President's Perspective

President Paula Milone-Nuzzo writes that health care professionals at the IHP can have a broader impact on the nation’s health by being visible public advocates about their own – and their respective profession’s – expertise.

Business As Unusual – The IHP in the Age of COVID-19

Business As Unusual: The IHP in the Age of COVID-19 is a chronicling of stories and essays about how faculty, students, and alumni are handling things during the pandemic. Here are the stories published in June:

- Helping Boston's Homeless During Coronavirus Pandemic
- PT Professor Emerita, Alums on the Profession’s Post-Coronavirus World
- Simulation and Telehealth Help OTD Students Succeed
- The Challenge of Caring for Newborns During COVID-19

Innovating During Times of Change: DPT Students Use Flipgrid

PT faculty like Keshrie Naidoo and Doug Gross are using Flipgrid as platform for their DPT students to demonstrate skills, part of hybrid education efforts that began even before COVID-19. Watch “DPT Students Use Flipgrid to Show Skills,” the second in our six-part video series Innovating During Times of Change that focuses on IHP’s efforts to adapt and thrive during the pandemic.

Supporting Black Lives Matter and Challenging Racial Injustice

The Institute community throughout June addressed in myriad ways outrage over the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police on Memorial Day. From vigils to promoting Juneteenth to announcing new initiatives, the IHP continued its efforts to have an environment where all are treated fairly and feel equal.

Institute Announces Anti-Racism Initiative

The Institute has announced an Institute-wide anti-racism initiative to think boldly about race and bring together all members of the IHP community to address systemic racial injustice. The draft plan seeks to create a supportive and inclusive campus environment and better support the diverse communities the school serves.

Several Events Held to Help Discuss, Process Challenges
Two events in June allowed the IHP community to speak and share tributes to honor George Floyd and the many other Black individuals who have been murdered, and to show solidarity with the Black community and stand against the pervasive, systemic racism that has afflicted the American people for more than 400 years.

On June 5, the Student Government Association, KinsIHP, Students for Racial Justice in Health Care, and Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity held a Black Lives Matter Vigil that included an event afterwards for Black students to support each other and further discuss the impacts of racial injustice and violence.

On June 9, the Institute held United Against Racism: A Moment of Reflection in support of Black lives lost to violence. It was one of several being held across the Mass General Brigham system in solidarity to unite against racism.

Other events in June included Dr. Howard Stevenson, Constance Clayton professor of urban education at the University of Pennsylvania, processing recent events related to racism with sessions for Black faculty, Black students, and the entire IHP community on June 22; Talking Black In America, a documentary viewing sponsored by Students for Racial Justice in Health Care, The Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, MGH Institute NSLLHA Chapter, and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, that chronicles the impact of African American English on American language and culture, on June 29.

Exploring Power, Privilege, and Positionality in Health Care

With the ongoing protests across the country focused on racial justice following the death of George Floyd, the Summer semester’s Power, Privilege, and Positionality event on June 1 allowed more than 200 incoming students in nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy to hear from experts about diversity issues and discuss the importance of treating patients with dignity and respect.

Sponsored by the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, the virtual event featured panelists Dr. Taharee A. Jackson (above), senior behavior scientist at the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, an associate professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Alum Helps Publicize Juneteenth

Elizabeth Hylton, MSN ’10, successfully lobbied to have the Zakim and Burns bridges lit up on June 19 to recognize Juneteenth, the day in 1865 – two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation officially made slavery in the United States illegal – when Union general Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, announcing that the unlawfully enslaved in Texas, were free. Watch her be interviewed about her efforts on WHDH-TV and CBS Boston, and in a MassLive story.

“The Privileged Poor” Addresses Challenges Students of Color Face

Dr. Anthony Jack, an assistant professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a sociologist of poverty and inequality, discussed racialized experiences first-generation, low-income college students of color encounter in his talk "The Privileged Poor" at the MGH Institute’s Spring 2020 Baugh Visiting Faculty Scholar Lecture on June 23. Watch the lecture.

Celebrating Pride Month

The Institute recognized Pride Month in June with a series of virtual events organized by the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion including LGBTQIA+ 101 on June 9, Application to Clinical Environment on June 16, Pronouns 101 on June 18, and a talk by Sean Saifa Wall, co-founder of Intersex Justice Project, on June 30.
Martinez Gives Tips for Correcting Misgendering in the Workplace

Kay Martinez, associate director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, was interviewed by Business Insider for a story entitled, "How to support nonbinary and trans colleagues at work, and the email template to use if you accidentally misgender them."

BSN May Cohort Holds Pinning Ceremony

The 96 students in the May graduation cohort of the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program participated in their Pinning and Recognition Ceremony on June 11. Assistant Professor Dr. Kaveri Roy gave the faculty address and Paris Perret-Stegall gave the student address, while several students received awards. View the ceremony.

