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## kudos: a selection of recent awards and honors received by Rutgers-Newark faculty and staff

**Mary Grace Amendola**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, received a faculty award from the New Jersey Nursing Students Association.



**Mark Angelson**, alumnus, Rutgers School of Law – Newark, and chair of NewPage Corporation, was inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni in May.



**Judith Barberio**, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, wrote a chapter titled “Starting a Practice and Practice Management” in the book *Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials for Role*

*Development* (F.A. Davis Company, 2013) edited by **Lucille Joel**.

**Marc Berson**, alumnus, Rutgers School of Law – Newark, made a \$150,000 gift to the Faculty of

Arts and Sciences to support the Clement A. Price Endowment for the Humanities.



**Frances V. Bouchoux**, alumna and senior associate dean, Rutgers School of Law–Newark, awarded the Trailblazer Award from the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association.

**Felesia Bowen**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, authored “Asthma Education and Health Outcomes of Children Aged 8 to 12 Years,” published in *Clinical Nursing Research* (Vol. 22, No. 2). She also joined the leadership board of the American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic for a one-year term, effective April 2013. Moreover, Bowen will be a 2013 Summer Nursing Research Institute fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. [more](#)

**Jeanne Boyle**, associate university librarian, Planning and Organizational Research, has been appointed interim assistant chancellor and director of John Cotton Dana Library.

**Marcia Brown**, alumna, Rutgers School of Law – Newark, and associate dean of program development, School of Public Affairs and Administration, received a “Women on

Fire" Award from friends of DeNiqua Matias for "carrying the torch of strength and excellence in the community." Brown was recognized at the Senator Wynona Lipman Legacy Breakfast for her commitment to protecting the interests and rights of children and families. She also was named a YMCA of Newark Leaders & Legends Honoree.



**Edna Cadmus**, clinical professor, College of Nursing, received the 2012 Impact Award from the Organization of Nurse Executives-NJ. She also wrote a chapter titled "Leadership for

APNs: If Not Now, When?" in the book *Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials for Role Development* (F.A. Davis Company, 2013) edited by **Lucille Joel**.

**Barbara Cannella**, clinical associate professor, College of Nursing, received a faculty award from the New Jersey Nursing Students Association.

**Kornel Chang**, assistant professor, Department of History, has been selected as an Academy of Arts and Sciences fellow for the 2013-2014 academic year. He also delivered the international keynote speech at Australian National University for the "Labour Migration in the Asia-Pacific: Race, History, and Heritage" research symposium.

**Laura Cohen**, clinical professor, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, received the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Award given by the National Juvenile Defender Center. She also received the Legal Leadership Award bestowed by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey.

**Adriana Cuervo** has been appointed associate director of the Institute of Jazz Studies. In that role, she will be responsible for public services and will serve as one of the liaisons to the Masters Program in Jazz History and Research and related disciplines. She formerly served as archivist of the Sousa Archives at the University of Illinois.



**Kimberly DaCosta-Holton**, associate professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, delivered the 2012-2013 Hosford Scholar lecture. The Hosford Scholars program was

established by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS-N) in 2004 in recognition of former FAS-N Dean David Hosford's commitment to academic excellence.



**Mark Di Ionno**, alumnus and adjunct professor, Department of Arts, Culture and Media, was named a finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in the news commentary category for his reporting in *The Star-Ledger*. [more](#)

**Nancy DiTomaso**, professor and vice dean for faculty and research, Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick, published a book titled *The American Non-Dilemma: Racial Inequality Without Racism* (CUP Services, 2012). [more](#)

**Jon Dubin**, associate dean, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, co-authored *Social Security Disability: Law and Procedure in Federal Court* (ThomsonReuters/West Publishing Co., 2013).



**Douglas Eakeley**, a nationally recognized trial and appellate attorney, is the first holder of the Alan V.

Lowenstein Chair in Corporate and Business Law at the Rutgers School

of Law—Newark. The chair was established by the late Alan V. Lowenstein, founder of Lowenstein Sandler PC, one of the leading law firms in New Jersey, and a major figure in the state's legal and non-profit communities. [more](#)

**Lucille Sanzero Eller**, associate professor, College of Nursing, co-authored the following publications: "Use of a Brief Version of the Self-compassion Inventory with an International Sample of People with HIV/AIDS," published in *AIDS Care* (March 2013); and "Focus on Increasing Treatment Self-Efficacy to Improve Human Immunodeficiency Virus Treatment Adherence," published in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* (Vol. 44, No. 4). [more](#)



**John Farmer Jr.**, dean, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, was appointed senior vice president and general counsel of Rutgers University in April 2013 for a term of 12-18 months. [more](#)

**Steve Gold**, associate professor, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, authored the following articles: "A Fitting Vision of Science for the Courtroom," published in the *Wake Forest Journal*

*of Law & Policy* (Vol. 3:1), and "When Certainty Dissolves into Probability: A Legal Vision of Toxic Causation for the Post-Genomic Era," published in the *Washington and Lee Law Review* (Vol. 70, No. 1).

