

## FELLOWS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE

### Spring/Summer 2011

**Gary Lawrence, RN, MS, BSN, NREMT-P**

presented a poster presentation, "Acculturation Levels of Choctaw Indians and the Perception of Historical Loss,"



during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24 – 26, in Rockville, MD.

The purpose of the research is to examine the relationship between acculturation and the perception of historical loss and compare the responses of Choctaw Indian men and women and those with and without mental illness or substance abuse. The findings from this study will identify the level of acculturation and degree of historical loss perceived by Choctaw Indian mental health patients. The level of acculturation and historical loss felt will serve as an indicator of the need for restoration of culture (enculturation) in order to restore protective and cultural practices. Mr. Lawrence has also served as a guest expert on the Choctaw Nation for the Northeastern State University Master's Program in their Culture Awareness Course and as a Delegate to the Oklahoma Nurses Association Convention. He is a doctoral student at the University of Oklahoma. His faculty Advisor is Kay Edwards, DrPH, ARNP-BC.

**Eugenia Millender, RN, MS, CCRN**

was honored with the 2011 Palm Beach County Nurse of the Year & Extra Mile Award during



the Palm Healthcare Foundation's Ninth Annual Nursing Celebration Dinner, May 6, 2011, in Palm Beach, FL. Also, her peer-reviewed article, Using Stories to Bridge Cultural Disparities, One Culture at a Time, is published in The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing, 42(1)1. The article can be read online at <http://www.slackjournals.com/article.aspx?rid=68479>. Mrs. Millender is a doctoral student at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. whose research



Beverly Patchell(l) and Eugenia Millender(r), posing with Tonia Cain, Consumer Advocate, National Center for Trauma-Informed Care

focus is *The Relationship between Acculturation Stress and Substance Abuse among Guatemalan-Mayan Adolescents Living in South Florida*. Her faculty advisor is John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, MFP Alumni and Vice Chair of the MFP National Advisory Committee. Mrs. Millender is also enrolled in the final phase of the Rush University psychiatric post master's certificate program. Completion of this program provides eligibility for certification as an adult or family psychiatric nurse practitioner or as a child or adult clinical nurse specialist by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

**Beverly Patchell, PhD, APRN, BC, P-MH,**

in recognition of her outstanding scholarly work and high level of achievement and commitment



to community service, Ms. Patchell was awarded the University of Oklahoma Regents Superior University Professional and Community Service Award on April 11, 2011, which included a one-time financial gift of \$10,000. Additionally, her abstract, *Native American Indian Adolescents: Response to a Culturally Tailored, School-based Substance Abuse Intervention*, was accepted for presentation during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24 – 26, Rockville, MD. This study addresses the cultural tailoring of a school-based substance abuse



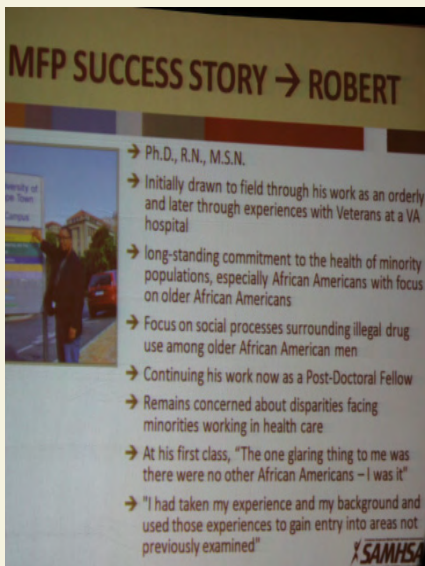
(L/R) Gary Lawrence, Beverly Patchell, and Bruce Kafer pose with Delores Subia BigFoot, PhD (2nd L)

prevention tool that was successful with one tribal group and then was adapted for use with other tribal groups in a different area of Oklahoma. The descriptive correlational study was administered over a 10-week period and used a native American Resiliency Model with a talking circle format to determine if tribal values and conceptual beliefs could be used as a substance abuse prevention intervention. She is a doctoral student at the New Mexico State University and is slated for graduation in August 2011.

