

SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program

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Marife Aczon-Armstrong, PhD,



MSCP, RN, Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii/VA Nursing Academy, Honolulu, Hawai'i, abstract titled,

“Relation of Depression to Substance Use and Chronic Illness in Asian Pacific Islanders (API)” was accepted as a poster presentation at the 8th Philippine Nurses Association of American (PNAA) International Nursing Conference in Sharing-La, Manila, January 26-27, 2012. The same abstract was accepted for a poster presentation at the 9th Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) Conference, March 22 – 24, in Las Vegas, Nevada. A third abstract, “The Effect of Clinical Rotations to VA Nursing Academy Sites on Baccalaureate Students” of which Dr. Aczon-Armstrong is co-author was also accepted for poster presentation during the AAPINA Conference.



Lois Bolden, PhD, PMHCNS,BC, Mental Health Nurse Educator, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL,

was awarded The Daisy Award For Extraordinary Nurses, November 2011, at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. In 1999, the DAISY Foundation was formed by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at the age of 33 from complications of idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The DAISY Award is a recognition of extraordinary nurses who

deliver compassionate care at the bedside and the incredibly meaningful difference they make in the lives of our Veterans and their families.

Bridgette Brawner, PhD, APRN,



Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Health Equity Research, University of

Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA., was recently awarded nearly \$1 million dollars from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct research on HIV/STI Prevention among Heterosexually-Active Black Adolescents with mental illnesses. “I’m excited to begin this important work, which I believe will have a significant impact on the HIV/STI landscape in Philadelphia,” commented Dr. Brawner. Additionally, she will begin the tenure-track as an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania on July 1, 2012.



Jan Collins-McNeil, PhD, APRN, FNP,BC, Associate Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner Coordinator, Winston

Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC, has been awarded tenure at Winston-Salem State University. Additionally, Dr. Collins-McNeil continues to mentor young nurse scholars, teaching them the significance of nursing research, scientific writing

and publishing, presenting at national conferences, and pursuing doctoral degrees. Dr. Collins-McNeil’s research is embedded in the community where she involved families in the research process.

The MFP welcomes the three newest fellows (below) to the program; *L/R: Kathy Wright, Patty Wilson, and Dawn Bounds.*



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