



Stony Brook School of Nursing

Office of Research Newsletter

June 5, 2024



Greeting to all,

I must begin by extending my heartfelt thanks for your support with our very first hybrid research day!! And it was a great success, due to the many faculty, staff, students, administrators, and other supporters who made this day possible. **We had 114 registrants, one of our largest research days ever.** Our hybrid option worked well – thanks to Yaozu Dong! We had 41 registrants attend virtually including Peter Ganley, Director of Operations for Congressman Nick LaLota's office.

I especially would like to thank our keynote, Dr. deCordova from Rutgers School of Nursing, and our three podium presenters including: Ms. Chueng, DNP Candidate from Stony Brook University School of Nursing, Dr. Condon of the University of Connecticut and Dr. Vélez, Director of Technical Services for PATH.

We thank our rapid-fire presenters from the Stony Brook University community, Dr. Christopher Brancato, Joseph Brusalis, Dr. Trish Woloszyn, and Ms. Lani Blanco, PhD candidate.

Our poster sessions were fabulous and please scroll down and join me in celebrating our award recipients. We applaud each student and faculty presenter, for their significant contributions to nursing research and scholarship. This was my first-time celebrating Nurses Week here at Stony Brook Nursing with all of you, and I was truly inspired.

Now this day would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors including Stony Brook University School of Nursing, Stony Brook University Division of Nursing, and the Kappa Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

A special shout out to Dr. Giselle Gerardi who served as our emcee for the day. I also thank Dr. Debra Grimm, Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins, chairs and members of the Research and Scholarship committee, and our administrative staff, Amy Prokop, Amanda Martocello, Angelea Laccasaglia, and Theresa Wenz for their tremendous efforts. It truly takes a village, and your continued support is instrumental to our success.

I wish everyone a restful and peaceful summer. I am around so please reach out with any questions or ideas for the upcoming academic year.

Best wishes,

Research Spotlight



Christopher Brancato, PhD, MS, RN Director of Nursing Long Island State Veterans Home (LISVH)

The School of Nursing is proud to announce the successful dissertation defense of Dr. Christopher Brancato on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Dr. Brancato's study was entitled "*Examining the Relationship Between Strength, Balance, and Fear of Falling with Health-Related Quality of Life in Older Adults Residing in Assisted Living Programs.*"

Dr. Brancato is the second graduate of our PhD Program in Nursing and was hooded by Dean Patricia Bruckenthal at the Stony Brook doctoral hooding ceremony on May 14th,

2024 and at the School of Nursing convocation on May 15th, 2024. Thank you to the other members of his examining committee, Dr. Della Ratta and Dr. Gerardi from the School of Nursing and Dr. Singh, Medical Director from the LISVH.

Having spent his entire nursing career in a long-term care setting, Dr. Brancato says it was an obvious choice to join the nursing staff at the LISVH because of their reputation as a premier center in caring for older adults. He began his work there in 2012 as a reimbursement specialist nurse.

Seeing the potential for growth, both at LISVH and across Stony Brook University as a whole, Dr. Brancato was inspired to continue his education. He enrolled in the master's degree program in Nursing Leadership in 2016, meeting many mentors who would stick with him throughout his career. One of those mentors pushed him to consider applying for the newly created Doctor of Philosophy program.

"In the PhD program, I have continued to meet and learn from professors who are experts in their fields," he said. "They have inspired me to develop my own research that is focused on older adults with a goal to explore interventions that will increase aging in place."

Over the years, Dr. Brancato has advanced his career in different roles at LISVH, and is currently leading the nursing department as the Chief Nursing Officer. He said the close relationship between LISVH and the School of Nursing is evident in many ways, including a partnership to recruit and retain nurses through the VA Grant Scholarship Program.

"As an alumnus, I am aware of the rigorous education that nursing students receive at Stony Brook School of Nursing," he said. "I'm excited to partner with them in many other ways in the future."

Congratulations Dr. Brancato!



Christopher Brancato defending his dissertation, "*Examining the Relationship Between Strength, Balance, and Fear of Falling with Health-Related Quality of Life in Older Adults Residing in Assisted Living Programs.*"



(L to R, Dr. Anshu Singh, Dr. Carol Della Ratta, Dr. Christopher Brancato, Dean Patricia Bruckenthal and Dr. Giselle Gerardi)

