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Welcome to the inaugural edition of **COM Outlook**. Over the past few years, Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine has experienced tremendous growth in a variety of areas, especially in terms of faculty and staff size. In addition, innovative and important programs are being implemented on a continuum as our college strives to remain the standard bearer for holistic medical education.

The creation of **COM Outlook** is a natural extension of our rapid growth. Currently, NSU-COM employs over 80 faculty and staff members. Every person makes a vital contribution to the college's success; however, because each of us is justifiably busy within our various departments and divisions, we are frequently unaware of what is transpiring around us. The goal of this newsletter, which will be published bimonthly, is to keep staff and faculty informed of newsworthy COM programs and happenings.

The premiere issue of **COM Outlook** focuses on summarizing the dedicated people who compose the COM staff and faculty. Over the next few issues, our intent is to introduce a number of regular features, including in-depth faculty and staff profiles as well as comprehensive stories concerning various COM programs. Because the publication is for and about the College of Osteopathic Medicine, we encourage your input regarding what you would like to see featured in the newsletter. We want **COM Outlook** to be a truly interactive enterprise that provides readers with an educational and entertaining overview of COM activities.



NEWS BRIEFS

On December 13, 1999, NSU held its Annual Employee Anniversary Luncheon, which recognizes staff and faculty members who have reached significant employment milestones. We are proud to congratulate the following COM staff and faculty members who received recognition.

5 Years

Myint Myint Aye, M.B.B.S.
Val Butler
Immacula Hamilton
Ronald Kaufman, D.O.
Errol Lewin, M.Sc., M.H.S.A.
Linda Zaidel

10 Years

A. Alvin Greber, D.O.
Deena Martin
Margo White

15 Years

Stanley R. Cohen, Ed.D.
Arthur Snyder, D.O.

In December, Steven Zucker, D.M.D., M.Ed., was accorded a significant honor when he received Honorable Mention status from the New England Resource Center for Higher Education, in collaboration with the American Association for Higher Education, for creating sustained and innovative methods of providing community outreach. Dr. Zucker, who serves as director of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program, was one of five nominees who earned the Honorable Mention designation.

Overall, 70 nominations were submitted for the Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach. Dr. Zucker was recognized for his research and teaching efforts, which have improved both the access to, and quality of, health services for

isolated and remote rural communities, inner-city areas, and minority groups on a local, state, and national level.

Daniel Shaw, Ph.D., who serves as chair of the Department of Behavioral Medicine, will be a featured speaker at the International Alliance for Invitational Education World 2000 Conference. The symposium will be held October 12-14 at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The next time you are flipping through the channels on your television, keep an eye out for an informative program called **Dateline Health**, which is produced by the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University. The program, which is hosted by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Fred Lippman, provides South Floridians with information concerning the wide range of services offered by the health professions disciplines.

Each episode features faculty members from one of NSU's nationally renowned Health Professions Division colleges or prominent health professionals from other NSU colleges. Depending on the topic, community health leaders also are invited to share their expertise with the viewing audience. Sara Schoninger, NSU-HPD's assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communications, serves as the program's executive producer. **Dateline Health** is broadcast throughout Broward and North Dade on the BECON, Comcast, Telemedia, TCI (AT&T), and MediaOne cable systems. Check your local listings for schedule information.

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FACULTY

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Dr. Alemagno currently works as a consultant to NSU-COM through the University of Akron, Center for Health and Social Policy. She plans to join the faculty full-time in July 2000. Dr. Alemagno hopes to help NSU-COM in the development of a research infrastructure that would include assisting faculty and students in the creation and implementation of primary care research. Another major goal will be to aid the faculty in the development of research grants.

Paula Anderson-Worts, D.O.

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Dr. Anderson-Worts interacts with patients and oversees residents and students who are being trained in the Davie clinic. As an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Anderson-Worts teaches clinical practicum, clinical correlation, and ethno-cultural medicine to first-year NSU-COM students. She also serves as faculty advisor to the Student National Medical Association and the National Osteopathic Women Physicians Association.

Barbara Arcos, D.O.

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Dr. Arcos' current responsibilities include teaching osteopathic manipulative medicine (lectures and practical lab sessions) to both first and second-year students. She also serves as the course director of Clinical Practicum III and IV, which involve focused history and physical lab sessions with simulated patients. In addition to her teaching chores, Dr. Arcos treats patients in the Davie clinic and oversees the work of family medicine residents and medical students.

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Dr. Aye serves as director of systems courses in the second-year medical curriculum. The systems courses involve the integration of various disciplines, including pathology, pharmacology, internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, and family medicine. In addition to lecturing students about the systems courses, Dr. Aye facilitates small group discussions in clinical correlation courses and lectures students in the optometry and physician assistant programs.

