UC PEOPLE
Sara Manning, Nursing Lab Simulator Coordinator

Q. Tell me a little about yourself and how you came to UC.
A. My husband and I were both born and raised in the Rochester area and we raised our five kids in Brockport. Just around the time I interviewed here, my youngest graduated high school. The timing was just right because all my kids were in different places. I had already met some of the UC nursing faculty including Elizabeth Gleason, associate professor of nursing, and Nancy Vaccaro, assistant professor of nursing, when we attended simulation conferences together. Actually, my first visit to UC was when I first started in simulation. UC had received funding for a state-of-the-art nursing lab. It was one of the most innovative labs in the state. I came on a tour and was incredibly impressed with the facility years before I ever thought about coming here to teach, which was in July of last year.

Q: Tell us about some of the new technology in the simulation nursing lab.
A. With the continuing nursing shortage, our graduates must enter the health care workforce ready to hit the ground running, with the confidence and the competencies to tackle the rigors of patient care. Using advanced simulation technology to train nursing students in the clinical laboratory is a creative and successful educational approach, and it remains a critical component. “Adding Lucina to our clinical simulation laboratory raises the bar on our ability to give nursing students a more comprehensive education and wider range of experiences to fully prepare them for career success.”

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What keeps you warm at 8000 feet above sea level? How about a UC sweatshirt! Members of Alpha Chi Rho and UC Veteran Liaison Derek MacTurk sent a care package to AXP “brother” and U.S. Army Captain Pete Lancette, who attended UC in the 1990s and is currently stationed in Afghanistan. Lancette wanted us to thank everyone involved in this kind gesture, while we, in turn, would like to thank him for his service.
Welcome

George Nehme, Vice President for Advancement, Advancement
Timothy Halter, One-Year Assistant Professor of Chemistry, School of Arts and Sciences
Sam Famolaro, Site Assistant-High School, YSLPP
Lindsey Langdon, Site Assistant-JFK, YSLPP
Dina DeSarro, Site Assistant-Middle School, YSLPP
Mark VanDreason, Assistant Director of Admissions, Admissions
Michelle DeLaFleur, Library Assistant: Circulation and Information Desk, Library
Stephen Warzala, Technology and Media Support Specialist, IITS
Rosanna Falcher, Associate Director of Student Account Operations, SFS

New Titles

Mariah Kane, Interim Director of Transfer Services
James Farr, Director of Information Security/Network Specialist, IITS
David Parker, Database and Systems Administrator, IITS
Brandy Gray, Associate Director of Institutional Research, Institutional Research

Faculty Tenure and Promotions

Tyson Kreiger, Tenure
Sara Scanga, Tenure
Ahmed Radwan, Tenure
Shanna Vanslyke, Tenure
Luke Perry, Tenure
Glen Hansen, Tenure
Chris Riddle, Promoted - Assistant to Associate
Lauren Wynne, Promoted - Assistant to Associate
Alyssa Thomas, Promoted - Assistant to Associate
John Peter, Promoted - Assistant to Associate
Greg Walsh, Promoted - Assistant to Associate
Paul MacArthur, Promoted - Associate to Full
Jim Smith, Promoted - Associate to Full
Zhaodan Huang, Promoted - Associate to Full
Tom Rossi, Promoted - Associate to Full
Patrice Hallock, Promoted - Associate to Full

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

MEREDITH LOPATA
Sr. Administrative Assistant, Advancement

Congratulations, Meredith, and enjoy your $50 gift certificate to Symeon’s Restaurant!

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“Meredith, thank you again for not only helping me move to (my new space), but for setting up my desk and computer while I was out of the office! I appreciate your support and value your “let’s get this done” attitude.”

A. Everyone at UC - from President Laura Casamento to Trax - helped to welcome new students and their families on “Move-In” Day 2016! 8/26
Hossein Behforooz, professor of mathematics, presented a talk and a workshop during Public Day about Magic Squares at the Bridges 2016 Conference held at the University of Jyväskyla, Finland, August 2016.

Chelsea Berns, assistant professor of biology, co-authored a study, “A test of Darwin’s ‘lop-eared’ rabbit hypothesis,” published in the Journal of Evolutionary Biology in July. Berns and co-author G.A. Cordero said their study was the first to support a classic Darwinian example concerning domestication and natural selection.

