

## ALP-RBHS 2021 Fellows



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Emily Barrett, PhD is Associate Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and Director of the Epidemiology concentration at the Rutgers School of Public Health. She is a resident faculty member at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute where she co-directs the Human Exposures and Outcomes Core. She received her PhD in Biological Anthropology from Harvard University and completed post-doctoral training at the Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities at UCLA.

Dr. Barrett's primary research focus is on the early origins of health and disease, or how exposures early in life shape our subsequent health and developmental trajectories. She is particularly interested in how prenatal exposures to environmental chemicals and psychosocial stressors impact pregnancy and children's development. She leads two ongoing pregnancy cohort studies, TIDES (R01ES25169) and UPSIDE (R01HD083369, R01ES029275, R01NR17602), both of which are part of the NIH's Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program, the largest study of the health and well-being of U.S. children. Dr. Barrett has published numerous scientific papers and book chapters on topics related to women and children's health and is an Associate Editor at *Human Reproduction* as well as on the Editorial Boards of *Fertility and Sterility* and *Hormones and Behavior*.

As a secondary research focus, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Barrett and collaborators established the Rutgers Corona Cohort study, for which she serves as co-Director of the Epidemiology Core. Most recently, this collaboration has led to NJ HEROES TOO, a NIH-funded effort to expand access to COVID-19 testing among underserved communities in New Jersey, for which Dr. Barrett serves on the MPI team. She is a recipient of the Inaugural RBHS Chancellor's Basic Sciences Research Award.

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Mary-Catherine Bohan, MSW, LCSW is Vice President of Outpatient/Ambulatory Services at Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC). In this role, she oversees the statewide ambulatory service delivery system including acute partial hospital programs, outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services, community-based case management and peer support services, Employee Assistance, and Student Wellness programs.

Prior to joining Rutgers UBHC in 2016, Mary-Catherine was NJ Regional Director for Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, a non-profit behavioral health managed care company headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. Before that role, she was Clinical Administrator for Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) in Pittsburgh where she was responsible for the clinical and administrative operations for ambulatory and community-based services for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. Prior to her tenure at WPIC, she served as Director of Addiction Services for Saint Mary's Hospital Behavioral Health Services in Amsterdam, NY.

Mary-Catherine has been involved in the development and administration of behavioral health programs for over 30 years. She has particular passion and expertise in expanding the behavioral health service delivery system into home and community-based settings. She has advocated on the state and national level, including testifying for the Health Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in support of the continuation and expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic demonstration project established and funded through the Affordable Care Act.

Mary-Catherine holds a BA in Psychology from Russell Sage College and a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University.

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Barbara Cannella, Assistant Dean and Clinical Associate Professor at Rutgers University School of Nursing has over 25 years of experience in academic nursing education. She is certified as a perinatal advanced practice nurse with clinical expertise in inpatient obstetrics and caring for high-risk pregnant patients in the community setting. She oversees the maternity and leadership courses at the undergraduate level. She received her BS, MS, and PhD in nursing from Rutgers University.

Dr. Cannella has authored maternity nursing textbook chapters on labor and delivery and community-based nursing care of childbearing families. Her research focuses on health practices during pregnancy and patient safety issues during labor and delivery. She has worked with the Central NJ Family Health Consortium as the faculty advisor for their Preconception Peer Educators Program, which was funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. She served on the advisory board for the Black Infant Mortality Reduction Resource Center and the Quality Assurance Committee for the Northern NJ Maternal Child Health Consortium. Additionally, Dr. Cannella served on the Board of Directors for the March of Dimes New Jersey Chapter.

She is a member of AWHONN, American Nurses Association, NJ State Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Eastern Nursing Research Society. She currently serves on the board of directors of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the National Honor Society of Nursing and is the faculty advisor to the Rutgers Student Nurses Association and New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc. She has received numerous awards for teaching excellence and in recognition of her contributions to the nursing profession.