Daniel R. Barkus, D.O.

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In his role as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Barkus contends with budgetary issues, conducts and generates minutes for monthly department meetings, and recruits and evaluates new faculty members. He also is responsible for the yearly revision and presentation of the syllabus and curriculum. Additional duties include creating the monthly clinical rotation examinations and monitoring student performance on both core and elective obstetrics and gynecology clinical rotations.



Camille Z. Bentley, D.O.

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Dr. Bentley directs the largest group of professional faculty at NSU-COM.

Her administrative position focuses on the integration of the specific educational mission of the department and its approximately 20 physicians into the major goals of both NSU and the COM. Representative of her department, Dr. Bentley is involved with both academic and clinical teaching of students and residents.

Cyril Blavo, D.O.

Chair/ Professor, Pediatrics

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Dr. Blavo received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition to his role with the COM, Dr. Blavo serves as associate director and professor of public health in the public health program at NSU's College of Allied Health. Dr. Blavo also serves as program director of the NSU-COM Pediatric Residency Program at Miami Children's Hospital.

Edgar Bolton, D.O.

Chair/ Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

Date of Hire: September 1996

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Dr. Bolton acts as director of pulmonary medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. His position with NSU-COM centers on hospital work and visiting pulmonary patients in the Sanford L. Ziff Health Care Center. Dr. Bolton also serves as medical director of Respiratory Therapy Services at Memorial Hospital Pembroke and as director of The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center at Memorial Hospital Pembroke. His primary areas of interest in the pulmonary field are chronic obstructive lung disease and asthma.

Peter Cohen, D.O.

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

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As an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Cohen serves as course director of Clinical Procedure I and II. He also conducts clinical work in the three NSU clinics (Davie, North Miami Beach, and Opa-Locka). In addition, Dr. Cohen serves as a clinical instructor for third and fourth-year students, as well as physician assistant apprentices and family medicine residents.

Stanley R. Cohen, Ed.D.

Vice Provost/ Health Professions Division

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As vice provost, Dr. Cohen supervises the testing center and library, coordinates the counseling program, provides educational methodology for classroom instruction, and assesses outcomes in the six HPD colleges. He also provides in-service programs for faculty and teaches medical ethics for the D.O. program. In addition, Dr. Cohen performs various administrative duties for Provost Fred Lippman.

Joseph S. DeGaetano, D.O.

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As an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. DeGaetano serves as the attending physician at the Family Practice Clinic in the Sanford L. Ziff Health Care Center. He also oversees the medical student rotation at the clinic and acts as liaison to the Broward General Medical Center's Family Practice Residency Program.

Walter Flesner, III, D.O.

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

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Dr. Flesner currently is based at the NSU North Miami Beach campus. His duties entail working with family medicine residents from Palmetto General Hospital, physician assistant apprentices, and students participating in the Interdisciplinary General Curriculum (IGC) mentor rotations. In this capacity, Dr. Flesner follows the residents on their patient rounds, supervises medical care, and teaches procedures.

Rosebud Lightbourn Foster, Ed.D.

Special Projects Consultant, AHEC Program

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Dr. Foster works with AHEC Program Director Dr. Steven Zucker concerning long-term strategic planning and development. This entails close working relationships with academic and administrative leaders throughout the NSU Health Professions Division and from Florida's four partner medical schools, as well as from a variety of other statewide colleges and health professions training programs. She also helps foster linkages with the federal and state government and additional community organizations.

Elisa Ginter, D.O.

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

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Dr. Ginter splits her time between seeing patients in the Davie clinic and teaching family practice residents and third-year medical students. Depending on the semester, she also assists in several classes such as CPIII and Clinical Correlation II and III. Additionally, Dr. Ginter serves on numerous committees and task forces, including the Student Progress Committee. In January 2000, Dr. Ginter was privileged to participate in the Guatemala Medical Mission.

Martin J. Goldstein, D.O.

Professor, Rural Medicine

Date of Hire: 1981

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Dr. Goldstein began practicing medicine in 1948 in Roscoe, New York, and was a country doctor until 1975, when he moved to West Palm Beach, where he worked as a general practitioner until 1983. Dr. Goldstein received the Distinguished Educator Award in 1997 from the National Rural Health Association for aiding in the development of the COM's rural health program. In October 1999, Dr. Goldstein was awarded Professor Emeritus status by NSU-COM.

