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## Linda K. Gunzburger, PhD 1949 - 2005

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When not nurturing her 50 tomato plants or reading history and biography books, Dr. Linda K. Gunzburger preferred to spend her free time at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she served as a clinical professor in the family medicine department.

"Linda was very much a people person and was very concerned about health and nutrition," said her husband, John. "She really didn't have any hobbies. She loved what she did and would do it for hours on end."

When she arrived at UIC in 1999, Dr. Gunzburger brought with her decades of experience, having been associate dean and associate professor in continuing medical education at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia. At UIC, her position involved helping the faculty develop scholarship and research programs, directing them to likely sources of funding or a successful way to present a scholarly paper. She also chaired the department's promotions and tenure committee.

"Linda was very dedicated, very humble," said Patrick Tranmer, head of the UIC family medicine department. "She always gave advice and encouragement and had nothing but positive things to say about people. She gave people ideas on where to go for information, for funding or connecting with other resources to facilitate a program or project. She also gave them ideas for scholarships and research."

Dr. Gunzburger, 56, of Channahon, died of heart disease, Wednesday, Oct. 12, in a hospital in California while on a business trip. She was born and raised in Kettering, Ohio, and received her bachelor's degree in secondary education and evaluation and master's degree in education, administration and counseling, both from the University of Dayton. From 1972 to 1976, she was a research assistant, educational specialist and education director at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Gunzburger moved to Loyola in 1976 and later rose from an instructor of community and family medicine to associate dean of educational research and development and associate professor of community and family medicine. She received her doctorate in curriculum evaluation and professional education in 1980 from the University of Chicago. In 1995 she joined Hahnemann as professor and associate dean for medical education.

She co-edited a book on medical education and wrote numerous articles and presented seminars on the subject. She also was the founder and senior academic vice president of University M.D.-PhD Educators, a continuing medical education provider and program evaluation organization based in Channahon.

She and her future husband were neighbors who met when they were in junior high school and began dating in high school. They married in 1972 and lived for many years in Burr Ridge. Other survivors include her parents, Edward and Virginia Kilian; and brothers, Jim and John. Services have been held.

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The Department of Family Medicine is establishing the **Professor Linda K. Gunzburger Memorial Fund** in honor of the many educational contributions Linda has made to the UIC family. To continue her efforts an annual award of \$1,000 will be given to a recipient demonstrating excellence in academic achievement in the areas of education, research and scholarly work.

Those interested in contributing to this fund may write a check payable to the **UIF - L Gunzburger Memorial Fund** and send to:

UIC Department of Family Medicine  
1919 W. Taylor St. MC 663  
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Attn: Marty McDermott

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The DFM in conjunction with the University of Illinois Medical Center sponsored the GET REAL—About Personal Health & Campus Safety, a free event for students enrolled at UIC and surrounding city colleges. A series of small group workshops took place daily during the last week of October on various topics including: contraception, stress management, STIs, nutrition, alcohol & drug abuse, relationship violence, and presentations by the UIC campus police and a personal trainer from the UIC rec center. These issues were then discussed the evening of the 27th by cast members of the TV program Real World, who related their own personal stories of adversity and how they GOT REAL as a result. Upon arrival at the Pavilion, attendees were welcomed by variety of campus organizations giving free information and prizes. A warm-up band took center stage to engage the crowd who then had the opportunity to interact with the Real World cast. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who made this program a reality!

### Family Medicine Physicians Present a Positive View of the Specialty.

On October 24 a panel of Family Physicians made a successful presentation of the benefits of a career in Family Medicine to UIC Medical students. The event was organized by "Club Med" the Internal Medicine Interest Group. Panelists, from primary Internal Medicine and Family Medicine described their training, current work and prospects for the specialty.

Panelists included Nicole Moses, MS4 who plans a career in FM, Dr Andrew Dykens, MD PGY-2 Resident in Family Medicine at UIC, Dr Jim Cunnar MD (pictured at right), in private Family Medicine practice in Naperville, IL, and Mark Potter MD, Residency Program Director, Family Medicine at UIC.



Student questions related to private practice opportunities, midlevel practitioners, and scope of training. Student responses to the panel presentation were very positive.

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Patrick Tranmer, MD, MPH** on his dual appointment to the rank of **Joint Professor in the Department of Medical Education**.

Congratulations to **Maureen Gecht** for receiving the 2005 Bronze Medal Award from the National Health Information Resource Center for her article **"When You're Caring for Young Children"**. This award honors the nation's best consumer health information programs and materials.

Congratulations to **Dr. Nipa Shah** for the publication of her article **"Hidradenitis Suppurativa: A Treatment Challenge"** in the October 15, 2005 issue of American Family Physician

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Feldman, M.D.**, pediatric/adolescent coordinator for the UIC/Illinois Masonic Family Practice Residency, and director of the school-based health clinic at Lake View and Amundsen High Schools, has been named a **Community-Focused Health Collaboration Fellow** for the coming year by the International Center for Health Leadership Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Congratulations to **Drs. Richard Guthmann and Jane Bang**, PGY III, who published an article in the American Family Physician Journal in October 2005 titled **"FPIN's Clinical Inquiries, Combined Oral Contraceptives for Mothers Who Are Breastfeeding"**.

## Update on the R2 Community Medicine Rotation

R2s will have new experiences this year during their one-month required community medicine rotation. The rotation will be offered in Nov 2005 and January 2006. Resident activities will include home visits, coordinating the integration of community resources into individual patient care, conducting a community/health assessment, visiting and investigating the resources for patients of multiple community agencies, and conducting in health education activities in a community setting.