2024 Nursing Research Day – Hybrid

Keynote Address
Speaker Dr. Pamela
de Cordova, PhD,
RN-BC



Podium Speaker
Ms. Susan Cheung,
MSN, RN, APRN,
AGACNP-BC &
AGPCNP-BC

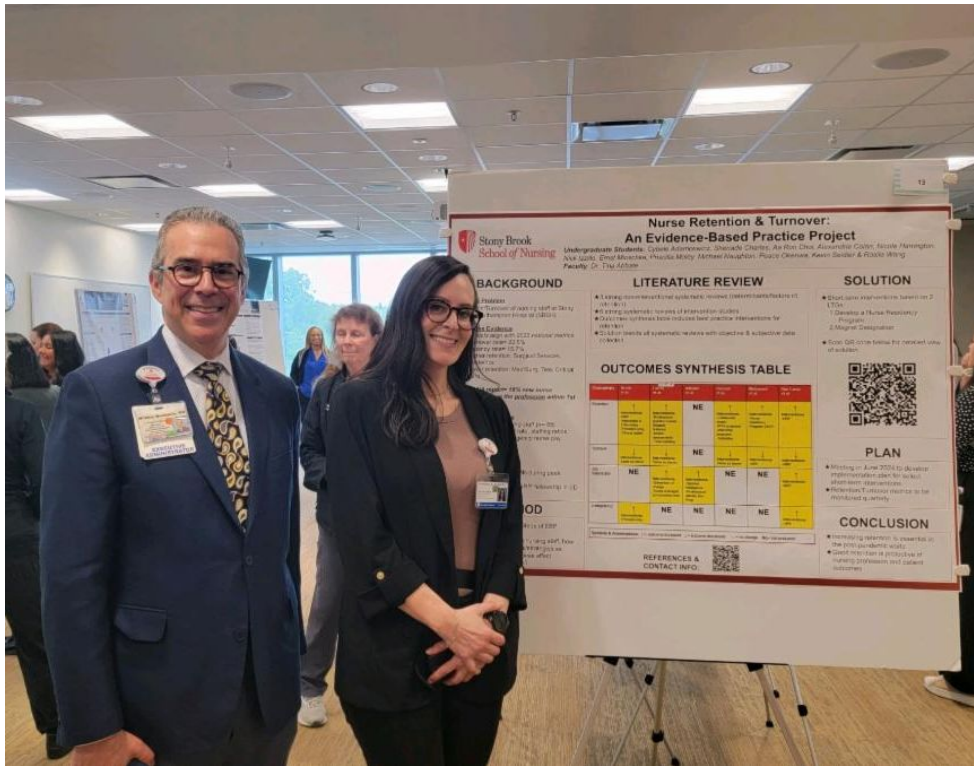


Rapid Fire Speakers
Mr. Joseph Brusalis
& Dr. Trish
Woloszyn, DNP,
RN, PMHCNS-BC,
NPP

Rapid Fire Speaker
Ms. Lani Blanco,
MA, RN



Behind the scenes of the poster presentations



Dr. William Wertheim, Interim Executive Vice President, Stony Brook Medicine with Dr. Tina Abbate.

2024 Research Day Poster Presentation Award Winners



Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Poster Title: *MINDFULNEST: An Evidence-Based Solution for Nurse Well-Being*

Authors: Rebecca Briggs; Rachel Chan; Andrea Ferrer; Juliana Hellem; Yizhen Lin; Michael Nazar; Erika Robles; Michelle Wu; Tina Abbate, PhD, RN



Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Poster Title: *Oncofertility Care for Young Adults: Knowledge Gap in Healthcare Providers*

Author: Shamim Lalani, MSN, FNP-C, RN



Doctor of Nursing Philosophy Program

Poster Title: *Educational Programs for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia: An Integrative Review*

Author: Sheeba M. David, MSN, RN



Clinical Practice Award

Poster Title: *Let's Get Simulated! Resuscitating Cardiac Arrest Education*

Authors: Katherine Lewin, MS, RN, NPD-BC, CCRN, Coordinator of the SBUH Vizient/AACN™ Nurse Residency Program; Jasleen Exline, MS, RN, NPD-BC, CCRN; Meghan Doelger, DNP, RN, CCRN; Sofia Marie Reyes, MS, RN, ANP-BC, CCRN; Bridget Catanzaro, MS, RN, CCRN; Elizabeth Mullady MSNed, RN; Tami Robitsek, MS, NP



Community Impact Award

Poster Title: *WELLNESS GAMES: An Evidence-Based Solution for Nurse Well-Being*

Authors: Valerie Kress; Chandrika Kumari; Jessica Lu; Cameron Martins; Jesse Pineda; Anastacia Sachionie; Leonardo Souza; Tina Abbate, PhD, RN

Of Interest

Congratulations to School of Nursing faculty members, Dr. Ann–Margaret Navarra and Dr. Giselle Gerardi and PhD student, Kaylyn Schwartz, whose abstracts were accepted for podium or poster presentations at the **2024 Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science – Washington, DC** (June 13th – June 15th, 2024).