A. Alvin Greber, D.O.

Chair/Professor, Internal Medicine

Date of Hire: 1989

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Dr. Greber serves as program director for the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program, which is based at the Miami Heart Institute. Dr. Greber's major contribution to NSU-COM was the development of the Harvey teaching program, which utilizes a cardiology patient simulator. Harvey presents the classic auscultatory findings in the majority of cardiac pathologies. As a result of this learning experience, students are able to discern abnormal findings on their initial hospital rotations.

James Howell, M.D., M.P.H.

Chair/Associate Professor, Rural Medicine

Date of Hire: December 1999

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As chair of the Division of Rural Medicine, Dr. Howell coordinates the three-month clinical rotations at the community health centers and select institutions. He also organizes educational programs that address unique aspects of rural medicine and the rewards of rural practice. AHEC and the Division of Rural Medicine serve as unique informational resources for individuals working in the rural public health and health care fields.

Myron Howell, D.O.

Associate Professor, Family Medicine

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In 1992, after spending 30 years in a private family medicine practice in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, Dr. Howell established the Student Health Clinic at Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in North Miami Beach. He became chair of the Department of Family Medicine and is presently the director of medical education and program director at the North Broward Hospital District.

Lawrence Jacobson, D.O.

Associate Dean for Medical Education/Professor

Date of Hire: January 1995

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Dr. Jacobson's primary duties involve supervising, coordinating, and developing NSU-COM's education programs at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He also possesses one of the most extensive backgrounds of all current osteopathic college administrators. Dr. Jacobson has active experience in curriculum creation/implementation and is a first-rate developer of clinical teaching programs, postgraduate research, and medical specialty training.

Kenneth Johnson, D.O.

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Dr. Kenneth Johnson received his osteopathic degree in 1991 from NSU-COM. He completed a rotating internship at the CCOM in 1992. His residency in obstetrics and gynecology was successfully completed at Columbus Hospital. He currently serves as an attending physician in the Chris Evert Center for Women and Children at Broward General Medical Center. He also acts as the director of the Women's Health Center at NSU.

Richard Johnson, M.D.

Associate Professor/Chair, Surgery

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Dr. Johnson, who is based at Broward General Medical Center, participates in curriculum development by identifying surgical content for didactic courses in the first and second-year COM program. He also defines objectives for surgical rotations in the third and fourth years and acts as an on-site surgical rotation director at Broward General Medical Center.

Ronald B. Kaufman, D.O.

Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine

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Dr. Kaufman imparts his knowledge of the cardiology and internal medicine fields to NSU-COM students. He also facilitates multiple courses with the M-1 and M-2 small-group classes. In addition to serving on the interview teams, Dr. Kaufman collaborates with Dr. Greber to present the Harvey teaching program. Although he became a full-time NSU-COM faculty member in 1994, Dr. Kaufman's first academic affiliation with the university occurred in 1980 when he served as the original chair of the Division of Cardiology.

Robert Klein, D.O.

Assistant Dean for Medical Education

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

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Dr. Klein is responsible for guiding and directing faculty, staff, and students in the development and implementation of the M-1 and M-2 curriculum. In addition to ensuring the delivery of a quality academic program, Dr. Klein serves as course director for Clinical Correlation III and IV. He also utilizes his physician skills by administering treatment to patients at the Davie clinic.

Francis Komara, D.O.

Director, Geriatric Fellowship Program

Associate Professor, Geriatrics

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Dr. Komara's academic responsibilities include program development in both didactic and clinical geriatrics with the medical students, family medicine residents, and other professional students of the various disciplines at NSU. University medical students have a required didactic course and a one-month clinical rotation in geriatrics. In addition, Dr. Komara has been a key organizer in the development of a geriatric assessment program at NSU.

Leonard A. Levy, D.P.M., M.P.H.

Associate Dean, Education, Planning & Research

Professor, Family Medicine

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The scope of Dr. Levy's responsibilities encompasses planning new programs, as well as modifying and expanding existing ones. He assists faculty and students in developing research skills and protocols, plans and prepares comprehensive grant applications, and assists Dean Silvagni with special projects. Dr. Levy also is an expert in the communication of contemporary medical education methodology. Throughout his career, he has been strongly involved in the planning of training programs in primary care, rural health, and geriatrics.

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Dr. Lewis directs and coordinates the academic and administrative activities of the Division of Psychiatry. He identifies new opportunities for clinical training and participates in the recruitment, development, and evaluation of clinical and/or classroom part-time faculty. Dr. Lewis also assists in curriculum development and outcome evaluation activities for clinical and classroom courses offered through the Division of Psychiatry.

Fred Lippman, B.Sc., R.Ph.