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Humaira Chaudhry, MD is an Associate Professor of Radiology in the Division of Diagnostic Imaging at Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School. She serves as Vice Chair for the Department of Radiology and Chief of Service and Co-Director of Quality Assurance for Radiology at University Hospital, Newark. She is a board-certified Radiologist with subspecialty training in Abdominal Imaging with clinical interests and expertise in hepatobiliary and oncological imaging and radiology quality assurance. Dr. Chaudhry is a graduate of the Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School where she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. She completed her residency in Radiology at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and then fellowship in Abdominal Imaging at Duke University School of Medicine in North Carolina.

Dr. Chaudhry has contributed to numerous publications, book chapters, and scientific presentations in the field of radiology. She is also a co-investigator on several clinical trials with industry grant funding investigating chemotherapeutics for gynecological malignancies. She has been invited to present at many regional meetings and institutional Grand Rounds. Dr. Chaudhry currently sits on the American College of Radiology's Commission on Quality and Safety and is serving as Chair for their RADPEER Committee. She also serves on the American College of Radiology's Liver Imaging and Reporting and Data System (LI-RADS) Communication and Outreach Committee. Within NJMS, Dr. Chaudhry has served on Faculty Council for the past 3 years and has sat on innumerable departmental, hospital and medical school committees.

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Dr. Alice Chu graduated from the 7-year BA/MD program at Drew University-Rutgers NJMS, and matched into orthopaedic surgery residency at Lenox Hill Hospital. Afterwards, she completed two fellowships in pediatric orthopaedics and hand surgery at New York University Langone Medical Center. She was an Associate Professor at NYU as well as Co-director of the NY Ponseti Clubfoot Center until late 2018, when she came to Rutgers-NJMS as Chief of the Division of Pediatric Orthopaedics. Her clinical and research interests include cerebral palsy, clubfoot, nerve injuries, and pediatric trauma.

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Elizabeth Di Prospero, M.D. earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University and her medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington D.C. where she also served as Chief Resident in ambulatory care. Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, she practiced as a primary care provider in Warren, NJ. In 2010, Dr. Di Prospero became an instructor of physical diagnosis for the Rutgers Physician Assistant (PA) Program and shortly after for Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In 2016, she was invited to become the Medical Director and an Assistant Professor for the Rutgers PA Program.

As part of the PA program leadership team, Dr. Di Prospero engages in curriculum and student development throughout the didactic and clinical phases. Her teaching and scholarly work have focused on assessment of student competencies such as clinical reasoning, professionalism, and interpersonal communication. Advancing the Healthcare Outreach Practice Experience (HOPE) as a clinician and administrator, she engages students and faculty in service-learning through partnership with local community volunteers.

**Caroline Dorsen, PhD, FNP-BC**

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Caroline Dorsen, PhD, FNP-BC (she/her/hers) is a nurse scholar, educator, and clinician whose passion is the interface between health and social justice. She is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on sexual and gender minority health who has authored or co-authored over 35 publications and has received numerous awards for her writing. In recognition of her expertise as a teacher and educator, Dr. Dorsen was the 2020 recipient of the Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award at NYU Meyers College of Nursing. In 2020, she was also the recipient of NYU's Martin Luther King Faculty Award sponsored by the President and Provost for "exemplifying the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through teaching excellence, leadership, social justice activism, and community building." Notably, she was the first nursing faculty member to receive this prestigious award at NYU.

Dr. Dorsen was a faculty member and academic leader at NYU Meyers College of Nursing for 15 years prior to coming to Rutgers in the Fall 2020. At Meyers, she served as the Program Director of the primary care nurse practitioner programs, was the nursing lead for SARET, an NIH-funded interprofessional substance use training program housed at the NYU School of Medicine, and was an investigator with the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research (CDUHR). She has practiced as an FNP for the past 20 years and has expertise on the intersection of primary care, behavioral health and social determinants of health.

