Saint Louis University School of Nursing 7th Annual Advanced Practice Nursing Skills Workshops Faculty

Christopher Kim, MD
Dr. Christopher Kim specializes in sports medicine with a focus on arthroscopic and minimally invasive surgery of the shoulder, knee, and ankle. His clinical and research interests include cartilage preservation and knee ligament surgery. Dr. Kim is an instructor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery, at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, and the Missouri Shoulder and Elbow Society.

Throughout his training, Dr. Kim provided care for athletes of all levels, including professional athletes from the Winnipeg Jets (NHL) and Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL), and Division 1 collegiate athletes at Duke University. He is currently team physician to the SLU Billikens.

Christopher R Hemmer, DNP, ANP
Dr. Christopher Hemmer is an Assistant Professor at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. He is a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) as well as the Vice President at Piper Spine Care.

Dr. Hemmer's research area is in vertebral compression fractures and osteoporosis. Specifically, the identification and management of fractures and osteoporosis in the adult population is a strong area of interest.

Dr. Hemmer is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, North American Spine Society, Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners, National Association of Orthopedic Nurses and St. Louis Spine Society.

Karen Moore, DNP, APRN, ANP, BC
Dr. Karen Moore is an Associate Professor and Adult-Gero Primary Care NP Program Coordinator at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. She is a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) and an Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP).

Dr. Moore's research interests include occupational and environmental health topics focusing primarily on international travelers' health and infectious disease. Additional areas of interest include orthopedics, pain management, evidence-based practice, and health promotion. Dr. Moore is a member of Sigma Theta Tau – National Honor Society of Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine - Affiliate, St. Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice, Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners, Missouri Nurses Association, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty and Chair of the Global HealthInternational Special Interest Group, and International Society of Travel Medicine.
Geralyn A. Ochs MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP

Geralyn A. Ochs is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Adult Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program at Saint Louis University. For the past twenty years Ms. Ochs has been responsible for the curriculum design, content and implementation of the program. Her clinical practice is in Emergency Medicine at a Level One trauma facility.

Ms. Ochs is an active member of several State and National organizations in a variety of positions that directly influence the practice of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Ms Ochs has contributed to the transforming nursing practice thru numerous presentations nationally and internationally as well as a consultant to practicing nurse practitioners in the community. She has authored in both textbooks and study guides for medical/ surgical nursing.

Dwight M. Jones Jr., MSN, APRN, NP-C, RRT, EMT

Dwight Jones Jr received his MSN from Saint Louis University, Adult Nurse Practitioner program, where he is currently pursuing his DNP as well. He also has received his post-graduate certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner which he uses daily as a FNP at Care StL Health providing care to the underserved. Dwight has always had the desire to be within the healthcare field, he began his health care career as a licensed paramedic, progressed to a Registered Respiratory Therapist and eventually changed paths to nursing. Published in Journal for Nurse Practitioner, Feb 2016. He is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, AANP, American Association Emergency NP, Committee member for the Missouri Time Critical Diagnosis Professional Education Work Group for STEMI and Stroke. He is published in Code 3 Emergency and featured in the AARC Respiratory Times Magazine 2005. He is also a Former Member, Missouri Society of Respiratory Care – Former Board Member & District Representative and Contributer Missouri School Asthma Manual 2002

Melissa Carlucci, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC

Melissa Carlucci received an MS from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Nursing, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program, in 2010 and a DNP from Saint Louis University School of Nursing in 2017. She has been a faculty member at the UIC College of Nursing since 2011 and currently serves as coordinator of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. She has an active clinical practice as a nurse practitioner in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep and Allergy Medicine at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. Her clinical area of interest is the diagnosis and management of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). She has published and given scholarly presentations on OSA and other pulmonary and sleep topics in the academic setting and on the national level.
Maureen Smith, DNP, APRN

Maureen Smith is a nurse practitioner in the University of Illinois Health Science Systems, Sleep Disorders Center in Chicago, IL. She has over 25 years of experience working in sleep disorders medicine, both in research operations and as a clinician. She has published in various academic journals on topics in sleep disorders, as well as presented at national and international conferences on obstructive sleep apnea. She also serves as a clinical preceptor for doctoral nurse practitioner students from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing and introduces them to sleep disorders management in the primary care setting.

Shellie Hill, D.N.P., RN, FNP-BC

Shellie Hill DNP, FNP-BC currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the MSN-NP program at Saint Louis University.

She has been a Family Nurse Practitioner for 17 years. Most of her practice has been in primary care, but she also has experience in urgent care.

She is passionate about dermatology and has studied it extensively. Her Doctorate capstone was titled “Skin Cancer Screenings in Primary Care”. She attends national dermatology conferences regularly. She has also presented at several local and regional conferences on dermatological problems.

Margaret R. Benz, M.S.N.(R), APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP

Margaret Benz is an Assistant Professor at Saint Louis University School of Nursing.

In 2012, Margaret was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon as the first nurse in the State of Missouri to the Missouri Health Net Oversight Committee where she currently serves as the Vice Chair. She also received a commendation award for volunteerism from President Obama for service to the community. She is a recipient of St Louis Magazine's Excellence in Nursing Award in 2013 with a perfect score as well as the 2014 AANP State Excellence Award. Additionally, Margaret won the 2014 March of Dimes Nurse of the year award in the Educator Category.

Her professional organizations and associations include Sigma Theta Tau International (officer), AANP, (Missouri State Representative) American Nurses Association, Missouri Nurses Association (MOCAP Rep St Louis), Saint Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice (Advocacy Chair), American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (Fellow), National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, Distance learning Special Interest Group (NONPF), Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners. (St Louis Rep), Alpha Sigma Nu, Honorary Inductee 2016