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As executive vice chancellor and provost of the Health Professions Division, Mr. Lippman assists Chancellor Morton Terry with all aspects of the HPD. He also initiates new programs that will benefit NSU-HPD and serves as chief operating and academic officer. From 1978 through 1998, Mr. Lippman served with distinction as a member of Florida's House of Representatives.

Gary Merlino, D.O.

Associate Professor/Director, Medical Education, Miami Heart Institute Residency Program

Date of Hire: 1997

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Dr. Merlino provides leadership for the residency program from both the administrative and clinical aspect. He also works with physicians to develop new and challenging service rotations. One of the vital facets of Dr. Merlino's position involves serving on and chairing various committees to increase and ensure the high standards of educational excellence set by NSU-COM and the Miami Heart Institute and Medical Center.

Morton Morris, D.O., J.D.

Vice Chancellor and Deputy Provost, Health Professions Division

Date of Hire: July 1994

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As the vice chancellor and deputy provost for the Health Professions Division, Dr. Morris is involved with innumerable programs and activities. In terms of his role with NSU-COM, Dr. Morris is a professor of orthopedic surgery and family medicine and serves as chairman of NSU-COM's continuing medical education program.

Alan Morrison, D.O.

Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine

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Dr. Morrison is a member of numerous professional medical societies and associations. He has spoken at both local and regional scientific conferences and has contributed to medical literature as both an author and manuscript review board member. Currently, Dr. Morrison serves on the board of directors of the Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education and is actively involved in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the Miami Heart Institute and Medical Center.

Howard L. Neer, D.O.

Associate Dean/Professor, Alumni Affairs

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Dr. Neer directs and organizes all activities pertaining to COM alumni. His responsibilities include organizing reunions and fund-raisers, drafting newsletters, and responding to alumni job opportunity inquiries. He also administers the HPD's professional liability insurance policy. A graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Neer practiced family medicine in Plantation, Florida, for 36 years.

Robert Oller, D.O.

Chief Executive Officer, Health Care Centers; Professor, Family Medicine

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In February 1996, Dr. Oller was tapped to join NSU-COM in the capacity of professor and chairman of the Department of Family Medicine. In May 1997, Dr. Oller was also appointed chief executive officer of NSU's Health Care Centers, a position he still holds today. Prior to joining NSU-COM, he was a family medicine practitioner for 23 years in North Miami Beach

Charlotte A. Paolini, D.O.

Chair/Assistant Professor, Geriatrics

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Since joining NSU-COM's faculty as chair of the Division of Geriatrics, Dr. Paolini has immersed herself in a wide range of activities. Her COM agenda includes teaching and training students in clinical geriatrics and gerontology, designing a broad-based curriculum in the aforementioned fields, and researching/writing grant proposals. Before joining the NSU-COM team, Dr. Paolini devoted her talents to practicing rural family medicine on the southern coast of Maine, with special emphasis in geriatric medicine and women's health.

Robert Perraud, D.O.

Director of Medical Programs/ Associate Professor, Rural Medicine

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Dr. Perraud oversees the organization and implementation of medical programs for the community and prepares reports on the education disseminated at community sites. He assists faculty and administration in conducting site visits at the COM's affiliated rural clinics and assists in identifying appropriate instructional and evaluation methodology for specific programs.

Brian Portnoy, D.O.

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Dr. Portnoy is a native of New York but was raised in the heart of North Miami Beach, the original home of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a proud graduate of the University of Florida and is an alumnus of NSU-COM class of 1992. Currently, he is in private practice as a dermatologist and is the associate program director of the NSU-COM/North Broward Hospital District Dermatology Residency Program.

Mark Sandhouse, D.O.

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Dr. Sandhouse received his D.O. degree in 1988 from NSU-COM. He completed an undergraduate fellowship in osteopathic manipulative medicine during his medical training and concluded a rotating internship at Southeastern Medical Center. He is board certified in family medicine and is an associate professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine at NSU-COM.

Judith Schaffer, D.O.

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In her role as medical director of NSU-COM's Opa-Locka Family Health Center, Dr. Schaffer supervises a handful of medical students and/or physician assistants each week. She currently serves on a number of prestigious committees. They include the Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education, the Quality Improvement Committee, and the Academic Quality Assurance Committee.

Sandi Scott-Holman, D.O.

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

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Dr. Scott-Holman currently serves as the associate medical director at the Davie Family Medicine Clinic. In addition to her clinic chores, Dr. Scott-Holman teaches Clinical Correlation III and IV to second-year students and coordinates and teaches Clinical Correlation I and II to NSU-COM's first-year students. Like many faculty members, Dr. Scott-Holman obtained her medical degree from NSU-COM.