**Steven Goldstein**, associate chancellor for external relations, was honored by National Stop the Violence for his civil rights activism and his work at Garden State Equality. [more](#)

**Rigoberto Gonzalez**, professor, Department of English, MFA in Creative Writing, published two novels: *Autobiography of My Hungers* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2013) and *Red-Inked Retablos* (University of Arizona Press, 2013). He also was a recipient of the 2013 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award given by Poets & Writers, Inc. [more](#)

**Deanna Gray-Miceli**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Fairleigh Dickinson School of Nursing and Allied Health. She also serves as an expert facilitator of the Falls Evidence-Based Practice group for the Geriatric Education Centers National Training and Coordination Collaborative.



**Rachel Hadas**, professor, Department of English, MFA in Creative Writing, published *The Golden Road*, a collection of poetry (Triquarterly, 2012). She also is editor of *The Waiting Room Reader, Volume II: Words to Keep You Company*

(CavanKerry Press, 2013), an anthology of poetry and stories.

**Stephanie Hoopes Halpin**, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, authored *ALICE, Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed: Study of Financial Hardship in New Jersey* (United Way of Northern New Jersey, 2012). [more](#)



**Adil Haque**, associate professor, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, wrote the following articles: "Law and Morality at War," published in *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (June 2012), "The Revolution and the Criminal Law," published in *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (Vol. 7, No. 2), and "Retributivism: The Right and the Good," published in *Law and Philosophy* (Vol. 32, No. 1). [more](#)

**Matthew Hayat**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, authored "Understanding Sample Size Determination in Nursing Research," published in *Western Journal of Nursing Research* (April 2013). He co-authored "Teaching Statistics to Nursing Students: An Expert Panel Consensus," published in *Journal of Nursing Education* (April 2013). [more](#)

**Mohammad Herzallah**, neuroscience doctoral student, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, was named one of the "500 Most Powerful Arabs in the World" by *Arabian Business Magazine*.

**Diane Hill**, assistant chancellor, Office of University-Community Partnerships, received the 2013 Education Miracle Maker Award from United Way of Essex and West Hudson. [more](#)



**William Holzemer**, dean, College of Nursing, co-authored the following publications: "Use of a Brief Version of the Self-compassion

Inventory with an International Sample of People with HIV/AIDS," published in *AIDS Care* (March 2013); and "Focus on Increasing Treatment Self-Efficacy to Improve Human Immunodeficiency Virus Treatment Adherence," published in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* (Vol. 44, No. 4). He also was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Organization of Nurse Executives-New Jersey.



**Marc Holzer**, dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, received the 2013 Dwight Waldo Career Research Award from the American Society for Public Administration. [more](#)

The Institute for Ethical Leadership at the Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick received \$1.6 million from Prudential Financial, Inc., and \$850,000 from the Prudential Foundation for general operating support. **James Abruzzo** and **Alex Plinio** are co-founders of the institute.

**Lucille Joel**, professor, College of Nursing, published the third edition of *Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials for Role Development* (F.A. Davis Company, 2013). She also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Nurses Association. [more](#)

*Climate Change Policy Failures: Why Conventional Mitigation Approaches Cannot Succeed* (World Scientific Publishing, 2012) by **Howard Latin**, Distinguished Professor of Law and Justice John J. Francis Scholar, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, was identified by environmental law professors as one of the best environmental scholarly books of 2012 or 2013. [more](#)



**Peter Loeb**, professor, Department of Economics, received the 2012-2013 Rutgers Faculty Scholar-Teacher Award for his influential research in applied econometrics. [more](#)



The Honorable **Virginia Long**, retired associate justice of the New

Jersey Supreme Court and a 2001 inductee into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni, delivered the 2013 Rutgers University Commencement speech at High Point Solutions Stadium in Piscataway.

*William Howard Taft: The Travails of a Progressive Conservative*, written by **Jonathan Lurie**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, has been named to the Choice Outstanding Academic Titles list for 2012.