This is a unique rotation because the residents' individual interests and needs determine how they carry out the rotation's core activities. Each resident will conduct home visits with continuity patients of their choice whose needs cannot be met in a normal clinic visit. They will explore resources and integrate some of them into individual patient care plans. In addition, residents will visit at least five community agencies. They will tour some community agencies, based on their preferences, such as Women's Alcohol Treatment Center and provide health education at others such as Rainbow House, a domestic violence shelter. Their community education activities will reflect the particular interests of the residents, such as substance abuse/addiction, nutrition, maternal child health, etc. At Rainbow house, for example, the residents will teach mothers how to provide healthy snacks to their children and/or how to promote physical activity with their children.

In addition to the experiential aspects of the program, residents will participate in seven educational seminars and workshops, three to be conducted by outside speakers and four by UIC DFM faculty. UIC DFM faculty will also participate in supervising home visits.

We anticipate that the opportunities for residents to work with a wide range of faculty, patients and agencies during this one-month rotation will significantly enhance their learning.



**Maureen Gecht, MPH,**  
Director of Patient  
Education



## CGEA CONSULTATION GRANT

The challenge of making precepting encounters in outpatient settings meaningful learning experiences for residents and students is widely recognized. Numerous reports in the literature suggest strategies that preceptors can use to enhance their teaching effectiveness. There are, however, few reports of faculty development models that actually result in behavioral change by preceptors. Wilkerson and Irby (1998), in a comprehensive review of the literature regarding strategies for improving teaching practices, conclude that faculty development programs should include intensive courses or workshops, coupled with a teaching assessment system and individual consultation.

With partial support by a grant from the Central Group on Educational Affairs (CGEA) of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), three of our faculty, Karen Connell, Director of Educational Development, Memoona Hasnain, Director of Research, and Patrick Tranmer, Department Head, recently completed the kind of multi-faceted faculty development program recommended by the literature. Eleven volunteer faculty, representing three Chicago-area residency programs (UIC, Cook County-Loyola-Provident, and St. Elizabeth's), participated. The program focused on enhancing preceptors' ability to promote resident thinking during precepting encounters. It spanned a four-month period and consisted of 1) three half-day workshops, 2) self-assessment of audio-taped precepting encounters between workshops, using a seven-item preceptor effectiveness checklist, and 3) individual consultations with a program faculty member, based on review of participants' self-assessed, audio-taped precepting encounters. Each site team is planning a short workshop for their respective colleagues to introduce them to what they learned in the program.

The following faculty completed the program:

UIC: Drs. Maria Albright, Emily Godfrey, Nanda Khatkhate, Lola Okunade, and Nipa Shah.

Cook County-Loyola-Provident: Drs. Juliet Bradley, Debbie Donelson, and Camilla Larsen

St. Elizabeth's: Drs. Carmen Fotso, Elias Murciano, Lizbet Ronning.

The program is being evaluated by comparing pre, post, and four-month follow-up videotaped samples of each preceptor's behavior as well as by pre and post program assessments of each participant by residents, and self-assessments.

Plans are underway to seek support to offer a version of the program to other Chicago-area residencies. Interested faculty or program directors should contact Karen Connell at 312-996-6382 or by email at [kconnell@uic.edu](mailto:kconnell@uic.edu).

In response to the tragic effects of **Hurricane Katrina**, the Department of Family Medicine sponsored a fundraiser to raise money in support the relief efforts of the **American Red Cross**. Coordinated by administrative staff who volunteered their time, **\$1500** was collected through the sale of Taffy Apples and monetary donations. Thank you to all who supported this cause.



Together, we can save a life

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### FALL '05 DFM MVTP

Congratulations to **Frances Trejo, Information Services Supervisor**, Finance and Billing, who has been selected the **DFM Most Valuable Team Player** for the fall 2005. Fran received nominations for this recognition from several people who made the following comments about her:

*Fran is an important asset to the finance and billing area of the Department. She has the skills, work ethic and ambition required to be successful. She accepts responsibility willingly, is independent, provides superior knowledge and gets the job done. She is reliable, trustworthy and a role model to her peers. I realize how fortunate we are to have her in family medicine and I strive to make her experience a challenging and rewarding one.*

*Fran began working in family medicine in June 2004 and since she arrived, she has demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills well-suited to the position she holds.*

*During the past year, the billing and finance area of the Department of which Fran is a staff member has been undergoing continuous and significant restructuring. There have been several personnel and numerous process changes requiring flexibility of staff. Fran has sought and accepted additional responsibilities eagerly and impressed her supervisor and peers in all aspects of inpatient, outpatient and OB billing processes. She interacts with staff, clinicians, and patients in a professional and caring manner.*

Also nominated and honorable mentions are extended to: Brian Dudkiewicz, MD, Inpatient Director; Chris Bobek, RN, MS, Nurse Practitioner, OCC; Laura Landmeier, Director of Physician Practice, OCC; and Rita Smaw, Assistant Director, Physician Practice, OCC.

UIC Employee Recognition Week is 10/31/05—11/04/05. Congratulations to the following DFM OCC employees for reaching milestones in years of service at UIC:

**20 Years**

Deborah Sheu

**15 Years**

Nancy Gazdziak

Doris Nelson-Mitchell

**10 Years**

Renee Carmicle

Kara Perry

**5 Years**

Nathan Harvey



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