

## Visiting Scholars Program

### **Program summary:**

Mentoring in the Visiting Scholars program is defined as a relationship in which seasoned scholars and researchers support and encourage those new to this level of education and role expectation in their development as researchers. These relationships are built on trust, respect, socialization and a sharing of knowledge to help guide the new researcher to a long, productive and satisfying career as scholar. One part of that development is to be welcomed into a community of scholars, in this case, the community of UMass Amherst School of Nursing and the community of nurse scholars in the Northeast, where most UMass Amherst graduates work. Students may have more than one mentor to support their research career. Linking doctoral students to scholars through campus colloquia and student attendance at a regional nursing conference can provide opportunities for students to meet and form relationships with potential mentors. We believe shared activities in the area of scholarship and dialogue between faculty, students and PhD alumni can promote stronger long-lasting ties to the UMass Amherst community of nurse scholars.

### **Doctoral students for Spring, 2007:**

Karen Kalmakis, PhD student SON, [kalmakis@uhs.umass.edu](mailto:kalmakis@uhs.umass.edu)

Ayesha Ali, PhD student SON, [ayesha@acad.umass.edu](mailto:ayesha@acad.umass.edu)

### **Biography:**

Karen A. Kalmakis, MS, MPH, FNP



Karen started her nursing education at the New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She continued on to earn her BSN from Elms College, MS in nursing and MPH in health policy and management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and is currently pursuing her PhD in nursing at the University. Karen's research interest is in sexual violence. She is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Director of the Hampshire College Health Services.

## **List of Speakers for Spring 2007:**

**Patrice Nicholas** - Fulbright Scholar in South Africa, and BWH Director of International Nursing and Research Projects

Date: 3/6/2007

Time: TBA (lunch?)

**Callista Roy** - 30 Years of Theory Development: Building the Science

Date: 3/27/2007

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM University Club, hors d'oeuvres

**Maggie Pharris** - Research re: Health Disparities

Date: 4/10/2007

Time: 9-12 AM during PhD class time

**Jean Jenkins** - NIH Human Genome Project

Date: 4/10/2007

Time: Brown bag lunch