Daniel E. Shaw, Ph.D.

Chair/ Associate Professor, Behavioral Medicine

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Dr. Shaw currently acts as chair of the Department of Behavioral Medicine. In this capacity, he is responsible for the administrative, academic, and financial operation of the department, including the divisions of psychiatry and medical humanities. He has been a faculty member since November 1988 and has served in a variety of capacities for the COM and the Health Professions Division. As Webmaster for the college, he strives to tap the potential for the most practical applications relevant to teaching and learning.

Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm. D.*Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine**Date of Hire: July 1998**Extension: 1407**E-mail: silvagni@nova.edu*

As dean for the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Silvagni guides and directs faculty, staff, and students in the development, promotion, and delivery of the college's academic programs. He also establishes short-term and long-range plans and budgets for the college. Additionally, Dean Silvagni ensures that all college activities and operations are carried out in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations and laws governing NSU-COM.

Stanley Silverman, REMT-P*Assistant Professor, Continuing Education**Date of Hire: May 1995**Extension: 4368**E-mail: stansil@nova.edu*

Lt. Silverman has spent the past four decades working in the critical field of emergency medicine. In 1969, he was in the pilot program that certified EMT's. He participated in the first non-physician ACLS program, as well as the inaugural non-physician ACLS instructor's course. Lt. Silverman was in attendance at the grand opening of the Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine (SECOM) and has taught BLS and ACLS to every class that has graduated from NSU-COM.

Stanley Simpson, D.O.*Associate Professor, Family Medicine**Date of Hire: September 1992**Extension: 1443**E-mail: ssimpson@nova.edu*

Dr. Simpson serves as course director and instructor of Clinical Practicum 1-4. He also teaches Clinical Correlation III-IV and lectures at the College of Optometry. In addition to his teaching tasks, Dr. Simpson serves as chair of NSU-COM's Web Site Committee. He also devotes his time to the Academic Curriculum Committee, Syllabus Review Committee, Faculty Council Executive Committee, and Pre-Clinical Advisory Committee.

Arthur Snyder, D.O.*Acting Chair/Professor, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine**Extension: 4322**Date of Hire: 1984**E-mail: asnyder@nova.edu*

Dr. Snyder received his undergraduate degree from La Salle College in Philadelphia. He received his D.O. degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1944. Dr. Snyder worked as a family medicine practitioner in Philadelphia for nine years. In 1984, he received a faculty appointment as professor at Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine. In October 1999, Dr. Snyder was awarded Professor Emeritus status by NSU-COM.

Joseph Stasio, D.O.*Director, Family Medicine Residency Program, Palmetto General Hospital**Assistant Professor, Family Medicine**Date of Hire: July 1992**Extension: 1449**E-mail: stasio@nova.edu*

Dr. Stasio's diverse array of responsibilities includes overseeing the Family Medicine Residency Program based out of Palmetto General Hospital and chairing the Student Progress Committee. He directly supervises residents in patient care activities and provides classroom instruction in a number of subjects, including clinical practicum and evaluation.

Debra Cohn Steinkohl, M.H.S.A.

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Dr. Steinkohl's current academic role involves directing a program designed to increase medical students' interest in pursuing primary care careers. This program also includes a managed care curriculum designed to educate students and residents on the practices and principles of managed care and to prepare them for the challenges and opportunities facing physicians in managed care environments. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Steinkohl served as associate director of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program at NSU-COM.

Morton Terry, D.O.

Chancellor, Health Professions Division

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In 1980, Dr. Terry founded the Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in North Miami Beach. In 1987, thanks to his dedication, a new university system was created called Southeastern University of the Health Sciences. The final step in this educational genesis occurred in 1994, when a milestone merger was forged with Nova University to create what we now know as the Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division.

Margaret L. Wilkinson, Ph.D.

Director/ Assistant Professor, Clinical Curriculum & Graduate Medical Education

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Dr. Wilkinson's experience in medical education, voluntary health agency administration, and communications spans more than 25 years. In addition to her role as Director of Clinical Curriculum and Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Wilkinson serves as associate director of the Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME). Through the Consortium, the COM and 11 Florida hospitals provide comprehensive medical student and graduate medical education training.

Stanley S. Zimmelman, D.O.

Chair/ Assistant Professor, Radiology

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Dr. Zimmelman teaches first and second-year COM students and oversees the radiology department at the Sanford L. Ziff Health Care Center. Dr. Zimmelman also provides instruction to the family practice residents. Prior to joining the radiology department, he was an instructor in the Department of Family Medicine. His previous position was as attending staff radiologist at Parkway Regional Medical Center in North Miami Beach.