Dr. Dorsen currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Community Health Network (CHN) and is the immediate past Nursing Chair (2018-2020) for GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality. She is a member of the HHS Office of Minority Health task force on culture, health and nursing and the ENRS task force on inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility. Collaborating with Senior Editor Dr. Perry Halkitis (Dean of Rutgers School of Public Health), Dr. Dorsen is a Senior Associate Editor of the journal *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*. In the spirit of collaboration between our two schools, she is a member of the SPH's HIV/AIDS Research Working Group.

She received a BA in Anthropology from University of California at Berkeley, a BS in Nursing from NYU Meyers College of Nursing, a Master's in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Yale School of Nursing, and a PhD in Nursing Research and Theory from NYU Meyers. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in translational science at the Clinical and Translational Science Institute at NYU Langone Health.

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Dr. Fenesy is currently the Vice Dean of Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM). After seven years as a medical illustrator at a New York City-based company, Dr. Fenesy went on to be awarded a DMD degree from UNDNJ- NJDS, followed by a specialty certificate in Periodontics from Boston University School of Dental Medicine in 1988. Along with private practice, she joined the faculty at the former NJDS, presently Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM).

Early in 2000, she was appointed to several administrative titles including Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and in 2016 was promoted to Vice Dean that encompasses Student Affairs; Admissions, Diversity & Inclusion, Registrar, Support Programs, and Academic Affairs: managing the areas of Pre- and Postdoctoral Curriculums, Continuing Education, Faculty Development, and the Office of Institutional Assessment.

On the RBHS- level, she Co-Chaired the IPE Strategic Planning Committee, submitting a final plan to initiate IPE curriculums. Her IPE focus was implemented at RSDM by being awarded a HRSA 1.7 million dollar grant for the “Special Populations Interprofessional Care Experiences” (SPICE) program, which formed the foundation for the 4-year dental school IPE experiences, as well as for seven other schools/programs; dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, public health and social work. This successful collaboration has positively impacted patient care particularly the vulnerable, underserved, special needs populations. SPICE has resulted in numerous publications along with international and national presentations and webinars through ADEA, HRSA and the IPEC.

On the national level, Dr. Fenesy was appointed as one of six dental faculty to the ADEA Compendium of Clinical Competency Workgroup, an important initiative to modernize the dental licensure process. At the annual ADEA meeting in 2017, she was awarded the “Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Citation” for significant contributions to dental education and to ADEA.



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Nina E. Glass, MD, FACS is an Assistant Professor at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in the Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care. She is also Medical Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at University Hospital, Director of SICU Quality at University Hospital, and Associate Program Director for the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Glass hails from Atlanta, GA. She received her AB from Harvard College and her MD from Vanderbilt Medical School before completing her General Surgery Training at NYU followed by a fellowship in Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery at the University of Colorado and Denver Health Medical Center. She thrives on mentoring students, residents, and fellows and has pursued research projects in surgical outcomes following trauma and emergency general surgery, as well as surgical critical care, and surgical education.

Since joining the faculty at Rutgers in 2016, she has excelled in her clinical practice caring for severely injured trauma patients, in her mentorship and teaching of students, residents, and fellows, and in her scholarship presenting at national meetings and publishing her work. As the new medical director of the Surgical ICU, she plans to work collaboratively with her team to optimize the quality of care delivered to all patients in the Surgical ICU at University Hospital.

**Teri Lassiter, PhD, MPH**

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Teri E. Lassiter is the Assistant Dean of Diversity & Inclusion and an Assistant Professor at the Rutgers University School of Public Health. She coordinates academic offerings with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to ensure that the curriculum attends to the public health challenges faced by all populations of New Jersey and the United States. She also works with the Director of Student Affairs to create systems that support student learning and success that attend to the diversity of student life experiences with regard to gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation and nation of birth.

