

AHEC Program Hosts Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship Seminar



The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program, in concert with the Office of the Dean, organized and hosted the **2014 Weekend Seminar on Vulnerable Populations**. The seminar, which was held in late January, is part of the Health Policy Fellowship Program—a collaboration between New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Eleven fellows from throughout the country who are part of this year's fellowship program benefited from the seminar, which included a series of presentations focusing on immigrants, refugees, and migrant farmworkers as well as special-needs populations such as the elderly, the homeless, and the mentally ill.

Individuals who actively contributed to the success of the weekend program included Dr. Steven Zucker, Dr. Rosebud Foster, Gustavo Saldias, Dr. James T. Howell, Dr. Elliot M. Sklar, Dr. Deborah A. Mulligan, and Dr. Dennis Penzell.

Content experts who also participated in the seminar included faculty members from the NSU Center for Psychological Studies and the schools of medicine at the University of Miami, Florida International University, and the University of Nebraska. According to Nancy Cooper, fellowship coordinator, "We enjoy having the opportunity to visit Florida to meet so many creative people and to hear about many innovative programs. I hope that future fellows will have the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of NSU faculty and staff members and to enjoy the hospitality of NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine."

Pictured (back row) are Dr. Anthony J. Silvagni, Dr. Robin Richardson, Dr. David C. Levine, Dr. Brian Marshall, Dr. Cynthia Kelley, Dr. Jeanne Rupert, Dr. Monte Mitchell, Dr. Steven Zucker, Nancy Cooper, and Gustavo Saldias. Pictured (front row) are Dr. Lauren Donatelli-Seyler, Dr. Oneka B. Marriott, Dr. Donna M. Emanuele, Dr. Maria Maratta Plummer, and Dr. Pamela Grimaldi.

Biomedical Informatics' Students, Alumni Among First to Attain National Board Certification



Three NSU-COM Biomedical Informatics Program students and alumni are among the first group of physicians in the nation to become board certified in clinical informatics. The inaugural clinical informatics subspecialty board exams administered by the American Board of Preventive

Medicine were held in October 2013.

Jacques Orces, D.O. ('96, *top left*), who passed the clinical informatics board exam in December, is currently a student in the Biomedical Informatics Program and serves as the chief medical informatics officer and a pediatrician at Miami Children's Hospital. **Danielle Oryn, D.O., M.P.H.** ('02, *middle photo*), chief medical informatics officer at Petaluma Health Center in California, received a graduate certificate in medical informatics. **James Seltzer, D.O., M.S.B.I.**, clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology (*bottom photo*), is a 2011 M.S.B.I. graduate.



Of the 432 physicians who passed the board exam, only 12 were osteopathic physicians. The newly established subspecialty in medicine has been in the works since 2005, when the American Medical Informatics Association recognized the growing demand for physicians with formal training in this rapidly advancing field.



Physicians who practice clinical informatics use their knowledge of patient care combined with their understanding of informatics concepts, methods, and tools in order to analyze, design, implement, and evaluate information and communication systems that promote safer, more efficient, increasingly effective, patient-centered, and equitable care.