



INTRODUCING SAMHSA MFP ANA SCHOLARS FY 2017-2018

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to introduce the Newly Appointed, Post-Doctoral, and the Re-Appointed MFP-Traditional (PHD/DNP) Scholars.

Newly Appointed Fellows



Griselle Batista Estrada,

MSN, RN, is a wife, mother, psychiatric-mental health nurse, and nurse educator. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor and faculty at the Student Success Center at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) College of Nursing and Health Innovation. Ms.

Estrada has also served as a faculty advisor for the Hispanic Student Nursing Association at UTA since 2011 and was recognized as Faculty Advisor of the Year by the university in 2015.

Ms. Estrada obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Puerto Rico. She initiated her career as a medical-surgical nurse in Puerto Rico before moving to the United States. Years of volunteer service as a ministry leader in the faith community helped her to identify a need for Spanish-speaking mental health professionals. She chose to switch her career path, received a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Miami, and became a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner. In 2006, Ms. Estrada recognized her love of teaching and transitioned into full-time nursing education. Currently, Ms. Estrada is seeking a PhD in Nursing at Duquesne University School of Nursing. Her research focus is suicide prevention and mental health promotion in the Hispanic population.

She is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau, and the American Nurses Association. Ms. Estrada is passionate about mentoring, promoting student success, raising awareness for mental health issues, and serving the Hispanic community. She is thrilled about her



Alexander Labrador, MSN, RN,

is currently pursuing a DNP at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. He plans to focus on increasing cultural competence and decreasing stigma for healthcare providers of the LGBTQ community. Mr. Labrador graduated

from the MFP-Youth program in 2016 and is among the inaugural cohort. During his Fellowship he pursued his Masters of Science in Nursing, specializing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Delta State University in Clinton, MS. He plans on continuing his education and pursuing a Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP). His goal is to specialize in child/adolescent populations and helping to care for rural and urban at-risk children within the Tri-state area. He enjoys his free time playing with his two dogs and traveling abroad with his wife.



Carine Luxama, RN, MSN,

ANP-BC, PMHNP-BC, is

pursuing her PhD in psychiatric/ mental health nursing at the Boston College Connell School of Nursing in Chestnut Hill Massachusetts.

Her areas of interest include:

mental health seeking behaviors among Haitian-American adolescents, best practices, effective strategies and interventions to promote and improve access to mental health within minority

communities, and the mental health impact of implicit bias among nursing students and faculty of color.

She has over a decade of clinical experience as a nurse practitioner serving the HIV/AIDS population and providing in-home primary care to physical and developmentally disabled clients in the greater Boston area. She has worked in both the outpatient and inpatient settings as a mental health clinician/nurse practitioner providing psychiatric consultations, psychopharmacology and crisis stabilization for individuals with serious mental illness and dual diagnoses.

She is an instructor in the psychiatric/mental health nursing track at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Her position allows her to engage, empower, and encourage future scholars to continue the important research that addresses the issues facing minority communities.

A native of Haiti, she gives her time, and lends her experience in her works with many nonprofit organizations in providing mental health community education as well as training and support to nurses and medical staff working in rural Haiti.

She is a member of the American Nurses Association, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the International Society of Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurses, New England Regional Black Nurses Association, Haitian Mental Health Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.



Angel Johann Solorzano Martinez, DNP, RN, BSN, PHN, MBA, MSN, recently completed all requirements for the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) at San Francisco State University and is currently pursuing a PhD at Florida Atlantic

University, in Boca Raton, FL. His research interest is psychiatric nursing, prevention and management of substance abuse disorders for individuals with a dual diagnosis. Mr. Martinez is passionate about caring for patients with mental illness and substance abuse disorders and has years of clinical experience working as a staff and relief charge nurse in the acute adult and geriatric inpatient psychiatric units at the Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Mr. Martinez

currently works part-time as a nursing clinical instructor in psychiatric mental health at the University of San Francisco. As a bilingual (Spanish and English) registered nurse he is able to deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate nursing care and health education to better assist populations of various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. He has received various recognitions for his teaching excellence.

Additionally, Mr. Martinez is actively engaged in the Bay Area communities as a volunteer educating patients and people about health practices, management and prevention of substance abuse disorders.

He was born and raised in Guatemala and immigrated to the United States in the late 90s. He has since earned an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from the City College of San Francisco, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and a Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN) from San Francisco State University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Dominican University of California. Mr. Martinez enjoys spending free time with his family and loved ones, listening to music and dancing, and exploring the world through his travels.

Marie A. Smith-East, PMHNP-

BC, MSN, MS, EMT-B, is a PhD nursing student at the University of Central Florida. Marie is board-certified as a Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and has worked in the community mental health setting over the past six years. In



education, she has been a nursing clinical instructor and facilitator, contributing to curriculum and policy development. Marie's research interests include factors that contribute to medication adherence, particularly in minority populations with schizophrenia spectrum disorders. Her focus includes metabolic side effects and caloric intake as it relates to the use of psychotropic medications. In her spare time, Marie enjoys volunteering with the "On-Call Team" of the Schizophrenia and Related Alliance Disorders of America and serving on the Addictions Council of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

Post-Doctoral Fellows



Schola Matovu, PhD, MSN, RN,

was recently awarded a one-year MFP post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing where she will work with Heather Leutwyler, RN, PhD, FNP-BC, CNS and others on

collecting preliminary data that will aid the development, completion and submission for a Mentored Career Development Award (KO1) application focused on designing a community-based intervention needed to promote mental and physical health of Ugandan grandparents by fostering financial empowerment and health-efficacy; health management and strengthening their social network. Dr. Matovu completed her PhD at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is also a Staff Nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. For the past 18 years, she has derived great professional satisfaction in caring for patients in nursing homes, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and in-home settings. In addition, she has worked as a research assistant on a qualitative study involving older African Americans and illicit drug abuse. Both personal and professional experiences have prepared Dr. Matovu for her current research interest in the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of older grandparent-caregivers for their grandchildren that are affected by HIV/AIDS in Uganda. Specifically, Dr. Matovu is interested in investigating the mental health implications of caregiving in this population, particularly as it relates to psychosocial distress symptoms created by this role.