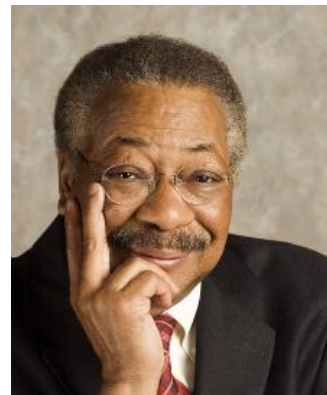
**Rachel Lyons**, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, will be a 2013 Summer Nursing Research Institute fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Neil Maher**, associate professor, Department of History, was named a Charles Warren fellow at Harvard University for 2013-2014. He will spend the year completing his next book and participating in an interdisciplinary workshop on the theme of "The Environment of the American Past."

**Helen Miley**, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, co-wrote "Implementing the Best Available Evidence in Early Delirium Identification in Elderly Hip Surgery Patients," published in the *International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare* (Vol. 11, No. 1). [more](#)

**Edmund Pajarillo**, clinical assistant professor and associate dean for Faculty Services, College of Nursing, was appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to serve as an auxiliary member of the State Board for Nursing.

**Richard Pessagno**, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, wrote a chapter titled "Delirium and Dementia" in the *Manual of Clinical Psychopharmacology for Nurses* (American Psychiatric Publishing; 2013).



**Clement Price**, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History and director of the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience,

executive director of and his wife Mary Sue Sweeney Price, former director of The Newark Museum, were honored by the Newark School of the Arts (NSA) for exemplifying the "spirit and success of NSA."

**Courtney Reinisch**, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, will be a 2013 Summer Nursing Research Institute fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Jeanne Ruggiero**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, co-authored "Effects of Napping on Sleepiness and Sleep-Related Performance Deficits in Night-Shift Workers: A Systematic Review," published in *Biological Research for Nursing* (February 2013). She also was named Faculty of the Year by the College of Nursing Equal Opportunity Fund Program.

**Alan Sadovnik**, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored the fourth edition of *Exploring Education: An Introduction to the Foundations of Education* (Routledge, 2013).



**Brenda Shaughnessy**, assistant professor, Department of English, MFA in Creative Writing, received a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in poetry. She also is a

2013 Griffin Poetry Prize finalist for *Our Andromeda* (Copper Canyon Press, 2012). [more](#)



**Kimi Takesue**, assistant professor, Department of Arts, Culture and Media, is a 2013 Center for Asian American Media fellow, a 2013 Robert Flaherty Seminar fellow, and a 2013 Yaddo artist fellow for filmmaking.

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**Judith Viorst**, alumna, Newark College of Arts and Sciences, and best-selling author, was inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni in May.

**Dean Wantland**, assistant professor, College of Nursing, co-authored the following publications: “Use of a Brief Version of the Self-compassion Inventory with an International Sample of People with HIV/AIDS,” published in *AIDS Care* (March 2013); and “Focus on

Increasing Treatment Self-Efficacy to Improve Human Immunodeficiency Virus Treatment Adherence,” published in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* (Vol. 44, No. 4).

**Mark Weiner**, professor and Sidney I. Reitman Scholar, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, published *The Rule of the Clan: What an Ancient Form of Social Organization Reveals About the Future of Individual Freedom* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013).



**Reid Weisbord**, vice dean and assistant professor, Rutgers School of Law—Newark, wrote “Social Security Representative Payee Misuse,” published in the *Penn State Law Review* (Vol. 117).

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**Krista White** has been appointed digital humanities librarian of John Cotton Dana Library. She comes to Rutgers-Newark from Drew University.

**Allan Wolper**, professor, Department of Arts, Culture and Media, received Special Mention recognition for “Best Interview” from the New York State Associated Press Broadcasters Association for his interview of Lance Corporal Nance Schiliro, a marine who lost her eye from a mortar explosion in Iraq and credits the Wounded Warrior Organization for her physical and emotional recovery.

**In Memoriam:**

**Michael Aissen** passed away on January 7. He was a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. [more](#)

**Carter Daniel** passed away on May 24. He served Rutgers-Newark for 35 years as director of business communication programs at Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick. [more](#)

**Miguel Estremera** passed away on March 29. He served the Rutgers–Newark community for 37 years and began his work in the Office of Admissions. He moved to the Office of the Registrar and was appointed registrar in 1991. [more](#)

**Pamela Heard** passed away on March 29. She worked as the director of the Counseling Center at Rutgers–Newark and served the campus community for 18 years. [more](#)

**Gilbert Panson** passed away on January 20. He served the Rutgers-Newark community in various capacities for 39 years: professor, Chemistry Department chair, and dean of the Newark College of Arts and Sciences. [more](#)