At this year’s Convocation ceremony, the Harold T. Clark Jr. Award was presented to David Wittner, professor of history and director of the UC Center for Historical Research. Described by one nominator as “an outstanding researcher and scholar,” Wittner has authored three books, two books chapters in edited volumes, nine articles in journals and encyclopedias, and numerous book reviews. In addition, he has refereed several NSF grants and served on the editorial board of a scholarly journal. A former Fulbright Fellow who earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, he joined UC in 2000. His fervent love of research makes him an expert in modern Japanese history, the history of technology, and materials cultural studies.

Congratulations from the entire UC community!

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challenge is to make the simulation as realistic as possible for students. A recent grant from the George I. Alden Trust allowed us to purchase a high-fidelity, technology-enabled patient manikin, named “Lucina.” She’s lifelike – and she’s also a sophisticated computer programmed to mimic a wide range of symptoms and to react realistically to student interventions during training scenarios. Adding Lucina to our clinical simulation laboratory raises the bar on our ability to give nursing students a more comprehensive education and wider range of experiences to fully prepare them for career success. Another grant from the Slocum-Dickson Foundation purchased simulation and diagnostic equipment that will allow us to use live “patient actors” who can take on the body language and physical reactions that real patients would exhibit in a health care setting. It’s an approach that used widely in professional health care education, and it adds a new dimension to the educational experience we can provide. One item we purchased with this grant is a chest overlay that a patient actor will wear to help nursing students during tracheostomy training.

Q: What do you see in the future for UC’s nursing program?
A. The College recently purchased three pan-tilt zoom video cameras, which will help capture how students perform in different scenarios. We can go back and point out students’ strengths and weaknesses and really help them learn and grow from every experience. We can go back to a specific point in a scenario and say to the student, “Explain what your thought process was as you were making these decisions.” Research shows that observing a situation helps people see the bigger picture. Simulation is all about feedback and this is really the ultimate form of feedback. The bottom line is one that is hard to measure: will our students improve the health of the people in their communities? Will they be able to apply what they know, communicate well, think critically and anticipate possible crises? Simulation gives us the chance to uncover gaps and improve by reflecting on the experience as a team. It is a very powerful training tool and I am very thankful for the new simulation space and all our new equipment.

Q: How do you think this type of learning benefits students?
A. It’s important to know, first of all, that simulation is not just a manikin—it’s a method. To really simulate effectively, you have to create a scenario that is realistic. It helps students develop by having a real experience even though it is not a living patient. So, I think the biggest benefit students get from learning in a simulation environment is that when they start working in a hospital or another clinical setting, they aren’t doing it for the first time. Students were always able to get some of these experiences through their clinical training but now we can make sure they’ve seen and done so much more. For instance, if a student has never seen a patient having heart failure, we can create that in simulation. We can make sure they can recognize it, they know the right way to treat it and they understand how long it will take before the medication becomes effective. If they’re going to make a mistake, they can make it on the manikin. There is so much potential in simulation. We start simple and over time, make it more and more complex.
Julie Bush '96 and G'11 joins UC as occupational therapy fieldwork coordinator. She earned her bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy and her master’s in education and adolescent science at UC. She also studied at SUNY Potsdam, where she earned a second bachelor’s degree in industrial labor relations and U.S. legal systems. Bush served as director of rehabilitation at Little Falls Hospital for the past 18 years. Her hobbies include fitness, food and traveling.

Andrew Carr '08 and G'12 joins UC as professor of practice in cybersecurity. He earned his bachelor’s degree in cybersecurity and information assurance and his master’s degree in cybersecurity intelligence and forensics from UC. His research interests include improvement of law enforcement training and development of improved proficiency testing for accredited forensic laboratories. His hobbies include golfing, playing soccer and camping.

Leslie Corbo '09 and G'12 joins UC as assistant professor of cybersecurity. She earned her bachelor’s degree in cybersecurity and information assurance and her master’s in cybersecurity and intelligence from UC. She is currently working to earn her D.Sc. (doctorate in science) from Capitol College. Her research focuses primarily on behavior analysis of human and machine interaction.

Laurah Klepinger joins UC as visiting professor of anthropology. She earned her master's degree and Ph.D. in anthropology from Syracuse University. She is affiliated with several anthropological organizations including the American Association of Anthropology and the Society for Medical Anthropology. Her research interests include yoga and globalizations, transnational organizations, gender and sexuality, tourism and religion.