Dr. Lassiter is a graduate of the Rutgers School of Public Health (MPH, 2003) and the Rutgers School of Nursing (PhD, 2012). Her research focused on the relationship between dating/sexual violence and health risk behaviors among White, Black, and Hispanic female adolescents, using data from the 2009 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the 2009 New York City Youth Risk Behavior Survey. As a faculty member at the School of Public Health, Dr. Lassiter provides strong mentorship for the students at the School of Public Health, as a teacher and as a community-based research mentor.

For the past seven years, Dr. Lassiter has been a member of the Newark Community Collaborative Board (NCCB) research team that addresses substance misuse and related health disparities among those that have been incarcerated and reside in the City of Newark. She continues to participate in community-based service projects throughout the City of Newark that focus on violence reduction and the formerly incarcerated.

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Dr. Liu did his postdoctoral training on natural killer (NK) cells at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 2005 to 2011. After completing the postdoctoral training, he joined Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard in 2011 as a senior research scientist, where he worked on HIV-specific CTL dysfunction with a focus on PD-1 in HIV-specific CTL immunological synapse. In 2012, Dr. Liu was recruited to Baylor College of Medicine as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Department of Pathology & Immunology, before joining Houston Methodist Research Institute as an assistant professor in 2015. Dr. Liu came to the Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School as an associate professor in 2018.

Dr. Liu's current research is primarily focused on the immunobiology of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T and NK cells, immunoreceptors, CAR immunotherapy, and HIV-specific CTLs in chronic HIV and its related malignancies, with a focus on immunological synapse biology and its clinical applications.

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Stanley previously served in the Air Force as a Cardiopulmonary Specialist and has been a registered sonographer with the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers for thirty years. He has been an educator in the cardiovascular sonography field for over 25 years while also serving in various roles in medical facilities including hospital administration. He received his MS in Biomedical Informatics from the Rutgers School of Health Professions and a BHSc in Vascular Sonography from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

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Archana Pradhan is the Associate Dean for Clinical Education at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS). Archana is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences. She earned an MD from Duke, an MPH from UNC-Chapel Hill in maternal and child health and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow, NY.

At RWJMS, Archana has a proven track record of building systems to fulfill individual and school-wide objectives, writing policies to help the organizations for which they are written act in alignment with their overall goals, reviewing data sets and interpreting the information to improve processes, and developing educational instructions/modules to enhance user experience both at a local and national level. She has played an instrumental role in developing systems such as clinical activity tracking as well as programs such as the Primary Ambulatory and Community Clerkship Experience and the Academic Clinical Experience Summer Program. Archana has served as a member of the Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences Faculty Council and Rutgers Faculty Senate.

Archana is a national leader in medical education and as such has published 30+ peer-reviewed articles in this arena. She is currently on the board of the Association of Professors in Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) and is the Chair of the Educational Research Committee. Archana serves as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG). Archana's academic interests include using technology to enhance educational outcomes, performing research in the area of curriculum development, developing interactive medical education tools, and using real-time data to develop system-wide solutions.

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Throughout his career, Dr. Raymond has bridged academic research and public health practice both domestically and internationally. He has worked with Ministries of Health and other international organizations in Australia, Nigeria, Republic of Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Zambia, Mozambique, South Africa, China, Brazil, Antigua and Barbuda, Tanzania, Philippines and Vietnam. His methodological areas are epidemiologic methods, sampling hard to reach populations, population size estimation, behavioral surveillance, public health triangulation, social epidemiology and mixed-methods research. His content areas of interest are populations at high risk for HIV infection (including men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, trans women, prisoners, migrant populations and female sex workers), LGBT populations, HCV infection, health disparities and social determinants of health.

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Dr. Jaya Satagopan received her PhD in Statistics from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Her research focuses on statistical genetics/genomics with applications in cancer epidemiology and tumor biology studies. Her research topics include cost-effective study designs for genome-wide studies, estimating the lifetime risk of cancer in mutation carriers, dimension reduction and Bayesian shrinkage analysis methods for evaluating multiple disease risk factors and methods for evaluating gene-exposure interactions.

