

## SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program

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### **Marife Aczon-Armstrong, PhD, RN,**



**MSCP, Class of 2009,  
University of Hawaii,  
Manoa'**

Dr. Aczon-Armstrong's symposium topic during the Western Institute of Nursing's Annual Conference, April 13 – 16, 2011, in Las Vegas, NV, was *The Relation of Depression to Substance Use and Chronic Illness in Asian Pacific Islanders*. Other cogent topics presented during the symposium included: Body Image Related to Large Body Size; the Recruitment of Asians and Pacific Islanders into a Clinical Research Trial; Advance Directives & Decision-Making – Asian Pacific Islander Family Caregivers of Hemodialysis Patients; and, Outcomes in a Lifestyle Intervention for Filipino-Americans to prevent Diabetes. Jillian Inouye, PhD, RN, an MFP Alumna, Class of 1987, and a member of the MFP National Advisory Committee, moderated the Symposium.

### **Lois Bolden, PhD, PMHCNS,BC, Class**



**of 2006, University of  
Tennessee, Memphis**

Dr. Bolden's article, *The Use of Reflective Practice in New Graduate Registered*

*Nurses Residency Programs*, was recently published in the *Nursing Administration Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 2, pp. 134 – 139, March 2011. Dr. Bolden is the Mental Health Nurse Educator in an Acute Recovery Center at the James A. Haley Veterans Administration Hospital in Tampa, FL. Her doctoral dissertation research addressed Comparisons of Depression, Anxiety, Hazardous Drinking, Subjective Burden, and Caregiver Rewards in African American

and Caucasian Family Caregivers of Patients with Chronic Liver Disease.

### **Patricia Bradley, PhD, RN, Class of 1998, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**



Dr. Bradley, an Associate Professor at Villanova

University, has been selected as a 2011 Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). Fellows are selected by their peers for their outstanding contributions and achievements in nursing. She is one of 142 nurse leaders who will be inducted as fellows during the *American Academy of Nursing's 38th Annual Meeting and Conference*, October 15, 2011, Washington, DC. Dr. Bradley's work focuses on reducing health disparities and inequalities in under-and-un-served populations by blending the outcomes from her practice, scholarship, and educational work at community, state, and national levels.

### **Donna Grandbois, PhD, RN, Class of 2008, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND**



Dr. Grandbois was the featured lecturer in the Office of Diversity and

Cultural Affairs Seminar Series at the University of Pennsylvania Nursing Science in March 2011. She is an Assistant Professor at North Dakota State University, in Fargo. She has researched and written about Native American Elders: Exploring the Resilience of their Lived Experience, which was the topic of her dissertation and lecture. A reception immediately following the lecture enabled faculty and students to dialogue with Dr. Grandbois and benefit from

her knowledge about vulnerable and underserved populations, particularly Native American populations. She was invited to the University of Pennsylvania by Mary Lou de Leon Siantz, PhD, RN, FAAN, Assistant Dean, Diversity and Cultural Affairs, and MFP Alumna, Class of 1992.

### **Michelle Decoux Hampton, PhD, RN, Class of 2007, University of California, San Francisco**



Dr. Hampton was recently promoted to Associate

Professor at the Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing, Oakland, CA. She is also the recipient of the Paul C. Samson Clinical Nursing Professorial Chair, a three year appointment. The honor recognizes excellence in teaching, exemplary service to the University and affiliating agencies in professional and scholarly activities. This prestigious honor was accompanied with a plaque and a cash award. Our heartiest congratulations Dr. Hampton, for your achievements. Additionally, two of Dr. Hampton's manuscripts have been accepted for publication.

### **John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, Class of 1996, University of Miami, Miami, FL**



Dr. Lowe is an Associate Professor and Principal Investigator of several

National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research programs. He recently received the John Wymer Distinguished Professorship Award at the Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. He has developed models and interventions that are

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designed to reduce substance abuse and other risk-related behaviors among Native American Indian youth. Dr. Lowe developed the Cherokee Self-Reliance Model which is being used in several intervention research projects; it utilizes the traditional Talking Circle format as a major component of this culturally-informed approach. He is the co-author of the Native American Nursing Conceptual Framework which is being integrated into curricula across the nation. Dr. Lowe's pioneering efforts have earned him important accolades in the world community. He is also the Vice Chair of the MFP National Advisory Committee.

**Brandon Respress, PhD, RN, MSN, MPH, CPNP, Class of 2010, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH**



Dr. Respress was selected as a 2011 Fellow in the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network (ESIN) Fellowship Summer Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research, June 19 – July 15, 2011, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. This program, sponsored in conjunction with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research provides Fellows with the unique opportunity to further develop their integrative research skills and gain valuable career advice from leading senior scholars in a collegial setting among other early career scholars.

Following the completion of her doctoral studies, Dr. Respress accepted the Health Promotion/Risk Reduction Interventions with Vulnerable Populations Postdoctoral Fellowship, an National Institute of Health (NIH)/ National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) funded T-32, at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Mayola Rowser, PhD, DNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP, Class of 2008, University of Tennessee, Memphis**



Dr. Rowser, Director of the Graduate Nursing Program at the University of Southern Indiana College of Nursing & Health Professions, recently received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, effective August 16, 2011. She is one of the first nurses in the United States to receive dual degrees, Doctorate of Philosophy, PhD, and Doctorate of Nursing Practice, DNP. Despite her extensive administrative responsibilities, Dr. Rowser continues to contribute to nursing science.

**Ora Lea Strickland, PhD, DSc (Hon), RN, FAAN, Class of 1977, University of North Carolina, Greensboro**



Dr. Strickland, a well known trailblazer in the field of nursing, was recently appointed as the Dean for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Florida International University (FIU), Miami, FL. She is a former columnist for the Baltimore Sun, and her

writings appeared weekly in the health magazine section of the Morning and Evening Baltimore Sun. Dr. Strickland has won nine "American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year" Awards and is the Founding Editor of the Journal of Nursing Measurement. Her expertise is manifested in her participation on several editorial boards, including Advances in Nursing Science, Research in Nursing and Health, Nursing Outlook, the American Journal of Public Health, and others. She is also one of the founders of the National Institute of Health's (NIH) National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR). Dr. Strickland's dissertation was related to examining the symptoms of expecting fathers; her research gained national attention and was featured in more than 80 newspapers, including the Washington Post and the Chicago Tribune, and more than 1200 radio stations internationally.

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