

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



The College of Health Professions' fifth decade is underway, and all of us — administrators, faculty, students and alumni — are excited about the future.

I am very proud of our many recent accomplishments and wanted to share some with you.

- **Four academic programs are nationally ranked:** Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy
- **CHP research is increasingly productive,** and funders are taking notice: from 2002 to 2006, **external support more than doubled,** rising from \$6.4 million to \$13.6 million.
- CHP is among the top 10 schools of its kind in the nation in **National Institutes of Health funding.**
- Our faculty is comprised of **nationally known scholars,** seven of whom have received more than \$1 million in research grants in 2007.
- **Support has quadrupled** in just the past two years from CHP alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends, foundations and corporations, to over \$2 million annually.

We are in an excellent position, and we must make the most of it to better serve the CHP mission: changing lives for the better through education, research, patient care and community outreach. Our priorities are:

- to attract excellent, diverse applicants by increasing scholarship support for CHP students.
- to expand support for faculty.
- to encourage innovative research.
- to enhance funding for community programs.
- to invest in equipment and facilities.

Our priorities are not new, but what is new is our capacity to achieve them and in doing so to enhance awareness of the College of Health Professions as a place of excellence and opportunity. I invite you to get excited about your college and join us as we help write the future of healthcare in the 21st century.

Ronald T. Brown, PhD
Dean
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Alumni Profile: Dysphagia Expert Focuses on Children



In a career filled with accomplishment, what excites Maureen Lefton-Greif (PhD '88) most is the chance to help children and their families. Dr. Lefton-Greif, a speech-language pathologist who was the College of Health Professions' 2006 Certificate of Honor recipient, is assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. There, she treats pediatric patients with feeding and swallowing disorders.

She decided to pursue a doctorate while working as a speech-language pathologist at Pennsylvania Hospital and chose Temple as a result of her exposure to Temple faculty and graduate students, for whom she supervised fieldwork. "I wanted to do research and to address clinical questions in a better way," she says. "Temple's program had depth and was flexible. I had an amazing committee chaired by Dr. Reinhardt Heuer. They were all incredibly bright, and they worked well together and with me."

Treating Dysphagia in Children

Dr. Lefton-Greif chose to focus on dysphagia, or swallowing disorders, in infants and children "because these populations are complex and at increased risk for chronic lung disease, malnutrition, neurodevelopmental problems and stressful interactions with their caregivers. My training has enabled me to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families."

Treating swallowing disorders in children is a special challenge because one must consider both the problem and future development. "Although the prevalence of

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2008 CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

Nominations are being sought for the 2008 College of Health Professions Certificate of Honor, which will be presented at the Temple University Founder's Celebration Gala in March 2008.

Certificates of Honor are presented to individuals chosen by each school and college who have distinguished themselves in their professions, thus bringing honor to Temple University.

To nominate a CHP graduate, please submit his or her full name, address, and CV or biography, along with a brief description of

why you feel he or she should be nominated, to CHP's Development and Alumni Office (contact information for the office appears on page 5). Please note that the final nominee must be able to attend the Founder's Celebration Gala in March 2008. The deadline for nominations is **Thursday, November 1, 2007.**

All nominations will then be reviewed by the CHP Alumni Federation and voted upon. The nominee will be selected and announced later this year.

Board of Visitors Spotlight: Continuing the Conwell Legacy



Margaret McMenamín, EdD (BS '79), leaves no doubt on how she feels about Temple University: "The education I received was superior to the Ivy League. When I was a clinical physical therapist, everyone knew that Temple graduates were superior... Temple launched me. From being a physical therapist to an educational administrator, I wouldn't be here, I couldn't be doing what I'm doing without Temple."

Today Dr. McMenamín is executive vice president for Educational and Student Services at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ, a position in which she strives to carry on the tradition of Temple founder Russell Conwell. "My job now is to bring accessible, affordable, high-quality education to our students," she says. "I have seen how higher education can transform lives. I have lived it."

Blending Academics, Athletics and Achievement

As one of six children, Dr. McMenamín wanted a program that offered excellence and affordability. She decided to combine interests in medicine and athletics in physical therapy. Coming to the university in 1975 "just as Title IX kicked in," she became one of the first two women to receive Temple basketball scholarships.

After completing her undergraduate degree, Dr. McMenamín worked as a physical therapist and subsequently earned a master's in human resources administration and a

doctorate in educational leadership. She began teaching physical therapy in 1984 at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, PA, eventually becoming vice president for academic and student affairs. She joined Brookdale in 2005.

