

Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future-AACN Fall 2009 Minority Nurse Faculty Scholars



Maria (Maite) Garrido, MSN, ARNP, is a Doctorate in Nursing Practice student at the University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies. She graduated from the Family Nurse Practitioner Program from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida in 1995 and from the BSN program at the University of Miami in 1985. Maria has been a faculty member at the University of Miami for the past 5 years. She has a special interest in critical thinking and using technology to enhance nursing education. Through her DNP students, her goal is to discover how better to define and develop the critical-thinking dispositions of nursing students.

Andrea Gilmore, BS, RN, is a first year doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As an early-entry PhD, she graduated in May 2009 with her BS in Nursing from UW-Madison. Andrea's research focuses on identifying factors that influence assessment and analgesic interventions for pain in institutionalized older adults with dementia. Andrea's research interests include dementia, long-term care systems, and health policy. Andrea currently practices in orthopedic and geriatric rehabilitation. She is an active member of the Gerontological Society of America, the Midwest Nursing Research Society, the Black Nurse's Association, and the Wisconsin Nurse's Association.



Elizabeth T. Lopez, MSN, RN, FNP-C, is a first-year PhD student at Azusa Pacific University. She received a BSN from Pacific Union College and a MSN and Health Services Credential from California State University, Los Angeles. A Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner credential was also obtained from Azusa Pacific University. She currently works for Chino Valley Unified School District as a School Nurse and Nurse Practitioner and has previously worked as adjunct faculty for Azusa Pacific University. Her research interests include identifying clinical strategies for reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes in teenage pregnancy among Latina adolescents. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Orange County School Nurse Organization, and California Teachers Association.

M. Melanie Lyons, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, is a third-year doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her BSN from Radford University and her MSN from the University of Virginia specializing as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Melanie has more than 13 years of nursing experience primarily in critical care prior to beginning her nurse NP career. Melanie's doctoral research interest incorporates interdisciplinary mentors of nursing and medicine in understanding the role of heat shock proteins in attenuating lung injury in a rodent model of sepsis-induced Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Melanie also has an interest in understanding disparities in sepsis mortality amongst minority population. Melanie is looking to become an educator in a clinically active academic track while pursuing bench to bedside translational research.



Yasemin Turkman, MSN, MPH, RN, is a first-year doctoral student at Yale University. Her research interests are in psychosocial oncology, particularly how perceptions of illness affect health behavior and outcomes. Yasemin received her MSN at the Yale School of Nursing in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program and her MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health with a focus in Family and Community Health. She currently works part-time as an RN on an adult medical-surgical psychiatric unit at the Hospital of St. Raphael and volunteers with The Wellness Community of Southern Connecticut. Yasemin is a Sigma Theta Tau Rising Star of Scholarship and Research.