**Tanya Sorrell, PhD (c), NP-C**, passed her written exam and oral defense on December 10, 2010 at the University of Arizona. Her tentative dissertation title is The Mexican Traditional Medicine Practitioner Process in Mental Health Healing. Cathy Michaels, PhD, RN, FAAN, is her faculty advisor. She recently presented on "Tratamientos Completo: Incorporating Mexican Traditional Healing Practices for Mental Health Services in a Mexican-American Community," at the Transcultural Nursing Society, October 22, 2010, Atlanta, GA. An additional presentation was given on the "Full Service Mental Health: Public Health Lessons in Mexican-American Mental Health Services Provision" during an Oral Symposium at the American Public Health Association, November 8, 2010, in Denver, CO. Ms. Sorrell is currently preparing a manuscript, "Mexican Traditional Medicine as a Whole Medical System" for submission to the *Journal of Holistic Nursing*.



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