Memories of Cheesesteaks and Hy Dervitz

Her memories of Temple remain strong. She recalls enjoying cheesesteaks in the McGonigle Hall bleachers after practice and sharing 99-cent breakfasts with classmates and faculty at Joe's Diner on the Health Sciences Campus.

Named to the university's Gallery of Success in 2004, Dr. McMenamín returns to Temple for at least one basketball game a year and serves on the College of Health Professions' Board of Visitors. "The Main Campus has changed so much," she says. "The student center is fantastic! I could spend days there just people-watching. And the whole commercial area is wonderful; the little dry cleaner and the Conwell Inn. We had 36,000 students when I went to Temple, but almost everybody was on the subway. I would go into the Law School at night to study just because it was open and you could get yogurt."

She keeps in touch with Temple friends by e-mail, including Hyman Dervitz, now retired and living in California. "He was responsible for creating the best physical therapy program in the country," she says. "When you graduated from Temple, you were not just a skilled therapist, you were also ethical and compassionate. The tone for that program was set by Hyman Dervitz. He was a giant, a great man."

Carrying On the Temple Tradition

Margaret McMenamín embodies the Temple tradition and extends it to her current students. She believes that community colleges are a viable alternative for students who cannot afford tuition at four-year schools. The key, she stresses, is to make sure that community colleges deliver educational excellence as well as affordable tuition: it is the lesson she learned at Temple, and it is her mission at Brookdale.

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dysphagia in children is unknown, the incidence appears to be increasing," says Dr. Lefton-Greif. "We suspect that this change is partially due to advances in diagnosis and treatment, which have resulted in the survival of children who wouldn't have survived in the past but who may be medically fragile."

Increasing Awareness of Dysphagia

Dr. Lefton-Greif has written extensively and has lectured and presented internationally on dysphagia. She has also taught courses on feeding and swallowing development and disorders at several institutions, including Temple during the 1990s.

While she frequently visits Philadelphia, Dr. Lefton-Greif says that returning to Temple last year to receive the Certificate of Honor was a particular pleasure: "I was honored to follow in the footsteps of Adele Gerber, who was the first Certificate of Honor recipient from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. I was truly honored and humbled to receive this award, because I was nominated by colleagues who I hold in the highest esteem. It was lovely to be back."

We Need You!

The CHP Alumni Federation invites interested graduates to help plan and coordinate activities for current and future CHP alumni. To get involved, please contact the CHP Development and Alumni Office at 215-707-4810.

Faculty Focus: A Familiar Face Retires



Bonita Silverman (BS '66) first heard of the College of Allied Health Professions at her graduation from Temple's Medical Technology program, then part of the School of Medicine, its home since the 1930s. Med Tech moved to the new college in fall of 1966.

After graduation, Boni Silverman worked for Philadelphia's Veterans Administration Hospital but by the end of 1966 returned to Temple as a research assistant in the School of Medicine. Over the next 40 years she would become a faculty member, briefly head the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department (as Medical Technology was renamed), and teach and advise generations of students until her retirement in December 2006.

"My interview was basically over the phone," she recalls. "I worked with Dieter Groschel, MD, PhD, and we did research on salmonella and staph. When he left, I worked with Helen Oels, MD, PhD, on histoplasmosis."

Remembering Med Tech

While working, Ms. Silverman completed a master's in clinical microbiology at Thomas Jefferson University and began teaching microbiology to Temple Med Tech students in 1974, eventually becoming an associate professor.

As enrollment declined in the wake of AIDS fears, Med Tech was closed in 1990. AIDS was just one of the headline-making health threats Ms. Silverman encountered in her career at Temple. She was a microbiologist during the rise of at least 25 organisms with deadly potential, including SARS, Legionnaires' Disease and the avian flu.

After the Med Tech closure, Ms. Silverman joined the Nursing Department, where she

taught and advised pre-professional students on the Main and Ambler campuses. Her courses included a clinical microbiology course on how the body responds to infection, and the Blood-Borne Pathogen Seminar that must be taken by all CHP students who see patients.

Students Change, Remain the Same

Though most of her students had not yet had clinical experience, Ms. Silverman particularly enjoyed teaching registered nurses returning for bachelor's degrees: "They have experience and contribute so much — such as bringing in signs posted on their jobs about organism problems. They make it better for all of the students."

Have students changed much over 40 years? Ms. Silverman says that the differences are mostly superficial: "They have cell phones in their face of course, and more body piercing and tattoos... But good students are always good." The only change that concerned her is students' increasing reliance on e-mail. Sometimes, she says, "We really need to have a conversation."

Friends are the Best Achievement

In 1984 Ms. Silverman received the college's Certificate of Honor for alumni achievement. Among her committee memberships were the University Disciplinary Committee and the Nursing Department's Admissions Committee.