She recently completed a Master's degree in Science Communication and Public Engagement from the University of Edinburgh. At Rutgers, she is establishing the Center for South Asian Quantitative Health and Education. The Center will study the risk of cancer and allied diseases and determinants of risk in South Asian communities and develop health communications aimed at promoting cancer prevention, control and care in these communities.



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Vincent Silenzio, MD, MPH, is Professor of Urban-Global Public Health, Director of DrPH Programs and of the Global Public Health graduate program in the School of Public Health, and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health in the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. His teaching and research focus on applications of computational methods, machine learning, and AI in health data science and mobile health in global health contexts, with a specific focus on problem areas in HIV, mental health, and the health of marginalized populations, such as sexual and gender minorities.

He completed his medical and public health studies at UMDNJ and Rutgers, and his residency and fellowship training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Before returning to Rutgers one year ago, he had served on the faculties of UMDNJ, Columbia University, and the University of Rochester. At Columbia, he was founding director of the research and education programs in Family Medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and helped found the Center for LGBT Health within the Mailman School of Public Health. At the Rochester, he gained national and international recognition for his work in machine learning and AI health research with his colleagues in the Goergen Institute for Data Science faculty. He has consulted on the use of social media and related large-scale data to model mental and behavioral health phenomena leading technology firms, ranging from Google and Facebook to less well-known companies, such as Hornet and Blued, MSM-targeted dating apps with which he has conducted research collaborations.

Dr. Silenzio has authored more than 50 peer reviewed publications and texts in both the biomedical and computer science literature, as well as more than 50 peer-reviewed scholarly presentations. On the global stage, he has been an active collaborator with colleagues across six continents, He has most recently served as visiting faculty and collaborated with colleagues in eight cities and provinces across China, as well as in Hong Kong, Mongolia, Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, and South Africa.

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Shankar Srinivasan currently serves as the Interim Chair for the Department of Health Informatics, as well as Associate Professor and Program Director for both the Master's and PhD in Biomedical Informatics programs. Shankar completed his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering at the College of Engineering in Bangalore, India. He then went on to complete both a M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. Upon graduating with his PhD he held several faculty positions and taught in both undergraduate and graduate level programs at the RMIT in Melbourne, Australia, Singapore Polytechnic University and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

He was recruited to the Department of Health Informatics at the School of Health Professions (SHP) in 2001. At SHP he has received the teaching excellence award and has mentored close to 100 PhD students as their primary advisor over the last 19 years, many of whom have gone on to very successful careers in health informatics related fields. His research interests are mainly in the areas of health outcomes research, data analytics and artificial intelligence applications, topics on which he has published approximately 40 original articles in peer reviewed journals, as well as technical reports, national and international conference proceedings. In his role as Interim Chair, he is dedicated to ensuring that the Department continues to offer high-quality and value-focused degree programs, but also to enhance its global reach and image by setting up articulations with Schools and Programs both here in the U.S. and abroad.

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With a focus in medical education Harsh has served as Residency Program Director for Emergency Medicine at Rutgers NJMS since 2016. In this capacity he has led the expansion of the residency as well as a renewed focus on social medicine and educating future generations on the social determinants of health. Harsh serves on several Rutgers and national committees related to graduate medical education. He was honored to receive multiple Golden Apple Teaching Awards and the Jefferson Medical College Dean's Award for Excellence in Education. His second area of focus is Global Health with current involvement in Ghana. Prior to that, he has done work in Sierra Leone and Azerbaijan, including with International Medical Corps in Azerbaijan on an emergency medicine development project and serving as its Country Director. At Rutgers NJMS, Harsh has taken on a lead role in advancing the global health agenda via participation in the Global Health Task Force, serving as a liaison to the greater Rutgers global health community and is Core Faculty with the Rutgers Global Health Institute.

