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Meet Our New Full-Time Faculty

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Dr. Mary Lou Mortimer

Dr. Mortimer holds a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and a B.S. in Nursing from York College of Pennsylvania, and an M.S. in Nursing Education from Mansfield University. Dr. Mortimer has over 21 years of neonatal intensive care experience and has presented locally and nationally on this discipline. Dr. Mortimer has been an adjunct nursing faculty at Penn State, York College of Pennsylvania, and Eastern University. Recently, she helped to launch the first three nursing courses in Millersville's new online RN-BSN program.



Dr. Teresa Hartmann

Dr. Hartmann earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in Nursing from Widener University, and her B.S. in Nursing from Millersville University. Prior to joining Millersville, she served as an Academic Director and Instructor at Eastern Mennonite University and has previously worked as a Clinical Supervisor and Case Manager at Lancaster General Hospital. She has over 25 years of teaching experience and additional clinical experience in critical care, emergency nursing, and case management.

Faculty Highlights

Dr. Jenny Monn:

- * Promoted to Assistant Professor
- * Published "An Evidence-Based Project to Improve Influenza Immunization Uptake" - Journal for Nurse Practitioners - April 2015 and was a poster winner at the PA Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Annual Meeting for the same topic.

Dr. Kelly Kuhns

- * Published "Rethinking Perianesthesia Nursing" in the Journal of Perianaesthesia Nursing
- * Numerous presentations at regional and national conferences.

Dr. Ruth Davis:

- * Sabbatical leave– Spring 2016: Learned practice-based uses for integrative medicines, specifically the use of integrative herbals and homeopathics in the care of post-partum, prenatal, and well woman health care. Dr. Davis states "As Central Pennsylvania contains a large population of communities that use integratives extensively in their self-care, the experience was highly informative to both my current practice as well as for consideration in future classes and courses."



What an exciting time for the MU Department of Nursing! In the past year, we have launched three new programs and significantly increased our student population! In Fall 2015, we initiated our fully online RN to BSN program. In the first year, we have nearly 200 students enrolled in the program and we already have full cohorts for the Spring 2017 semester! Our online program offers unique “mini-mester” scheduling (seven week courses) and the feedback from our online students has been overwhelmingly positive. We are thrilled to be able to offer this option. Recognizing the need to expand our capacity at the graduate level, in January 2016, we began offering our MSN program at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg. Our Harrisburg-based MSN students will engage in one summer clinical course, allowing them to complete their degree in just 2.5 years. Finally, in May 2016, we welcomed our first cohort of Doctor of Nursing Practice students! Our DNP program is designed for the working professional, offering a unique blend of face-to-face and online classes. We continue to explore additional program options to best meet the needs of our community and alumni. Please email me with your suggestions!

I am honored to be the Chair of such a vibrant and growing department! When I ask applicants how they heard about our program, so often I hear “from one of your students.” Clearly, our alumni are our best advertisement and we are proud of all their accomplishments. Please remember to “Like” our Facebook page and share your good news with us.

I look forward to hearing from you soon! Kelly.kuhns@millersville.edu

Nursing Award Winners

Luelle Hamilton Nursing

Kimberly Ibarra

Martha & Bradley Culbertson

Stephen Wright

Lt. Col. Cashman Scholarship

Janene Ireland

Liselotte Wehrheim Nursing

Wendy Harbaugh

Gabriella Cohle

Forty et Eight Nursing Scholarship

Volodymyr Reschikovets

Heather Acrie

Matthew Forsythe

Antone K. Fontes

Heather Shuker

Margaret K. Shenk

Rigo Ugalde Julieta

Hess

Kim Thatch

D. Joan Godfrey

Leonie Mbiekop

Megan Kelly Rebecca

Crabtree

Lancaster Osteopathic Health

Foundation Nursing

Masters of Science in Nursing

Scholars

Christopher Lohr

Mariannette Calon-Munoz

Mallory Hull

2015 Nurse Scholar

Kyle Wojciehowski

2014 Nurse Scholars

Amanda Conroy

Stephanie Glick

Upcoming Events



- ◆ Breast-a-Ville (6th Annual): October 5, 2016
- ◆ Distinguished Lecture: October 20, 2106
Margarete Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS
co-editor of Bedside to Boardroom
- ◆ Justice for All Internet Policy Conference:
October 5 & 6, 2016
- ◆ Annual Scholarship Symposium: May 2017