Donna Dolansky G'16 joins UC as professor of practice in accounting. She earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting from Boston College, and an MBA in General Business from UC. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking/baking and traveling.

Benjamin Williamson joins UC as assistant professor of chemistry. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from LaGrange College in Georgia and later went on to earn his Ph.D. in pharmacy from the University of Iowa. He researches the design and synthesis of novel antibiotics to overcome resistance in bacteria. In his free time he practices martial arts and enjoys cooking and reading.

Natalie O'Neil returns to UC as visiting assistant professor of chemistry. Previously, she was an adjunct professor of chemistry. She earned her bachelor’s degree in forensic chemistry from Western New England University and is currently pursuing a continuing education certification in green chemistry and chemical stewards from the University of Washington. She is also a Ph.D. candidate at SUNY Albany. Her research interests include synthetic inorganic green chemistry and organometallic chemistry.

Chris Tingley joins UC as assistant professor of marketing and strategy. He earned his bachelor's degree in communication arts from Gannon University and later went on to earn a master's in business administration from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He earned his Ph.D. in business administration from Walden University. His research interests include consumer behavior, advertising and Generation Y.
Daniel Tagliarina joins UC as assistant professor of government and politics. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from Bowling Green State University and his master’s and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Connecticut. His research interests include American constitutional law, religion and politics, law and society and human rights.

Vicki Schad joins UC as professor of practice in nursing. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from Drexel University and has been a registered nurse for more than 20 years. Prior to coming to UC, she worked as a nurse manager of the adult inpatient psychiatric unit and crisis department at Pocono Medical Center in Pennsylvania. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, taking walks and going to the beach.

Michael Losinger joins UC as visiting professor of biology. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from Loyola University and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. from Binghamton University. His research interests include behavioral ecology, insect vibrational communication and animal behavior. In his free time he enjoys collecting and listening to vinyl, hiking and camping.

Jessica Redmond joins UC as assistant professor of biology/physiology and nutrition. She earned dual bachelor’s degrees from Cornell University: one in human development and the other in nutritional sciences. She went on to earn her master’s in exercise science from George Washington University and her Ph.D. in science education from Syracuse University. Her research focuses on how fetal programming impacts an individual's physical activity levels, dietary preferences, body composition and various physiological variables. Her hobbies include hiking, yoga and playing tennis.

Melissa Racioppa ’95 and G’16 returns to UC as professor of practice in psychology-child life. She earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology-child life and her master’s in health care administration from UC. Her research interests include family-centered care in community health care facilities and child development. In her free time she enjoys planning Disney vacations and camping.

Erin Dupree joins UC full-time as professor of practice in nursing and med/surg. Prior to teaching at UC full time, she was an adjunct professor for the ABSN program. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from SUNY Upstate Medical University. She previously taught at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing for six years and most recently worked as a family nurse practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys running marathons, swimming, camping and spending time outdoors with her family.

Christopher Melenovsky joins UC as assistant professor of philosophy. He earned his bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan and later went on to earn his master’s and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. He works in moral, political and legal philosophy and researches the role of social practices in shaping a moral and ethical life. His most recent publications focus on the justification of institutional rights and obligations including property rights, legal obligations, professional responsibilities, promising and the duty to vote.

Timothy J. Halter joins UC as assistant professor of chemistry. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from SUNY Fredonia and his Ph.D. in chemistry from SUNY Buffalo. His specializations include the chemistry of solutions and surfaces, mechanistic studies of biomineralization, the characterization of mineral surfaces and biophysical chemistry.
• **Paul MacArthur**, professor of public relations and journalism, spoke with WUTR TV Eyewitness News reporter Marc Barraco about MacArthur’s analysis of the NBC coverage of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio. MacArthur and his colleagues studied the amount of coverage given to men’s and women’s sports, finding that women were given more coverage than men in prime time. Their analysis was covered in a story by the Associated Press, which appeared on hundreds of news sites across the country. 8/15

• **Lauryn Davis**, assistant director of new student programs, and **Donna Shaffner**, assistant vice president for admissions, spoke with WKTV News Channel 2 multimedia journalist **Kevin Montano ’16** about things students and parents need to do to prepare for college. 8/22