Steven Zucker, D.M.D., M.Ed.

Associate Dean and Director/ Professor

Community Affairs and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)

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Dr. Zucker is responsible for directing a regional AHEC system of academic/ community partnerships for NSU-COM, including a wide range of multidisciplinary, community-based, primary care education and training initiatives in underserved rural and urban communities. As a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine, he is actively involved in the rural medicine program's didactic and clinical training efforts. He also serves on the faculty of the NSU College of Dental Medicine and the College of Allied Health's Masters of Public Health Program.



STAFF

Ricardo Arriaza, B.S.
Assistant, Data Analysis and Development
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Mr. Arriaza's main mission is to provide administrative and computer support services for the Department of Data Analysis and Development. He helps with the development of databases and related forms, assists with computer troubleshooting, and prepares incoming evaluation/survey forms for scanning. Mr. Arriaza also performs system backups for users on the NSU-COM network.

Iris Berman
Receptionist
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Ms. Berman serves as the front desk receptionist for both the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Optometry. She greets individuals, answers the switchboard, and willingly tackles an array of tasks that effectively assists both colleges.

Irene Borges
Secretary, Area Health Education Centers Program and Community Affairs
Date of Hire: December 1996
Extension: 1419
E-mail: N/A

Ms. Borges coordinates support services for the Office of Community Affairs. This includes the federal and state-funded AHEC Program, the Border HETC Project, and numerous other special initiatives. She also provides administrative support in supervising the workflow of the office by delegating assignments and overseeing the performance of support staff. In addition, she helps coordinate the preparation of grants, contracts, and reports.

Cassandra Buoy
Secretary, Osteopathic Student Services
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Ms. Buoy performs general secretarial duties for the Office of Student Services. Her duties entail providing dress code and attendance assistance on a daily basis, aiding with the annual White Coat Ceremony, scheduling appointments for the master calendar, and coordinating a diverse scope of daily activities.

Val Butler
Program Specialist and Faculty Credentialing
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Ms. Butler issues faculty appointments for full and part-time faculty. Her responsibilities include processing faculty applications by checking for required credentials and verifying their validity. Additional duties include updating the faculty database and processing continuing medical education credits for full and part-time faculty. Ms. Butler also coordinates the electronic residency application service for fourth-year medical students.

Debi Carey
Secretary, Dean's Office
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Ms. Carey's primary role is providing support for Dr. Lawrence Jacobson, who serves as the COM's associate dean for medical education. Her duties include handling all correspondence and scheduling issues that emanate from Dr. Jacobson's office. Ms. Carey also provides backup support for Dean Silvagini and Executive Assistant Johneta Goodwin.

Annette Clarke, C.P.S.
Secretary, Dean's Office
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Ms. Clarke is responsible for expediting a range of tasks. They include assisting Johneta Goodwin in accessing accounts via the Banner System, handling the flow of internal and external phone calls, and processing check requests/purchase orders. Ms. Clarke provides able support for Ms. Goodwin and also devotes her time to assisting Dean Silvagni and Dr. Jacobson.

Bridgett Collier
Secretary, Area Health Education Centers Program and Community Affairs
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Ms. Collier interacts with Errol Lewin in the fiscal administration of the Office of Community Affairs/AHEC and HETC budgets. Her duties include record keeping for over \$2.9 million in federal and state budgets as well as preparing purchase orders and check requests. She also assists with the preparation of quarterly and annual financial reports, which are then submitted to the funding agencies.

Scott Colton, B.A.
Director of Education Communications
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This newly created position was established to augment the flow of COM communications, both internally and externally. To accomplish this goal, Mr. Colton will be developing a number of new projects. Additional duties include assisting with the COM's continuing medical education program and interacting with COM faculty and professional staff to acquire information that should be communicated within and outside of the college.

Dominique Esposito
Assistant to Dean Silvagni
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Ms. Esposito provides vital support for an increasingly busy COM dean. She screens Dean Silvagni's phone calls, coordinates his hectic schedule, types correspondence, and takes the minutes at a variety of meetings. In addition to providing able support for Johneta Goodwin, Ms. Esposito aids in the faculty recruitment process by scheduling interviews and coordinating travel accommodations.

Johneta Goodwin
Executive Assistant to the Dean
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As executive assistant to Dean Silvagni, Ms. Goodwin is responsible for ensuring that the Dean's Office functions in a smooth and efficient manner. Essentially, Ms. Goodwin serves as Dean Silvagni's "strong right arm." Her multifaceted abilities allow her to act as organizer, information source, and troubleshooter for the Dean's Office and all COM faculty and staff as well as the college in general. In addition, Ms. Goodwin serves on assorted committees and represents Dean Silvagni at various meetings and functions.

