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### Marife Aczon-Armstrong, PhD,



**MSCP, RN,** Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii at Manoa placed first for her oral/poster presentation,

*Relation of Depression to Substance Use and Chronic Illness in Asians/Pacific Islanders*, at the 33rd Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA) National Convention recently held in San Antonio, Texas. The PNAA National Convention is an annual event for Filipino nurses nationally and internationally and well attended by its members. More than 400 delegates/attendees with more than 40 oral/poster presentations were presented during the 2012 convention.



### Bridgette Brawner, PhD, APRN,



has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor of Nursing in the Standing Faculty, effective July 1, 2012, at the

University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Dr. Brawner received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2003 from Villanova University; her Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing in 2005; and her PhD in Nursing Science from University of Pennsylvania in 2009. Immediately

after earning her doctorate, she had the distinct honor of becoming the first Distinguished Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania from 2009 – 2012. In 2011 Dr. Brawner received funding as a Visiting Research Fellow at Yale University's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS.

Her focus of research centers around multi-level, multi-method, biobehavioral approaches to sexual health risks and promotion in disenfranchised populations and the development of comprehensive, evidence-based sexual health promotion strategies. Her research plans include the integration of biological and behavioral science to prevent HIV/STIs among clinically depressed Black adolescent females and the comparative analysis of determinants of HIV/AIDS among Black Philadelphians. She has published nine peer-reviewed articles (3 as first author) in publications such as *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*, *Journal of Nursing Education* and *American Journal of Men's Health*.

### Dorothy Hawthorne-Burdine, PhD,



**RN,** was selected as the 2011-2012 Golden Apple Award recipient at the Oakland University School of Nursing. In

order to be selected for consideration, students were asked to submit their nominations with a brief statement as to why faculty should be recognized. The Selection Committee chose

Dr. Hawthorne-Burdine from the nominations submitted as going above and beyond her teaching requirements and demonstrating involvement with and commitment to her students. In addition to receiving a golden apple, the award also included a monetary gift. Dr. Hawthorne-Burdine was the first nurse in the Nation to be offered a post-doctoral fellowship in the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/ National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) T-32 Genetics Program. Read more about Dr. Hawthorne-Burdine and her research on the relationship between hormones and sickle cell disease in the PULSE Magazine: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/5da839e6#/5da839e6/18>

### John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN,



the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing's John Wyrmer Distinguished Professor, has received two prestigious awards

for his research and leadership. Florida Atlantic University (FAU) presented Dr. Lowe with a "University Researcher of the Year" award at FAU's Honors Convocation in April 2012. In addition, the Florida Nurses Association selected Dr. Lowe as South Florida Region "Nurse of the Year" for 2012.

Dr. Lowe is known for his dedication to developing substance abuse prevention for Native American Youth. To help pursue prevention solutions, Dr. Lowe received two grants from the National Institutes of Health's

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National Institute on Drug Abuse. The research enabled by these grants benefits Native American youth as well as FAU nursing students who work alongside Dr. Lowe. He is one of only 17 Native American nurses with a doctoral degree in the United States and has introduced FAU nursing students to the Trail of Tears, a forced march west to Oklahoma beginning more than a century ago when soldiers acted to remove Cherokees living in the southeast. Dr. Lowe takes groups of students to Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma as part of their community health experience, an integrative nursing practicum. [See Link](#)

### Colonel Jacqueline Payne-Borden,



USAFR, NC was the third author of a manuscript, *Evolution of Counseling in Jamaica: Past, Present, and Future Trends*,

published in the January 2012 issue of the American Counseling Association's *Journal of Counseling & Development*. [Read Article](#).

In 1985 Colonel Payne-Borden received a Direct Commission into the United States Air Force, with the intent of entering the Active Duty Air Force; however, she decided to join the Air Force Reserves as a "fit test." Her initial assignment was a flight nurse with the 69th Air Evacuation Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ. During this assignment she received training on the C141, C130 and the C9 aircrafts as was the Medical Crew Director on various flights transporting and caring

for patients to and from England, Iceland, Germany, Greenland, Hawaii, Turkey, Italy, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Portugal. In 1888, Colonel Payne decided to serve her country fulltime and was stationed at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base where she worked on a 40 bed medical unit for men, an 11 bed multi-service VIP unit and a 25 bed mental health unit. While in the rank of Captain, she was one of only two Psychiatric Nurse Liaisons for the 300+ bed medical center. Currently Colonel Payne-Borden is serving as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA). Her diverse nursing background has enabled her to hold and excel in a variety of positions in support of the US Air Force's mission.

Colonel Payne received her PhD in March 2006 from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

### Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN,



FAAN, FAANP, the first Hispanic male to earn a doctorate in nursing in the United States, currently serves as Dean of the School of Nursing at the

University of Texas, El Paso, the first Hispanic to assume such a position. Dean Provencio-Vasquez has been a clinician, educator, researcher, and administrator. He is well-known nationally and internationally for his work with at-risk women and their families. His background and expertise is primary care and

development assessments of HIV and drug-exposed infants, children, and adolescents. He has published and presented in numerous nursing, community, and interdisciplinary forums and is the principal investigator on two funded research projects.

Dean Provencio-Vasquez is a national role model to minority students and was named the Nation's Top Influential Hispanics-Corporate by Hispanic Business Magazine in October 2010. He is a member of the National Advisory Committee of the New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Programs, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. In addition, he holds "fellowship" status in several prestigious national organizations: United States Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Program; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Developing Leadership and Reducing Substance Abuse; American Association of Colleges of Nursing Leadership for Academic Nursing Programs; American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; American Academy of Nursing, and the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellows Program.