More than awards or committee memberships, Ms. Silverman will remember legions of friends made over the years. "I remember how nice people were in the Med School," she says. "Earl Spaulding and Gerry Shockman, both now deceased, were very kind to me... the people made it very pleasant to be here."

Plenty to Do

In retirement, Ms. Silverman anticipated having more time for charitable work with her synagogue, where she serves on the board, as well as needlepoint and travel. She also continues to work with the CHP Alumni Federation and on fundraising for the college. So former colleagues and students will still see her familiar face on campus and say hello like one former student, a nurse showing her daughter around Temple who ran into Ms. Silverman. "This was my microbiology instructor," the nurse told her daughter. "Listen to her!"

LECTURE SERIES CAPS 40TH YEAR

Prominent scholars helped the College of Health Professions wrap up its 40th anniversary celebration in fall 2006 by delivering a series of compelling on-campus lectures. Speakers included Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) specialist Russell Barkley, PhD, who spoke about ADHD's causes, assessment, treatment and management, and Temple faculty member and obesity researcher Gary Foster, PhD, who talked about societal issues related to obesity and management of the disorder. Nationally known medical ethics expert Arthur Caplan, PhD, presented an overview of ethical issues within the healthcare setting.

CHP ALUMNI FEDERATION NEWS

Celebrating 2007 Grads

College of Health Professions graduates were welcomed as new alumni on May 17, 2007, at a reception hosted by the Alumni Federation following the college's diploma ceremony. Graduates enjoyed refreshments with their families and received gift bags that included red travel coffee mugs inscribed "College of Health Professions Alumni."

Two graduates, Erica Turner (BS '07, Public Health) and Samantha Rosenberg (MA '07, Communication Sciences and Disorders), were each presented an Acres of Diamonds Award, a \$250 scholarship for exemplifying the spirit of Temple University founder Russell Conwell. Congratulations, Erica and Samantha!

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Valerie Bey (BS '98)
Ilene Glick Blatman (BS '72)
Pat McIlhenny (BS '55, MS '59)
Diane Olevnik (BS '82, MS '87)
Abu Panackal (BS '99)
Bonita Silverman (BS '66)
Carole J. Simon (MS '87)
Mary Sinnott (BS '76, EdM '90)
Robyn E. Younger (BS '98, MS '00)

Student Representative:

Kendal Growe (BS '09)

Alumni Profile: People Are the Reason



Ask Carmen I. Paris (MPH '93) why she does what she does, and she will answer “the people.” As acting health commissioner for the City of Philadelphia, Ms. Paris and her staff of 1,200 are responsible for everything from AIDS treatment to air quality, lead poisoning prevention to the medical examiner’s office. Eight city health centers report to her, and she is responsible for the contractual oversight of a 500-bed nursing home and a personal care home.

This spring Ms. Paris was chosen as the College of Health Professions’ 2007 Certificate of Honor winner and was recognized at the Founder’s Dinner in March.

She says that her admittedly challenging job is doable because of her team: “They are so committed to public health. They have spent their careers to make sure the underserved are taken care of. They work very hard. They are very smart, hard-working and very loyal.”

Ms. Paris joined city government more than 20 years ago and has spent most of them in the Health Department. Starting in the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office where she met her supervisor, a recent Temple master of public health graduate. “I was thinking about how I could move ahead. He told me I needed a [graduate] degree, and I should get it at Temple,” she recalls. She did, starting with a course in epidemiology taught by Sheryl Ruzek, PhD. Though it was difficult, she did well and was motivated to enter the degree program.

Public Health Increasingly Complex

Public health has become more challenging, Ms. Paris says. Though a budget of \$200 million sounds like a lot, it melts away in the face of the functions it must support. “People come to us sicker,” she explains. “Treatment is more complex. We still have an AIDS epidemic, there is more violence, and we have multiple mental health issues overlapping primary care.”

Just communicating with patients and clients is more difficult than ever, because Philadelphia’s population is more culturally

diverse than ever. “We have people on staff who speak 40 different languages. When someone comes in with a language we don’t have, we have to go outside [the department] for help,” says Ms. Paris, who makes a point of periodically visiting health centers to talk with staff and patients.

Colleagues, Friends, Family Encourage Her

Besides her work, Ms. Paris acknowledges people close to her who have given her life direction: her former AIDS Office supervisor, who later died of the disease; the statistics instructor, who helped her master her most frustrating course; her parish priest, who follows her career like a proud father; and most important her son, Cesar Antonio, now 24, who often accompanied his mother to evening classes. “As a single parent, I would sit him in the hallway during class. The teachers would invite him in. So much of my life at Temple was spent with him. I can’t see myself without him; he’s so special to me.”