April Halaychik
Secretary, Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum
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Ms. Halaychik is responsible for the coordination of managed care organizations and numerous community-based primary care physicians who serve as academic training partners for approximately 330 first and second-year medical students. This program is designed to motivate and prepare medical students in their pursuit of a primary care career path.

Immacula Hamilton, B.S.
Administrative Secretary, Alumni Affairs
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Ms. Hamilton performs general secretarial duties as well as some administrative tasks. Her main role is to assist the Office of Alumni Affairs and Associate Dean Dr. Howard Neer in a variety of essential areas. She provides dictation and transcription of daily general correspondence, maintains alumni files and databases, and creates documents, systems, and printed materials that positively promote the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Cheryl Harris
Secretary, Medical Education
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Ms. Harris performs various secretarial duties for Dr. Myint Myint Aye and Dr. Robert Klein. As a support link for Dr. Aye, Ms. Harris assists with the systems courses for M-2 students. She revises the syllabi and schedules all systems exams. Ms. Harris also is responsible for taking minutes for the Syllabus Review Subcommittee and Pre-Clinical Advisory Committees.

Liane Hess
Secretary, Community Affairs
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Ms. Hess works closely with Dr. Zucker in a wide range of community outreach activities. She is affiliated with several programs involving NSU-COM students, including the Practice Opportunities Program and the Health Career Camps for high-school students from underserved South and Central Florida communities. She also works on the longitudinal tracking project and performs secretarial and clerical functions.

Elaine Lefkowitz
Director, Clinical Education
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One of the primary functions performed by Ms. Lefkowitz is to manage the COM's clinical education rotations for third and fourth-year medical students. She also assists in identifying and securing clinical sites for students and responds to student inquiries regarding clinical rotations and the selected locations.

Jessie Legros, M.P.H.
Statewide Project Administrator, Florida Border HETC Project
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Ms. Legros assists in the planning, development, and administration of various efforts focusing on immigrant and minority health training issues for health care providers. She conducts site visits and collaborates with the eight project centers located in high-impact immigrant and minority communities throughout the state. In addition, Ms. Legros coordinates statewide project planning meetings, teleconferences, and other training programs.

Errol Lewin, M.Sc., M.H.S.A.
Associate Director for Administration, Area Health Education Centers Program
Date of Hire: August 1994
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Mr. Lewin works in conjunction with Dr. Zucker in the administration of the AHEC Program and its many related community-based projects and programs. He participates in the development and monitoring of budgets, contracts, and affiliations/agreements, as well as in oversight of departmental personnel. In addition, Mr. Lewin serves as assistant professor in the College of Allied Health's Masters of Public Health Program, where he teaches courses in health care economics and finance.

Lashonda Linton
Administrative Secretary, Family Medicine
Date of Hire: June 1996
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Ms. Linton is responsible for providing operational and administrative support to the Department of Family Medicine. She functions as a liaison between faculty, administrators, staff, students, and outside contacts and handles a ceaseless stream of incoming phone calls. Ms. Linton also coordinates meetings, takes minutes, and prepares purchase requisitions and check requests.

Deena Martin
Secretary, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Date of Hire: February 1989
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Ms. Martin serves a dual role as both clinical and academic secretary. In her clinical mode, she registers patients, schedules appointments, handles the flow of phone information, and processes all necessary paperwork. In her academic secretarial role, Ms. Martin assists during practical exams, schedules appointments for faculty members, and types all academic paperwork.

Nancy May
Administrative Secretary, Health Education Training Center (HETC) Project

Date of Hire: October 1997

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Ms. May assists in the day-to-day administrative functions of the HETC Project, which focuses on immigrant and minority health-related training for physicians and other health professionals. Her responsibilities include helping to arrange local, regional, and statewide planning meetings, conference calls, and training programs. She also aids in the preparation of HETC grants, reports, and other related correspondence.

Marysel Morales
Coordinator, Rural Medicine

Date of Hire: July 1986

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Ms. Morales coordinates departmental communications, handles scheduling matters, and organizes student housing for the third and fourth-year medical students who participate in the rural rotations training. She also acts as an informational resource to the students working in rural areas. Ms. Morales monitors and updates all rural housing lease affiliations for the students and residents and works with the Rural Preceptor Program, which is designed to thank rural preceptors for training NSU-COM students.