New Staff Council Elected

The Staff Council has elected its leaders for 2020-2021. Jack Fitzpatrick will replace Anna Cottrell as Chair, and Greg Moore will become Chair-Elect. Michelle Molle will assume the formerly vacant position of Clerk. Vanessa Desrochers will take over for Carla Donati as the Health and Wellness Committee Chair, and Valerie Grande will continue to serve as Community Service Committee Chair. Luella Benn and Joanna Kreisel will replace Ginny Do and Tony Sindelar as General Body members. The Staff Council provides an official channel of communications between staff and administration, provides professional development opportunities for staff, and organizes community service projects.

In photo: New Staff Council members (top row, L-R) Jack Fitzpatrick, Greg Moore, Michelle Molle, (bottom row) Vanessa Desrochers, Luella Benn, and Joanna Kreisel.

Tony Sindelar is 2020 Staff Employee of the Year

Senior Instructional Designer and Teaching Consultant Tony Sindelar was named the 2020 Staff Employee of the Year at IHP Spirit Day on June 18. Nominators said that Tony is "consistently unselfish" and "coaches us to think flexibly on how to design our courses and assessments so that all types of learners are included." Tony was recognized as "clearly highly dedicated to supporting faculty as they switch to a world of online teaching" and for offering "a variety of formats to meet a variety of faculty learning styles," including one-on-one meetings, Open Teaching Week, Faculty Lunch Bites, and his YouTube series The New Normal. "I could read for another hour," said President Paula Milone-Nuzzo as she reviewed highlights from Tony's nominations.

It capped a week of virtual employee appreciation activities organized by the Office of Human Resources. Other activities included Self-Care Day featuring a session on resilience by Betsy Cox and a Guess Who game using childhood photos.

Also nominated for the 2020 award were: Patricia Barry, Finance and Administration; Carla Donati, School of Nursing; Joyce DeSanctis, Office of Enrollment Services; Ginny Do, Office of Continuing and Professional Development; Bill Elizondo, Information Technology; Kate Metzger, Office of Enrollment Services; Natalie Lewis, School of Nursing; and Brian Richburg, Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab.

NECHE Virtual Visit Complete

On June 10, 2020, the MGH Institute concluded a three-day virtual site visit by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). It was the first time NECHE conducted a virtual accreditation review, which happens once every ten years for colleges and universities across New England. Approximately 83 individuals, including Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, students, and staff from across the Institute, participated in scheduled meetings with the reviewers, and
approximately 132 people attended open forums with the reviewers. This milestone marks the culmination of a two-year process of creating a comprehensive self-study.

Later this summer we will receive a draft report from the reviewers, and in the fall the Commission will vote on our accreditation status. The visitors were very impressed with IHP, its programs, and the collaborative spirit of our community.

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**Sculptures Recognize Wind and Water**

The IHP is among the sponsors of *Wind on Water*, an exhibit of 31 sculptures that have been placed throughout the Navy Yard. The exhibit, hosted by the Charlestown Navy Yard Garden Association, will be on display through next May.

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**IHP Scholarship, Research, & News**

Allison Cirino, an associate professor and director of student research in the Department of Genetic Counseling, was selected as a Fellow of the American Heart Association in recognition of her contributions to the field and volunteer leadership and service to the American Heart Association.

Kaila Stipancic, an instructor and student in the PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences program, was named the 2020 recipient of the Raymond H. Stetson Scholarship in Phonetics and Speech Science. It is a $30,000 award given by the Acoustical Society of America.

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**Communication Sciences & Disorders**


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**Occupational Therapy**


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**Physical Therapy**


Genetic Counseling


Interprofessional Education


Nursing


Physician Assistant Studies


More than two dozen School of Nursing students recently were honored for best Scholarly Projects, many of which contribute to ongoing research projects and to advancing patient care. The students originally were scheduled to present them during the annual SON Scholarship Day but the coronavirus prevented that from occurring.

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**A Personal Reflection About Pat Lussier-Duynstee on Her Retirement**

Dr. Patricia Lussier-Duynstee is among four School of Nursing faculty who are being named emerita this year. After working closely with Pat, Dean of Student and Alumni Services Dr. Jack Gormley has written a personal note of gratitude to Pat as she begins her retirement.

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**Promotions**

- **Rawan AlHeresh**  
  Associate Professor  
  Department of Occupational Therapy

- **Brian Reis**  
  HR Business Partner/Analyst  
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- **Suellen Breakey**  
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  School of Nursing

- **Jennifer Rodriguez**  
  Program Manager for Online Learning  
  Center for Interprofessional Studies and Innovation

- **Mary Beth Coughlin**  
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- **Katherine Simmonds**  
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  School of Nursing

- **Regina Doherty**  
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  Department of Occupational Therapy

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School of Nursing

Patricia Reidy
Professor
School of Nursing

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Department of Physician Assistant Studies

John Wong
Associate Professor
School of Nursing and Department of Occupational Therapy

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Calendar

7/3: Independence Day – Institute Closed
7/9: Bellack Library Spelling Bee, 7:00 p.m.

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