RECENT CHP RETIREES

Harriet Ferguson, Associate Professor, Nursing

Harriet Ferguson, EdD, who taught Temple nursing students for 25 years, retired as a full-time faculty member in December 2006. Most recently the lead faculty member for perinatal nursing, Dr. Ferguson was nationally recognized as an expert in maternal-fetal care: since 1990 she had been responsible for all of the department’s maternal-child courses. As assistant chairperson of Nursing from 1987 to 1990, she was curriculum supervisor and directed the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for registered nurses. Prior to coming to Temple, Dr. Ferguson taught at Abington Hospital and the Frankford Hospital School of Nursing, and served as a staff nurse at Abington. Her true vocation, however, was teaching. “She was a Lindback [teaching award] winner, and always received excellent evaluations from her students,” says Jill Derstine, EdD, Nursing chairperson.

“Harriet always took time for her students. She listened to them, and she was a great advocate for students. They just loved her.”

Judith Perinchief, Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy

Former OT Chairperson and Assistant Professor Judith Perinchief, MS, OTR/L, retired in spring 2006. “She will be remembered for strong clinical and leadership skills, as well as her commitment to best practices and her distinctive and effective teaching style,” says current Chairperson Moya Kinnealey, PhD. Ms. Perinchief, a specialist in physical disability, management and service delivery, joined the department in 1985 and was its chairperson from 1991 to 2000.

Lorraine Witkowski, Administrative Assistant, Occupational Therapy

Lorraine Witkowski, part of the OT Department since its creation in 1966,

retired in June 2007. An administrative assistant, Ms. Witkowski was a priceless resource for generations of OT students, keeping them apprised of their academic status, examination dates, progress toward graduation and other details they needed to complete their program. “She really held the department together over 40 years,” says Chairperson Moya Kinnealey, PhD. “She was known for shepherding students through the program, through all of the changes in procedures. She would make sure they knew what was going on and what was coming next, and she always remembered who people are. This has been a close-knit place because of Lorraine.” When OT licensure was enacted in New Jersey, there was a 30-year backlog of OT alumni working in New Jersey whose academic and fieldwork credentials required verification. Without being asked, Ms. Witkowski took on the task and, even now, carefully compiles the necessary information for each graduate.

NEWS BRIEFS

Aging Gracefully: Davey Studies Elder Development



Adam Davey became a developmental psychologist because it bored him. "I took a developmental psychology class, and all we studied were infants and newborns," he recalls. "I

thought, 'Wow, that's boring! Everything happens at a specific age. What about when you're 75?'" That question prompted him to look at how adults develop in retirement and old age. "Experience contributes to the aging process," he says. "At the University of Georgia, we did a study of 244 people age 98 or older...It's incredible how successfully some people age. A very few will look like George Burns. Roughly half will have some cognitive impairment, half will have some sensory impairment, [but] it is amazing how people can function."

Though Therapeutic Recreation may not seem a natural home for a developmental psychologist, Dr. Davey explains that his research probes how activities affect people across the lifespan and help them age successfully.

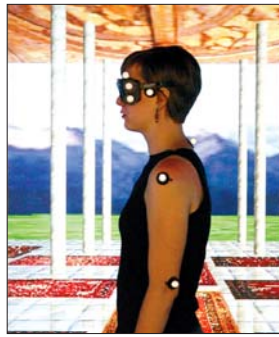
A Toronto native trained at Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Davey came to Temple in July 2006. He was previously a senior research scientist at the Polisher Research Institute, the former Philadelphia Geriatric Center, and before that an associate professor at the University of Georgia. "I love it here," he says. "It's an exciting time to be at Temple University, and I'm happy to be part of the process."

Standing Upright: Virtual Reality Lab Tests Balance

How do people maintain balance, and what are the implications for those who suffer from chronic dizziness? Managing balance problems, which plague 6.2 million Americans and are expected to increase as the population ages, is the focus of a new virtual reality lab directed by Physical Therapy Chairperson Emily Keshner, PhD.

Outfitted with a moveable platform and three large screens, the lab makes it possible to test how patients and healthy persons maintain balance when their visual and physical cues are changed. People stand on the platform and watch the screens through

3-D goggles, wearing a harness to protect against falls.



According to Dr. Keshner, vision helps us control our movements. It is a slow process and may not be as effective as the sensation in knees or hips when stimuli change quickly. So if someone relies too much on vision, such as a person with an inner-ear disturbance, falls may result. For example, "Grocery stores, with their floor-to-ceiling shapes and colors, can cause some people to lose the sense of how to stay upright," she says.

