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Dr. Barbara Preib-Lannon has over 30 years of nursing experience. She is currently teaching NUSC 538– Forensic Health Care for Vulnerable Populations and is the clinical coordinator for NUSC 539– Forensic Practicum. Dr. Preib-Lannon’s nursing experiences have included clinical, administrative, and educational assignments in community, teaching, and university hospitals and clinic sites. She received her MSN and PhD at UIC College of Nursing, and she is also a graduate of our first Advanced Practice Nurse– Forensic Certificate Program cohort. In addition to being an Assistant Clinical Professor at the College of Nursing, Dr. Preib-Lannon is the Director of School Based Mental Health Services at UIC Medical Center. In this position, she designed, implemented, and expanded clinical services in the STARS (Signs, Trouble, Answers, Results, Staff) Mental Health Program in Urban Chicago Public Schools and adjoining communities.

A New Dawn, A New Day

On Friday, September 11th, 2009, the UIC College of Nursing Advanced Practice Nurse– Forensic Certificate Program (APN-FNP) was the host of a day-long conference on forensic health care issues in the Illinois. The day began with a keynote address from *Victor Vieth*, the director of the National Child Protection Training Center. Mr. Vieth has trained thousands of child-protection professionals in the U.S. and internationally on topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. He outlined the necessary steps he thinks we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America. *Sheila Regan* from Ceasefire and *Joanne Grigg*, an APN from Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, IL discussed Cease-Fire’s innovative Hospital Response Initiative. Working with emergency department staff, the program responds to individuals injured by street violence. General Counsel of ICASA, *Lyn Schollett*, provided sexual assault-related legislation updates and essential legal information regarding clinical practice. The conference was concluded by *Patricia Metzler, RN, TNS, SANE-A, SANE-P, CPN* who identified factors contributing to burnout in forensic health care providers and ways to cope with traumatic situations. Participants included over 200 nurses, social workers, educators, and students. Eleven community organizations, including the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, Rape Victim Advocates, and Mujeres Latinas en Acción, also participated by having informational tables about their programs available for participants.



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Spotlight: CeaseFire

CeaseFire, is an intervention, designed and tested by The Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, that takes a unique and strategic public health approach to violence prevention. It began in 1995 and is housed in University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health. Working with community-based organizations, CeaseFire trains outreach workers, violence interrupters, faith leaders and other community leaders to intervene in conflicts in the community and to provide alternatives to gun violence. When there are incidents, CeaseFire is immediately involved by organizing neighborhood marches, rallies, and vigils to bring awareness to the community and beyond. CeaseFire's primary goals are:



- Street-level outreach
- Public education
- Community mobilization
- Faith leader involvement
- Police participation

Some Chicago neighborhoods in which CeaseFire works have shown up to a 67% reduction in shootings since the program began. The program has been recognized by U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, Jr. as an example of an innovative, evidence-based strategy for violence prevention. Currently, CeaseFire is being adopted by cities nationwide with the training and technical assistance from the Chicago Project staff. The APN-FCP invited CeaseFire to its September 11th Conference, and hopes to collaborate again on future projects on violence prevention.

For more information, please visit CeaseFire at:
<http://www.ceasefirechicago.org/index.shtml>



APN-FCP students and faculty visit Atlanta

The Forensic Certificate Program was well represented at this year's International Association of Forensic Nurses 17th Scientific Assembly: Celebrating the Nurse in Forensic Nursing in Atlanta, GA. Nine current and former students and faculty attended the conference which featured over 60 presentations that "demonstrated how forensic nurses provide care and age-appropriate assessment and intervention for their unique patient population". Two of our faculty, Susan Painter and Barbara Preib-Lannon, presented their work on the effects of traumatic exposure on inner city children in a session entitled "Traumatic Exposures on Inner City Children: Defining the Role of the Forensic Psychiatric Nurse". Some of our students were also able to attend a special tour of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory which provides forensic laboratory services to the Department of the Defense investigative agencies and other federal law enforcement agencies.



Above: Students and faculty with Dr. Virginia Lynch



Student Corner: Anita Chupp, RN



Along with the Forensic Nursing Certificate, I am working on my MSN in Nurse Midwifery. I have always wanted to be a nurse because I want to work with people to improve their lives through education, advocacy, and compassionate care. I love this profession and cannot wait to be a Nurse Midwife!

I also am so grateful for the education and insight gained through the forensic certificate program. It does a great job of exposing us to caring for vulnerable populations. It brings to light the importance of the health care providers role in reducing/ preventing the different shapes and sizes of violence that are a daily part of life for an unbelievable number of people. I am particularly interested in how stress and violence affects the lives of women in their childbearing years.

Before starting the Graduate Entry Program at UIC in 2005, I was an improvising, massaging, earring making, administrative assistant. I met my wonderful husband doing improve, and we have three young boys. I obtained my undergraduate degree in International Studies and French Studies at American University in Washington, DC and my massage therapy certificate from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy. My dream is to open a comprehensive women and family clinic that is based in a community where women and families of all socioeconomic backgrounds can obtain care. I want those without health insurance to have equal access to all the services that those with health insurance are able to pay for. I want the clinic to offer mental health services, alternative therapies, and group classes and individual counseling on breastfeeding, parenting skills, relationship skills, violence prevention, nutrition and exercise, and child development. I also want to collaborate with community members and local farmers to provide inexpensive access to alternative therapies/ modalities, fresh fruits and vegetables, and tips for sustainable living. I also want the clinic to feel safe and comforting to those in the community who are exposed to violence, poverty, and stressful living conditions.

Fall 2009 Guest Speakers

The Advanced Practice Nurse- Forensic Certificate Program had two grand rounds and multiple guest speakers this semester.

On September 24th, *Nancy Fowler, APRN, BC, CNP* from the Issac Ray Center gave a presentation on mental health nursing in juvenile detention centers. She discussed the incidence of psychiatric disorders among youth in detention and how she, as a psychiatric mental health advance practice nurse practices a bio/ psycho/social model of care. She also describes the unique challenges that she, and other providers, face in such an environment.

On October 29th, *Lois Platt, MSN, APRN*, gave a sobering presentation about neonaticide and infanticide, "Why do Mothers Kill Their Infants", during which she identified risk factors for mothers and interventions that health care providers can implement to prevent such tragedies. *Angela Evans, RN, BSN, MPH*, from the Illinois Department of Human Services was a guest speaker for one of the in-person APN-FCP seminars this semester. Angela discussed her role on the Child Death Review Team: A Partnership for Protecting Children and in the Cermak Prenatal Case Management Project.



L to R: Angela Evans, Sue Painter, and Lois Platt



L to R: Barbara Simmons, Nancy Fowler, and Barbara Preib-Lannon

Welcome to the new members of the APN-FCP

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Our third and newest cohort of students

**Our youngest team member, Elias Ken Hernandez,
was born on September 27th, 2009!
Congratulations to our Project Coordinator,
Melissa Hernandez, and her husband, Eddie!**



**Congratulations
and
good luck
to our
second cohort
on the
completion of
their didactic
coursework this
semester!**



**Advanced Practice
Forensic Nurse
Certificate Program**

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AT CHICAGO NURSING

The goal of this online certificate program is to educate and prepare advanced practice nurses to assist victims of violent crime across the lifespan



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