Presenter: Ann–Margaret Navarra, PhD, CPNP–PC, FAAN

Presentation Type: Podium

Abstract Name: Comparison of a peer-led, synchronous videoconferencing intervention with an asynchronous web-based, educational platform in a randomized control trial on 12-week adherence and viral load outcomes among HIV+ adolescents and young adults

Location: Independence C

Date: Friday, June 14th

Start Time: 12:40 PM

Presenter: Ann–Margaret Navarra, PhD, CPNP–PC, FAAN

Presentation Type: Podium

Abstract Name: Individual and interpersonal influences on 12-week adherence and viral load outcomes among HIV+ adolescents and young adults participating in a technology-enabled, cognitive behavioral intervention.

Location: Independence C

Date: Friday, June 14th

Start Time: 12:40 PM

Presenter: Giselle Gerardi, PhD, RN, RNC–OB, C–EFM

Presentation Type: Podium

Abstract Name: Built Environment and Health Management Self-Efficacy Among a National Sample of Latine Adults

Location: Independence H

Date: Saturday, June 15th

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Presenter: Kaylyn Schwartz, MSN, RN, CCRN, NPD-BC

Presentation Type: Poster

Abstract Name: Music Interventions for Sleep in Adult Patients With Cancer: An Integrative Review

Location: Farragut Square

Date: Thursday, June 13th

Start Time: 2:30 PM

Office of Research Events



**2024 Nursing Research Day – Hybrid
May 9th, 2025**

More details to come in Fall 2024

Funding Opportunities

External

Center for Nursing Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

- The Mary J. Finnin Grant for Nursing Innovation in Oncology - rolling application
- Dr. Barbara Zittel Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Scholarship - application deadline June 16th, 2024
- St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association Nurse Educator Scholarships - application deadline June 16th, 2024
- The Noah Tubbs Family Trust Nursing Research Grant - rolling application

[Click here to apply](#)

Check out these grant opportunities at Sigma - [Sigma Nursing Research Grants](#)

Internal

Addiction Research Seed Grant Program

The Office of the Vice President for Research, the Office of the Provost, and Stony Brook Health Sciences are pleased to announce this one-time program developed as a funding opportunity in conjunction with the [SBU Addiction Research Symposium](#). The funds are to be utilized to bring addiction researchers together and provide a platform for launching collaborative addiction research projects in high priority topic areas.

What Does it Fund: Funds can be used for current research that explicitly

addresses modern concerns in helping individuals and communities experiencing addiction or the effects of addiction. Basic research in addiction is also encouraged. PIs are expected to have clear external funding targets and must clearly demonstrate the necessity of the proposed research.

Applicant Requirements: To serve as Principal Investigator, an individual must have a current full-time Stony Brook University faculty appointment. Please review the eligibility criteria carefully to determine whether you need a letter from your Department Chair.

Award: This seed grant program will award up to five (5) projects between \$25,000-\$75,000 with project lengths between 12-18 months. The funds will be partially disbursed at the award start date, with the remaining funds disbursed after the awardee has submitted their first external submission. Proposals should provide a clear timeline to the submission of a proposal to an external sponsor within 18 months.

Deadline: Full proposals due June 20th, 2024 (deadline extended) via the [Addiction Research Seed Grant Program Portal](#) in InfoReady.

[Review the Addiction Research Seed Grant Program Request for Applications.](#)

Research Conference/Workshop Seed Grant Program

The Office of the Vice President for Research, the Office of the Provost, the Office of the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences, and the Office of the President are pleased to announce the Research Conference/Workshop Seed Grant Program, which is now accepting applications.

What Does it Fund: The Research Conference/Workshop Grant Program will provide funding for the execution of research-focused conferences/workshops taking place at Stony Brook University. This program will only accept proposals for one-time events, and funds should be used for conference/workshop implementation. Special consideration may be given to requests where applicants can clearly identify external funding opportunities and can convincingly demonstrate the importance of the proposed workshop/conference for success in those submissions.

Applicant Requirements: An individual must have a current full-time faculty appointment. All applications will need the endorsement of a Department Chair or a School/College Dean.

Award: The total budget for this conference program is \$40,000. The maximum award size is \$5,000 for a period of 12 months. Funds should be used to execute a conference/workshop on the Stony Brook University campus with the intent to build new research collaborations and/or apply for external grants. Budgets may include event space rental, set up, and food for participants, as well as honorariums, lodging, and transportation for external speakers.

Deadline: Full proposals due July 15th, 2024 via the Qualtrics [Application Portal](#).
[Review the Research Conference/Workshop Seed Grant Program Request for Applications.](#)

Lectures & Conferences



[The American Academy of Nursing \(Academy\) is now accepting abstracts for the 2024 Health Policy Conference](#)

*Courageous Transformations
Towards an Equitable Future
Conference*

When: October 31st - November 2nd, 2024

Where: Marriott Marquis, Washington DC

2024 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The deadline to submit an abstract is June 7th, 2024



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ENRS 2025

April 3rd – 4th, 2025

Loews Philadelphia Hotel

1200 Market Street, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, 19107

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- [National LGBTQ Health Conference - August 15th-17th, 2024](#)
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