Kinesiology Awards \$12,000 in Scholarships

Ten kinesiology students received scholarships and awards totaling \$12,000 in May at the department's annual awards luncheon. The prizes, endowed by individuals and groups associated with the Kinesiology program or its predecessor, Physical Education, ranged from \$400 to \$4,500. The awards are particularly valuable, explains Kinesiology Chairperson Michael Sitler, EdD, because they are given to current rather than graduating students: "These undergraduate and graduate students are still in school and use the funds for tuition costs or books."

Now in its ninth year, the Kinesiology scholarship program is approaching \$100,000 in funds awarded. Recipients apply for consideration and are chosen by a faculty committee.

In Memoriam: Dr. Helen Hopkins, EdD '79

Dr. Helen Hopkins, a founding faculty member of the Occupational Therapy Department, passed away in February 2007 at her home in Macungie, PA.

Dr. Hopkins, 86, chaired the department for several years until her retirement in 1986. She was a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association, from which she received the award of merit and for which she chaired the student scholarship review committee. In retirement, Dr. Hopkins had consulted on the development of architectural designs that promote independent living.

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CHP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Best Year Ever

More than \$2.7 million was raised in support of the College of Health Professions in 2006-07, making it the most successful fundraising year ever! Many thanks to our alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, as well as the foundations, corporations and organizations who generously demonstrated their confidence in CHP programs and initiatives.

Special thanks are due to the J. Russell Fawley Trust for its gift of \$2 million to establish the J. Russell Fawley Fund, an endowed fund to support undergraduate nursing scholarships. Thanks also for the Trust's recent gift of \$500,000 to augment the fund. Three full-tuition and two partial-tuition scholarships have been awarded to deserving nursing students this academic year, and as many as nine scholarships will be awarded in 2008-09. As all of our nursing students receive some financial assistance and there is a continual need for nurses, the Fawley Trust's gifts will have a tremendous impact on not only the recipients, but the profession they will enter, and on the healthcare all of us will receive in the years to come.

New Staff

Welcome to Ashley Lomery and Sean Marsh, new members of the CHP Development and Alumni Relations staff. Director of Development Ashley Lomery joined Temple in March 2007 and Assistant Director of Development Sean Marsh, a Temple graduate, joined the staff in July 2007. Both Ashley and Sean have offices in Jones Hall on the Health Sciences campus and can be reached by telephone or e-mail.

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**Mark Your
Calendar:**

**UPCOMING
CHP ALUMNI
EVENTS**

*Invitations to follow
for each event.*

**HIM Alumni Reception
at AHIMA National Convention**
Philadelphia, PA
Monday, October 8, 2007
6-8 pm
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

**Occupational Therapy Alumni Reception
at POTA Annual Conference**
Harrisburg, PA
Friday, October 12, 2007
8-10 pm
Harrisburg Hilton

**Public Health Alumni Reception
at APHA Annual Meeting**
Washington, D.C.
Monday, November 5, 2007
6:30-8 pm
Marriott Metro Center Hotel

**Comm Sci Alumni Reception
at ASHA National Convention**
Boston, MA
Friday, November 16, 2007
7:30-9:30 pm
Copley Marriott Hotel

Visit myowlspace.com /events to RSVP or for more information.
Temple University Alumni & Friends

The Helen Hopkins Scholarship Fund has been established by OT alumna Linda Miller Schuberth '77. The Hopkins Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student based on academic merit and need. Originally created last fall as a scholarship fund in Dr. Hopkins' honor, Ms. Schuberth said, "Helen was an outstanding educator and role model in so many ways. Her influence is still reflected in my practice."

If you would like to make a contribution to the Hopkins Scholarship Fund, please use

the enclosed reply envelope and specify that the donation is for the Helen Hopkins memorial scholarship fund.

AOTA Recognizes Temple Faculty/Alumnae
Four Temple faculty and alumnae, members of the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Student Scholarship Committee, were recognized at the 2007 AOTA meeting held in St. Louis last April.

Celebrated for many years of their national service to AOTA and to occupational therapy education in annually selecting

students to receive AOTA scholarships, the women were commended for their roles in the education of future therapists. They are: the late Helen Hopkins, EdD '79, OTR/L, FAOTA; Elizabeth Tiffany Mather, EdM '75, OTR, FAOTA; Carole Simon, MS '87, OTR/L; and Nancy Beck, BS '71, OTR/L. Dr. Hopkins, Ms. Mather and Ms. Simon all served on the department faculty, and Ms. Beck, a therapist at the Belmont Center of Einstein Hospital, is a member of the OT Professional Advisory Board.