• **Stephanie Nesbitt**, assistant professor of risk management and insurance and director of the MBA program, spoke with WUTR Eyewitness News reporter Sean Martinelli about the Brvenik Business Education Center, located in the Clark City Center, in downtown Utica. 8/22

• **Luke Perry**, associate professor and chair of government and politics, spoke with WKTV News Channel 2 multimedia journalist **Kevin Montano ’16** about presidential candidate Donald Trump’s campaign staff changes and new direction. 8/22

• A study coauthored by **Chelsea Berns**, assistant professor of biology, and Gerardo Cordero of Iowa State University, was featured in an article in The Science Explorer e-newsletter. The story, “Resurrecting Darwin’s ‘Lop-Eared’ Rabbits,” discussed domestication and natural selection. The study was published in The Journal of Evolutionary Biology in July. 8/22

• **Patrice Hallock**, professor and chair of Educator Preparation and Psychology-Child Life, spoke with Observer-Dispatch reporter **Alissa Scott ’13** about how recent slides in teacher education programs may be changing. 8/23

• **Jeffery Gates**, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, spoke with WKTV News Channel 2 reporter **Rachel Murphy ’11** about UC’s largest incoming freshmen class, and the need to lease space from the Ramada Inn to accommodate the need for student housing. 8/25

• **Alane Varga**, dean of diversity, spoke with WIBX Radio’s Jim Rondinelli about move-in day. 8/26

• **Jeffery Gates**, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and **Lauryn Davis**, assistant director of new student programs, spoke with WKTV News Channel 2 multimedia journalist **Kevin Montano ’16** about move-in day. Gates also spoke with WUTR Eyewitness News reporter Nicole Todd about the increase in enrollment. 8/26

• Montano also interviewed Convocation keynote speaker **Kyo Dolan ’98 and G’03**. Dolan is now an agent with the U.S. Secret Service. 8/26

• Tom Geise, WKTV News Channel 2 multimedia journalist, interviewed Wayne Sullivan, director of campus safety, about protocols and procedures in place to prevent disturbances between rival schools. 8/30

• **Anthony Martino**, director of the Northeast Cybersecurity Forensics Center, spoke with WUTR Eyewitness News reporter Sean Martinelli about the possibility of hacking the upcoming presidential election. Martino also spoke with WKTV News Channel 2 multimedia journalist Kirk Tupaj. 8/31

• **Lisa Orr**, professor of English, published a blog on the Huffington Post on “The Real Reasons Why Low-Income Students Don’t Apply to Elite Universities.” 8/31

• **President Laura Casamento** spoke with U.S. News reporter Farran Powell about UC’s recent tuition reset: [http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2016-08-31/some-colleges-choose-to-slash-freeze-tuition](http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2016-08-31/some-colleges-choose-to-slash-freeze-tuition) 8/31
A - D. Faculty and staff enjoy the annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by The Office of Advancement. 8/24

E - G. The Robert Brvenik Center for Business Education, located in the Clark City Center in downtown Utica, is open for “business”! 08/29
UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING
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September
09/19/16 Inauguration Week (Please visit utica.edu/inauguration for details and list of events.)
09/19/16 H&W Farmers Market & Flu Clinic
Strebel Student Center, Ellen Knowler Clarke Lounge
09/23/16 Homecoming, Alumni and Family Weekend
09/25/16 (Please visit utica.edu/homecoming for details and list of events)
09/28/16 Town Hall Meeting 3:00 p.m., Strebel Student Center, Auditorium

Monthly Chair Massages Begin again on Friday, October 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. by appointment, and are scheduled for the third Friday of every month-reserve your favorite time!

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2016-2017 UC Health & Wellness

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Monday, September 19th 10-3pm
Strebel Student Center

Register at utica.edu/hr/wellness for your flu shot and to reserve your free 10 min chair massage.

LOCAL PRODUCTS WILL BE FOR SALE:
The Kneady Baker (breads, soft pretzels)
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Mom & Pops Homestyle Gourmet Popcorn
Huckleberry Hill Soap Co. (lotions, cremes, etc)
Three Village Cheese (dairy products)
Cultured Awareness (fermented vegetables)
Sweet Escapes Chocolate Lounge (sweets)
Purple Cow Cheesecake Co. (desserts)
Rainforest Spice Co. (honey, spices, dry rubs)

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