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**Robert Pope, PhD, RN**, abstract, *Social Determinants of Substance Abuse in African American Men*, was accepted for poster presentation during the Xavier University College of Pharmacy's Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities, March 27 – 29, 2011, New Orleans, LA. He was also featured in both SAMHSA Administrator Pam Hyde's keynote address and the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services' Director, Dr. A. Kathryn Power's podium presentation, as a "MFP Success Story," during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24 – 26, Rockville, MD.



SAMHSA Administrator, Pamela Hyde, highlights MFP/ANA Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Robert Pope as an "MFP Success Story"

Dr. Pope is completing his first year SAMHSA MFP Post-doctoral Fellowship at the University of

California, San Francisco. His faculty advisor is Margaret Wallhagen, PhD, GNP- BC, AGSE, FAAN.

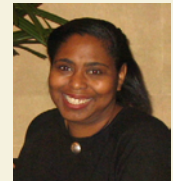
**Teresa Richardson, PhDc, APRN, BC** abstract, *Internalizing Symptoms Associated with Bullying and Victimization among African American Youth*, was accepted for poster presentation during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24 – 26, Rockville, MD. Bullying has become a national and international public health problem. Over time, bullies and victims may experience symptoms of depression, anxiety, and psychosomatic symptoms. In extreme cases, victims can succumb to suicide or homicide. This study suggests that African American youth internalize symptoms (such as anxiety and depressive symptoms) at higher rates than other ethnic groups. Ms. Richardson is a doctoral student at



Teresa Richardson poses a question during the SAMHSA MFP National Conference

the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Her faculty advisor is Mary Paterson, PhD, RN.

**Tanya Sorrell, PhDc, NP-C**, abstract, *Mexican Traditional Medicine: A Whole Medical System*, was accepted for poster presentation during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24 – 26, in Rockville, MD. Given the continued use of Mexican Traditional Medicine, and the particular focus of whole health healing for Mexican immigrants in the US, research should also be directed to further understanding this system of healing. This kind of care and treatment, in particular for Mexican immigrant populations, will benefit from research methodologies that can delineate and disseminate findings about health care for Mexican-Americans that is more culturally competent, sensitive, and effective. Another abstract, *The Process of Healing with Mexican Traditional Medicines*,



was accepted for poster presentation during the Western Institute of Nursing Conference, April 13 – 16, 2011, in Rio, Las Vegas. Ms. Sorrell is a doctoral student at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Her faculty advisor is Cathy Michaels, PhD, RN, FAAN.



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*Dr. Faye Gary, MFP Executive Program Consultant/ Director dialogues with SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde, J.D., during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference, March 24-26, 2011*



*MFP/ANA Participants (L/R) Marie McDade, BJ Kosak, Gary Lawrence, Dr. Irma Aguilar, Dr. Willa Doswell, Tanya Sorrell, Eugenia Millender, Suzette Lettsome, Beverly Patchell, and (seated L/R) Dr. Faye Gary and Dr. Beverly Malone*



*SAMHSA Project Officers: Lt. Eugene Hayes and Lt. Monique Richards pose with MFP Program Staff: Marilyn King, APA; Janet Jackson, ANA; and Adisa Ajamu, AAMFT*



*Dr. Beverly Malone, Past President of ANA, MFP Alumna, and current CEO of the National League for Nursing gives Keynote address during the SAMHSA National MFP Conference*



*Dr. Irma Aguilar, MFP Alumna and Member of the National Advisory Committee, highlights some of her personal MFP experiences and guidelines for career trajectories*



*(L/R)ANA/MFP Fellows BJ Kosak, Beverly Patchell, Tanya Sorrell, Eugenia Millender, Sophia Mason, and Bruce Kafer pose with Kenyatta Jones (standing), who is an American Psychiatric Association Fellow from Temple, Texas*



*MFP/ANA National Advisory Committee Chair and Alumna Dr. Willa Doswell, presents during the session on Culturally Competent Treatment Programs*

*Photos by: Janet Jackson*