



INTRODUCING NEW MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SCHOLARS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to introduce to you the most recently appointed and returning MFP Scholars for FY 2014-2015. The fellowships are competitively awarded by members of the MFP National Advisory Committee based on merit, through a review and evaluation of application materials and an interview for up to five-years, with appointment subject to annual renewal based on research progress and availability of funds.



GIOVANNA CECILIA DE OLIVEIRA, PhD (c), NP-C, RN

Mrs. De Oliveira earned both her BSN and MSN at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Currently she is a PhD in nursing candidate at the University of Miami, Florida. Her

dissertation is focused on analyzing the social determinants of major depressive disorder among Hispanic women, as well as investigating the possible mediating effects that depression may have in the relationship between social determinants of health and engagement in health promotion behaviors. Mrs. De Oliveira has several years of clinical work experience in psychiatric nursing. She worked as a charge nurse on a gerontological-psychiatric floor at long-term care facilities in Detroit for three years. Once she became a nurse practitioner, she worked with a psychiatrist mentor, with whom she trained in Houston, Texas. She assisted with psychiatric in-patient consultations at several Houston hospitals, where she held privileges. Most recently, she taught nursing clinical rotations in mental health for the University of Miami. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Sigma Theta Tau, among other nursing organizations.



SANDRA GALL-OJURONGBE, MSN, BSN, RN

Sandra Gall-Ojurongbe is a Psychiatric Mental Health nurse and Assistant Professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University, in West Palm Beach, FL. She was

educated initially at the associate degree level and worked for years as a Med-Surg nurse. More recently, she has been working with psychiatric and chemically dependent clients and served as the Director of an Acute Psychiatric Unit at a facility in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Currently she is a full-time PhD student in nursing at Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, FL. Her research focuses on mental health disparities in the Afro-Caribbean community. Of particular interest to Ms. Gall-Ojurongbe is the prevalence of psychotic disorders, particularly schizophrenia, in the Afro-Caribbean population as a possible stress-related response to immigration in at risk individuals. Ultimately, her career goal is to reduce the impact of mental illness and improve the overall well-being of American communities through research and education.

Ms. Gall-Ojurongbe is a member of the American Nurses Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses, where she is an active member of the diversity committee.



SHAQUITA STARKS, MSN, MS, BSN

Shaquita Starks, a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner with over 16 years of nursing experience, is a full-time student in the PhD program at the

University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), in Memphis, TN. Her area of interest focuses on the predictors of quality of life among African American Women caring for patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), to include examining the mood profile of her study participants, reported substance

use, prevalence of historical depression, anxiety, and somatic symptoms of depression.

Ms. Starks research experience includes participation in a National Institute of Health (NIH) funded trial to determine the effectiveness of INSIGHT, a cognitive behavioral therapy approach designed to reduce depressive and anxiety symptoms and stress in women 18 and older, on a group of African American women caring for patients with ESRD. She was also a community health worker for the Consortium for Health Education, Economic Empowerment and Research (CHEER), a community based participatory health disparities research center funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (UTHSC, 2014). Her long-term goal is to practice and develop a program of research that will examine the connection between mental health and

social determinants of health, and its subsequent consequence on mental and physical health in ethnic minorities.

Ms. Starks is a member of the American Nurses Association, the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Southern Research Society, and Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. She is the mother of three children and enjoys volunteering in her community where she provides care to underserved clients in local dialysis centers, hospitals, shelters, and missions.

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Dawn Bounds, MSN, PMHNP-BC

Rush University

Research Focus: *Factors that influence African American Girls Who Become Engaged in High Risk Sexual Behaviors in Urban Communities*

Kimethria Jackson, RN, MSN, APRN-BC

Oklahoma University

Research Focus: *Financial Exploitation and Psychological Abuse among African American Elders*



LaKeetra Josey, MSN, PMHNP-BC

University of Pennsylvania

Research Focus: *Integrated Care Models for Ethnic Minority Persons with Mental Illness*

Billie Jean Kosak, MSN, RN, CS

University of Cincinnati

Research Focus: *Experiences of African American Parents Who Have a Son or Daughter with Schizophrenia who is living in the Home*





Adrial Lobelo, PMHNP-BC, RN
Wilkes University

Research Focus: *Resiliency in Latino Patients with major Depression*



Schola Matovu, RN, BSN
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Research Focus: *A Comparative Study about Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms in Older African American and Ugandan Caregivers for Children Infected with HIV/AIDS and Other Chronic Illnesses*



Jacqueline Mosley, MPH, MSN, ACNP-BC
Tulane University

Research Focus: *An Examination of Health Care Delivery Systems for Elders with Serious Mental Illnesses and Dementia after Acute Care Hospitalization*



Raymond "Austin" Nation, RN, PHN, MSN
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Research Focus: *Substance Use among HIV-Positive Young Black Men Who Have Sex with Men*



Phyllis Raynor, MSN, RN
Medical College of South Carolina

Research Focus: *Self-Care and Parental Self-Efficacy for Parents Who are Recovering from Substance Use Disorders*



Brenda Shepherd, MSN, FNP-BC
University of South Alabama

Research Focus: *Positive Correlation of Veterans with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse that have Strong Support Systems and/or Religious Background in Response to Compliance and Treatment*



Patty Wilson, RN, MSN, PhD (c)
University of Virginia

Research Focus: *Intimate Partner Violence among Minority and Immigrant Women with Children: An Impact on Children*