Larry Newbree, M.S.
Director, Osteopathic Student Services

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Mr. Newbree oversees all student-related services, supervises and maintains standards for student behavior, and coordinates/updates information for publication in the college catalog and student handbook. Mr. Newbree also acts as advisor and liaison for COM clubs and organizations. He assists students with the resolution of questions and concerns and works directly with campus and HPD personnel to complete the goals and objectives of the COM and the Office of Osteopathic Student Services.

Kevin Nugent, EMT-P
Director, EMS Education and Training

Date of Hire: August 1998

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Mr. Nugent directs and oversees day-to-day efficient operational design of continuing education programs for paramedics, nurses, physicians, and other requesting client groups. Additional duties include maintaining daily sign-in sheets, registration/completion cards, and evaluations. Mr. Nugent also strives to improve and enhance continuing education course descriptions based on current training standards.

Helen Quigley
Interdepartmental Secretary, Internal Medicine

Date of Hire: December 1998

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Ms. Quigley's duties include typing various correspondence and responding to physician requests concerning the preparation of handouts and additional supplemental instructional materials. She prepares honorarium check requests for the department, creates PowerPoint slides for class presentations, and handles an array of additional clerical functions for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Sarah Rohan
Secretary, Graduate Medical Education

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Ms. Rohan develops and implements data for the Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME) Web page and acts as liaison to various sites that are members of the CEME. She also coordinates compressed video lecture series and performs numerous other administrative tasks such as scheduling rooms and taking minutes.

Janet Shell
Assistant, Medical Education, Miami Heart Institute

Miami Heart Institute

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Ms. Shell functions as a liaison between Medical Education Director Dr. Gary Merlino and the hospital staff, interns, residents, and students. She manages and coordinates the day-to-day operations of the office and assists Dr. Merlino with special assignments. Ms. Shell also participates on various hospital committees to strengthen communication and interaction between NSU-COM and the Miami Heart Institute and Medical Center.

Rita Silverman, M.P.S.
Director of Clinical Research
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As the director of clinical research, Ms. Silverman is responsible for procuring and implementing clinical research trials, as well as securing grants and contracts from external agencies. Another focus of her position involves developing awareness in the community and the pharmaceutical industry of NSU research opportunities and capabilities. Ms. Silverman also coordinates and conducts clinical research trials with the NSU faculty, health care clinic, and pharmacy.

Patti Stauffer, M.S.E.S.
Assistant Director for Programs and Services, Area Health Education Centers Program
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Ms. Stauffer assists in the planning, development, and implementation of a wide variety of programs within the Office of Community Affairs/AHEC. She also serves as a liaison in coordinating collaborative programs with field staff from the Everglades and Central Florida AHEC centers. In addition, Ms. Stauffer participates in the ongoing Florida AHEC network evaluation and reporting system and assists Dr. Zucker with the preparation and submission of AHEC grants and contracts.

Laura Tokayer, M.P.A.
Director, Data Analysis and Development
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Ms. Tokayer designs survey and evaluation tools, processes incoming data, and generates summary reports for various applications such as student/alumni surveys and course/instructor evaluations. She creates and enhances databases, as requested, to track various activities and serves on the Academic Evaluation Subcommittee.

Katy Twist
Secretary, Clinical/Graduate Medical Education
Date of Hire: October 1999
Extension: 1493
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Ms. Twist's primary function is to assist the Office of Clinical/Graduate Medical Education administrative staff. Ms. Twist composes correspondence, answers phone calls, maintains student rotation records, and interacts with medical students who are seeking information relative to their elective rotation schedules.

Janet Vargas
Coordinator, Family Medicine
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Ms. Vargas coordinates a variety of activities for the Department of Family Medicine, such as the Surrogate Patient Program and Clinical Practicum 1-4. As the official "overseer of minutiae," Ms. Vargas lines up surrogates for the clinical practicums, sets up the student schedules, and serves as staff liaison for the facilitators of these programs.

Margo White
Coordinator, EMS Education and Training
Date of Hire: 1989
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Ms. White assists EMS Education and Training Director Kevin Nugent with the development and design of promotional materials for the continuing education programs. She creates monthly calendars, helps coordinate materials for continuing education instructors, and serves as a liaison to instructors and staff for persons interested in the programs.

Linda Zaidel, B.A.
Coordinator, Education, Planning, and Research
Date of Hire: October 1994
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Ms. Zaidel assists Dr. Levy in all aspects relating to the Department of Education, Planning, and Research. Her tasks include setting up meetings, aiding with purchase orders, and assisting with research projects and grant proposals. In addition, Ms. Zaidel organizes the academic schedule for the first and second-year students and coordinates the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) Level 1 and 2. She also is responsible for assisting other departmental staff.