Dr. Matovu is also an active member of several UCSF campus committees and national and international professional organizations, such as Sigma Theta Tau International Society. She has also assumed leadership roles within UCSF such as that of Student Director for the UCSF/John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence. She has also co-founded organizations such as the UCSF Global Nursing Forum and Nurse-to-Nurse Global Initiative whose general mission is to promote nursing collaborations and empowerment within the global nursing community.



Patty R. Wilson, PhD, RN,

has been awarded a one-year MFP post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing where she will continue to develop her research needed to show the necessity for providing affordable housing for women and their

children who experienced intimate partner violence. Specifically, she will work with MFP alumna Phyllis Sharps, PhD, RN, FAAN on the federally funded Passport to Freedom (P2F) Program, a woman-centered, trauma-informed re-entry program designed by an inter-professional team of nurses, public health professionals, and psychotherapists to provide the supportive context necessary for previously incarcerated women to process cumulative trauma and flourish in the communities in which they return.

Dr. Wilson currently serves as the Director for the Center for Community Innovation and Scholarship (CCIAS) at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. CCIAS consist of two community nurse led centers and several community outreach programs that engage where faculty, students and staff collaborate to provide health and wellness services for underserved populations in Baltimore City. Dr. Wilson completed her PhD studies at the University of Virginia School of Nursing where she is currently a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) candidate. Her dissertation research focused on the relationship among housing instability, race/ethnicity, depressive symptoms and exposure to interpersonal violence among mothers.

Re-Appointed Fellows



Sandra Gall-Ojurongbe, MSN, BSN, RN

RESEARCH FOCUS: Is There A Higher Incidence of Schizophrenia in the Afro-Caribbean Population when Compared to the African American Population in the U.S.?

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, FL.



Erica Joseph, DNP, PMHNP-BC, APRN, NP-C

RESEARCH FOCUS: Evaluation of Suicide Prevention Training in Primary Care Outpatient Settings of the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: Southern University & A&M College



Cynthia Taylor Greywolf, DNP, PMHNP-BC

RESEARCH FOCUS: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment in Underserved Pacific Islander Populations in Hawaii

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: University of Hawaii, at Manoa, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, in Honolulu, HI.



Adrial A. Lobelo, PMHNP-BC, RN

RESEARCH FOCUS: Mental Health Illness and Recovery among Minority and Immigrant Populations

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: University of Massachusetts at Amherst



Frederica Hughes, PMHNP-BC, APRN, MSN, CPNP

RESEARCH FOCUS: Reinforce Mental Health Recover Services for Veterans Living with Severe Mental Illness through Strengthening Family Support

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: Medical University of South Carolina



Jessica McMillan RN, MSN

RESEARCH FOCUS: Assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic mental health issues across the lifespan

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: Vanderbilt School of Nursing



Kimethria Jackson, RN, MSN, APRN-BC

RESEARCH FOCUS: Examine Substance Abuse as a Risk Factor for Financial Exploitation of Older African Americans and its Impact on their Mental Health and Well Being

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: University of Oklahoma College of Nursing,



Audrey Alana Strock, MSN, RN

RESEARCH FOCUS: Integration of physical and mental health and the reduction of mental health stigma

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



**Udaya Thomas, MSN, MPH,
ARNP**

RESEARCH FOCUS:

Develop, Implement, and Evaluate a Research Protocol that Investigates whether IHGV Reduces the time to client recovery and sustains remission from abused controlled substances compared to usual care.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: Walden University



Cassie Wardlaw, APRN, MSN

RESEARCH FOCUS: Culturally

Influenced Words Used to Describe Depression in Minority Populations

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: University of Cincinnati

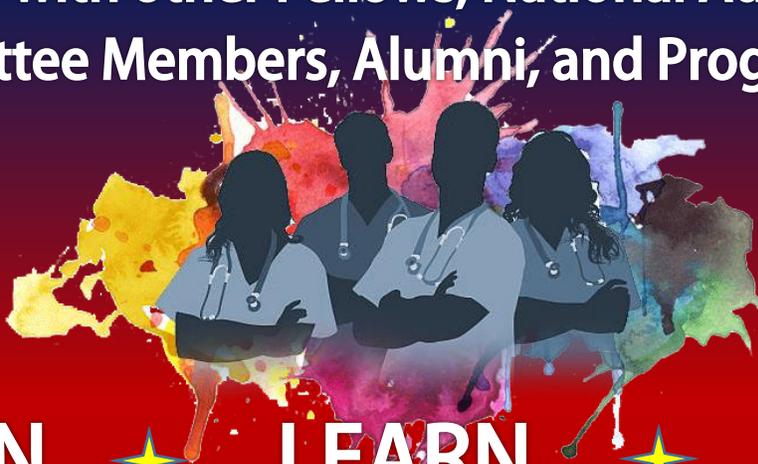
SAVE THE DATE

MFP Fellows Virtual Orientation

DATE: October 11, 2017

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Engage with other Fellows, National Advisory
Committee Members, Alumni, and Program Staff**



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