19th Annual Scholarship Symposium Presentations

Kate Brown

Smart Phone Applications for Health Promotion

Jill Buchle

Development of a Tele-Health Program within a Home Health Agency to Decrease Re-admission Rate of CHF Patients

Nicole J.L. Byers

The Impact of Front Office Staff on the Patient Centered Medical Home: Provider Perceptions

Omasiel Comrie-Reinert

Examining FNP Strategies Related to End of Life Care Discussions

Rebecca Crabtree

Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Screening Recommendations

Manotte Etienne

Evidenced Based Methods to Screen for Type II Diabetes in the Haitian Population

Emily Fox

The Significance of Adequate Vitamin D Levels for Bone Healing and Fracture Prevention to the FNP

Pamela Gordon

The Gut Microbiome: Our Fingerprint to Health and Disease

Wendy Grubbs

A Forgotten Population: A Survey of How a Community College Population Utilizes Healthcare

Michael Humphrey

Education Conflicts Concerning Prostatectomy Patients

Megan Jones

Does the Use of Antidepressants Decrease Acute Rehabilitation Length of Stay in Post-Stroke Patients

Megan Kelly

Going Round and Round: Geriatric Rounding Tool

Lindsay Kornbau

Barriers to Pressure Ulcer Prevention

Trudy LaPlaca

Evidenced Based Guidelines in the Treatment of Depression in Patients with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome

Lori Layton

Evidenced Based Strategies for the Management of Myopathies Related to Statin Use

Amber Leed

Healthcare for the Homeless: Bridging the Gap

Alan Malmer

Are Health and Wellness Apps Effective: An Evidence Based Practice Review

Tracee Matincheck

Healthcare Career Counselling and Development: A Needs Assessment and Information Session for Secondary School Students

Jessica May

Perception of Nurse Practitioners by the Conservative Mennonite Population in Lancaster County, PA

Jessica Meyer

Motivational Interviewing: Improving Patient Outcomes in Primary Care

Heather Miller

Uterine Leiomyoma: A Dense Discussion

Lindsey M. Neiss

Increasing Breastfeeding Success and Compliance through Education of Fathers

Dana Nikles

Autism Into Adulthood: A Synthesis to Explore if Providers are Equipped to Care for the Increasing Number of Adults with Autism

Carol Ricker

“Curing” Metabolic Syndrome with Low-Carb High-Fat Diet

Terra Sholley

Health Literacy in the Older Population: It’s Time for a Change

Jennifer Swope

Demystifying Acupuncture in the US: Educating Traditional Health Care Providers on the Medical Value of Acupuncture Treatment for Patients

Megan Waltman

Barriers to Screening for Alzheimer’s Dementia in the Primary Care Setting: A Review and Synthesis of Literature

BREAST-A-VILLE 2015



The 5th Annual Breast-a-Ville had over 450 attendees!



In addition to our new full-time faculty featured on page one, we couldn't continue to grow our program without the help of our stellar adjunct faculty. A special thanks to each of them for rising to every challenge we offer!

Adjuncts teaching in Fall 2016:

Cindy Blevins

Leslie Dean

Maryalyce McCormick

Lorraine Bock

Maggie Harris

Cayleigh Minter

Tiffany Boyd

Susan Hopkins

Rebecca Modene

Jill Buchle

Kelsey Klunk

Kathy Treaster

Paula Coe

Linda Lee

Anne Przybylkowski

Meet Our New Dean!

Dr. Michael Jackson is the Dean of the College of Science and Technology at Millersville University.

A Staten Island native, Dr. Jackson began his educational career within the Empire State, obtaining his B.S. in Physics and Mathematics from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1992. He furthered his education at New Mexico State University and was awarded his Ph.D. in Physics in 1998. Since then, Dr. Jackson has worked around the country as an educator, administrator and physicist. Dr.

Jackson is a physicist by trade, but presents a passion for all aspects of the scientific and academic world.

Welcome to MU, Dr. Jackson!



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