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Faculty Bios



Sarah C. Keenan DNP, APRN, FNP-C

Sarah Keenan received her BSN and MSN from St Louis University. She then went on to receive her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Maryville University in 2015. She has worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner for SLU Care in the Department of Otolaryngology for the past 7 years. She treats patients with various ENT issues. Her expertise and passion is treating patients with dizziness and migraines. In fact, she completed her doctoral dissertation on vestibular migraines.

She lives in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and has three young girls.



Karen Moore, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

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), a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, an Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and is a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration registered certified medical examiner.

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, low resourced communities and health promotion. Dr. Moore is chair of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty Global Health/International Special Interest Group, Chair of the Student subgroup of the International Council of Nurses Nurse Practitioner /Advanced Practice Nursing Network, a member of Sigma Theta Tau – National Honor Society of Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, St. Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice, Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners, Missouri Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, and the International Society of Travel Medicine.



Samantha Marquard, MPH, APRN, FNPC

Samantha Marquard, MPH, APRN, FNPC is an Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing, and Healthcare Policy in the Valentine School of Nursing.

As a Nurse Practitioner she works for ifm Community Medicine, a not-for-profit foundation that provides free healthcare for children throughout the metro area, but spends most of her time as the NP in the ifm-Youth in Need ECC program where she manages well-child and school readiness exams, developmental screenings, and directs a Prescription for Play program that encourages high-risk families to play together to improve developmental outcomes in the school community.



Rachel Mutrux, BA, Sr. Program Director of the Missouri Telehealth Network

Rachel Mutrux, BA, is the Sr. Program Director of the Missouri Telehealth Network, Director of Show-Me ECHO and State Director of the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center. She has 16 years of experience in telehealth and managing telehealth programs. At the University of Missouri- School of Medicine's Missouri Telehealth Network, Rachel is responsible for setting strategic goals, securing funding, and overseeing budgets and grants. Rachel advocates for telehealth policy and has built a strong network of relationships to promote local, state and federal telehealth activities and policies. Rachel is active in the national telehealth affiliation groups and presents locally, regionally, and nationally on MTN projects. She is dedicated to improving access to high quality health care through telehealth in Missouri and beyond.



Dr. Joanne Thanavaro DNP, AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, DCC, FAANP is currently an Associate Professor of Nursing at St. Louis University School of Nursing and the Associate Dean of Graduate Education. She received her BSN and her MSN in Cardiovascular Nursing Research at St. Louis University, her post-master's certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at the University of Missouri, St. Louis and her postmaster's certificate as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at Southern Indiana University. Her doctorate in nursing is from Case Western Reserve University, the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, in Cleveland Ohio.

Dr. Thanavaro is a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She is actively engaged in clinical practice as an advanced practice nurse at Washington University School of Medicine. She has published widely and spoken locally and nationally on topics related to advanced nursing practice with a focus on cardiovascular care. She is the former editor for "Image of the Month", a column in the Journal for Nurse Practitioners. Her text "Clinical Decision Making for Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners" was released in 2016. Dr. Thanavaro opened a Nurse Practitioner Student Led Free Clinic in July 2016 in collaboration with the Health Resource Center at Saint Louis University.



Renee L. Davis, D.N.P., RN, CPNP is the coordinator of Nursing of Children's clinical component for the traditional undergraduate nursing program, instructor in graduate and undergraduate programs at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. Renée Davis' research interests include pediatric obesity and food based rewards influence on obesity.

She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), the Saint Louis Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and the Delta Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International. Renée Davis' research interests include pediatric obesity and food based rewards influence on obesity. Dr. Davis oversees clinical groups at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and Saint Louis Children's Hospital. She also teaches Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) courses at Belleville Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois.



Michelle Jeon, Pharm.D., BCACP

Michelle Jeon earned her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of Sciences. She subsequently completed her PGY-1 Community Practice Pharmacy Residency at Hartzell's Pharmacy/Wilkes University. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy at UHSP. She also practices as a clinical community pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy, where she serves as the PGY1 Community-based Pharmacy Residency Program Director. Her current research and practice interests include: adult vaccinations, advanced community pharmacy services, HIV management, and experiential education.



Golden L. Peters, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Peters received his B.A. degree from Fontbonne University in Clayton, Missouri and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville in 2009. He completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2010 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in affiliation with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. He is currently an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He is also a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care at the St. Louis County Department of Public Health – North Central Community Health Center. His areas of interest and clinical services include: diabetes, resistant hypertension, headache disorders, opioid use disorder, and smoking cessation.



Erin Hennessey, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Hennessey earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with the St. Louis College of Pharmacy/Mercy Hospital St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri and a PGY2 Internal Medicine Residency with Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Virginia. She is currently an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy and practices as an Internal Medicine/Family Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at Mercy Hospital St. Louis. Her current practice and research interests include improving transitions of care and evaluating hospital protocol implementation for medication management of common acute care comorbidities. She is furthermore invested in scholarship of teaching and learning and currently examining opportunities to enhance student learning in a large, integrated pharmacotherapy course. Her teaching interests include coordinating and teaching in neurology, precepting PGY1 residents and students on their acute care rotation, and mentoring students and residents in research. Dr. Hennessey is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