Harsh has lectured regionally, nationally and internationally on emergency medicine and global health topics, with publications related to these topics too, and has been active in national/international organizations related to Global Health.

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Over the past 7 years, Dr. Sutherland has taken on larger leadership roles in University Hospital, serving on many committees, and is the current Chair of the Combined Critical Care Committee. She has led many quality improvement initiatives both in her Division and in University Hospital.

Dr. Sutherland is also deeply involved in graduate medical education of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship, and the Internal Medicine Residency, leading academic half days on communication about End of Life care for Medical residents, and Leadership lectures on how to run Codes effectively. She is also interested in Critical Care Ultrasonography, and has served as faculty in national courses on critical care ultrasound.

Her scholarly work has been presented both regionally and nationally, CHEST and ATS, and has recently been published in several studies dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, as a member of the writing committee for the STOP-COVID study.

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Over the last ten years as faculty, Christin has taken on increasing leadership roles in undergraduate as well as graduate medical education. As the chair of the main curriculum oversight committee at NJMS, she developed curricula within the clerkships and maintained oversight of curricula throughout the 3rd and 4th year. She played an integral role in NJMS' 2012 LCME site visit/accreditation process. In 2012, she became the Director of Clinical Education and subsequently Assistant Dean for Clerkship Education in 2017. In 2019, she transitioned into the role of Interim Associate Dean for Education and recently was named the Associate Dean for Education in 2020. She now oversees implementation of all clinical curriculum at NJMS. She was the co-lead in the clinical subcommittee of our 2015 curriculum steering committee when NJMS moved from a traditional course-based curriculum to an integrative systems-based curriculum. Her main impact on the NJMS curriculum has been creation of EPA based OSCEs in 3rd and 4th year.

Her scholarly work has been presented both regionally and nationally, including the national AAMC meeting, as well as published in medical education journals as well as clinical case reports from her work as a pediatric hospitalist.

She has been nominated and received multiple awards for both undergraduate as well as graduate teaching by medical students and residents, including five Golden Apple teaching awards (2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019), and the NJMS Faculty Organization Teaching Award in 2020. She is also active in the community and statewide advocacy through her roles as faculty co-lead for the New Jersey Pediatric Residency Advocacy Collaborative (NJPRAC) and the New Jersey Community Access to Children's Health (CATCH) facilitator.

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Drawing on her extensive experience in both academic and clinical practice related to nursing care of children and childbearing, Dr. Tracy Vitale joined the Rutgers School of Nursing faculty in 2017 as an assistant professor. She is also the specialty director for the DNP Projects and DNP Project courses. Dr. Vitale annually coordinates over 150 students with DNP Project development and writing of proposals, submissions to IRB, implementation of their projects, and synthesis of findings and implications on nursing practice. She has spoken locally and nationally about DNP Projects and has recently published a book about successfully planning and implementing the DNP Project. She also has a podcast with her co-author where they discuss various concepts and strategies around the DNP Project.

Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty, Dr. Vitale was a nurse manager specializing in maternal fetal medicine research, as well as the out-patient maternal fetal medicine and high-risk obstetrical practices at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, and before that as clinical coordinator and assistant nurse manager at that hospital in the labor and delivery/perinatal evaluation and treatment units. She also worked previously as a clinical instructor at the Rutgers School of Nursing, stressing the importance of evidence-based practice in order to improve patient safety and quality of care.

Dr. Vitale earned her doctorate in nursing practice at the Rutgers School of Nursing. Recognizing how quality and safety in patient care can be influenced by nursing leadership, the focus of her DNP project was to evaluate the impact of a statewide mentoring program for nurse leaders on leadership practices and job satisfaction. Dr. Vitale has also earned a mini-MBA program certificate. She also holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor's degree in nursing from The College of New Jersey.