“Community”

2013 Upstate Commencement

Members of SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Faculty attend the 2013 commencement ceremonies that were held on Sunday May 19, 2013. Diplomas were given to 502 students graduating from the College of Medicine, the College of Health Professions, the College of Nursing and the College of Graduate Studies.
**Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:**

**Steven Blakely, MD, Urology,** presented a poster that was voted Best Poster for Kidney Cancer Localized Moderated Poster Session at the meeting of the American Urological Association. His poster was titled, “Nephrosclerosis is Common in Young Patients with RCC: Potential Implications for Increasing Role of Renal Preservation”. San Diego, CA, May, 2013.

**Ann Botash, MD, Pediatrics,** won a Bruce Dearing Writing award in the faculty/employee category for prose, with her short story "Whistling Willy's Love Song."

**Ann Botash, MD, Pediatrics,** was accepted to the June 2013 Harvard Macy Institute Leading Innovations in Health Care and Education, a week-long leadership program in Cambridge, MA, designed to assist in developing strategies for educational change.

**Paul Ko, MD, Emergency Medicine,** received the Clerkship Director of Emergency Medicine (CDEM) 2013 Young Educator of the Year award, presented at the National Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) meeting, May 2013.

**John Manring, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences,** has been awarded the Graduate Medical Education Program Director of the Year award. Each year the GME office at Upstate recognizes a program director who exemplifies excellence in graduate medical education. As noted by his chair, Dr. Robert Gregory, “John’s immense talents and dedication are manifested through his tireless efforts (including evenings and weekends) to support our residents, improve the quality of resident education, and to make our residency training program the most innovative and effective in the country.”

**Leadership in Service**

**International Leadership**

**Marvin Heyboer III, MD, Emergency Medicine,** will be traveling to Quito, Ecuador to present at an international conference on wound care as part of the Latin America Initiative of the American College of Clinical Wound Specialists (ACCWS).
Richard Kelley, MD, *Otolaryngology*, traveled to Ethiopia in March to teach endoscopic sinus and microscopic ear surgical techniques to otolaryngologists at the Hawassa Referral Hospital in Awassa, and to provide materials to establish additional ENT clinics in the Sidama region of Southern Ethiopia. This was his 4th medical trip to Ethiopia. Additionally, he traveled to the Northeast region to establish working relationships with Haramaya University and the National Association for the Deaf in Ethiopia to study “Incidence of Deafness and Hearing Loss in Oromo”. The surgical team included **Wendy Howard, MD, and Sarah Stuart, MD, Anesthesiology**, who taught anesthetists advanced airway techniques and provided e-texts, medications, and supplies. This was their 2nd trip to Ethiopia.

### National Leadership

**Paul A. Granato, PhD, Pathology,** was appointed by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to serve as a co-chair and member of a national workgroup committee to develop Best Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis of *Campylobacter jejuni/coli* Enteric Infections for clinical and public health laboratories.

**Marvin Heyboer III, MD, Emergency Medicine,** has been named as a founding board member of the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery (ABWMS).

**Marvin Heyboer III, MD, Emergency Medicine,** has been named as a member of the Education Committee of the American College of Clinical Wound Specialists (ACCWS).

**Christopher P. Morley, PhD, Family Medicine,** was appointed to a two year appointment on the Communication Committee of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM), beginning May, 2013.

### State and Local Leadership

**Peter D. Calvert, PhD, Ophthalmology,** has become a member of the Advisory Board for Bioengineering Graduate Program, Union College, Schenectady, NY.

**Michael Lax, MD, MPH, Family Medicine,** director of the Occupational Health Clinical Centers, is chairing a statewide planning team that will mark the 25th anniversary of the New York State Occupational Health Clinical Network. The conference events, which will be held at the Academy of Medicine in New York City in September, will include a wide spectrum of worker advocates, occupational health providers, and journalists who have written about workplace illness and injury. Lax is medical director of three of the state's ten clinics which serve 26 counties.
Community Leadership

Jeremy D. Joslin, MD, FAWM, Emergency Medicine, acted as Medical Director for the Syracuse Half Marathon held in Syracuse, NY, March 20, 2013.

Grants Awarded

Stephen Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
Brain and Behavior Research Foundation
Interactome of DRD2 Variants Conferring Risk for Schizophrenia: Toward a New Dopamine Hypothesis
7/15/2013 - 7/14/2014 $50,000

Robert Kanter, MD, Pediatrics, PI
Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York
The Gulf Coast Children's Initiative
1/13/2013 – 12/31/2013 $30,000

William Lavelle, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, PI
Medtronic Spine LLC
Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis with X-STOP(r) IPD(r) in Moderately Symptomatic Patients

Bibhuti N. Singh, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
T. vaginalis Viruses as Mucosal Immunity Modifiers with Impact on Women's Health
7/5/2012 - 6/30/2013 $194,399

Margaret Turk, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, PI
University of South Carolina
Coordinating Center for Research and Training to Promote the Health of People with Developmental and Other Disabilities
9/13/2012 – 9/29/2013 $196,101
**Grants**

Ruth Weinstock, MD, *Medicine*, PI  
Medtronic Incorporated  
OpT2mise Glucose Control in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Insulin Pump Therapy  

Li-Ru Zhao, PhD, *Neurosurgery*, PI  
NIH- National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke  
Hematopoietic Growth Factors and Chronic Stroke  

**Publications**


Kalman B, Szep E, Garzuly F, Post DE. Epidermal growth factor receptor as a therapeutic target in glioblastoma. *NeuroMolecular Medicine* [E-pub April 11, 2013]


Published Abstracts

Graber B, Mcleod J, Kort K, Masrani DM, Khurana KK. Utility of axillary lymph node fine-needle-aspiration in management of patients with breast cancer. *Mod Pathol (supplement 1)* 2013:26:90A

Graber B, Roy A, Szyjkowski RD, Khurana KK. Telecytology for on-site adequacy evaluation decreases the nondiagnostic rate in endoscopic ultrasound guided fine needle aspiration of pancreatic lesions. *Mod Pathol (supplement 1)* 2013:26:378A

Books and Book Chapters


Posters


Granato PA, et al. Evaluation of an extraction-free, multiplex molecular assay for herpes simplex virus 1 and 2 and varicella zoster virus in lesion specimens. 29th Annual Clinical Virology Symposium, Daytona Beach, FL, April, 2013.


**Posters**


Umino Y, **Solessio EC**. Overexpression in rods increases rod-driven optomotor sensitivity to high temporal frequencies at mesopic illumination levels. 2013 ARVO Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 2013.


**Presentations**

**International**


**Paul A. Granato, PhD,** *Pathology*, presented “Evaluation of an Easy-to-Use, Extraction-free, Multiplex RT-PCR Assay for HSV-1, HSV-2, and VZV” at the Annual Meeting of Pan American Society for Clinical Virology, Daytona Beach, FL, April 2013.

George G. Holz, MD, Medicine, presented “A Novel Phosphoinositide-specific Phospholipase C Epsilon Links Epac2 Activation to Islet Insulin Secretion”, at the “Innovative Approaches to Understanding of Pancreatic Beta-Cell Function” meeting, Kusatsu, Japan, at Ritsumeikan University, Jan. 28, 2013.

Colin A. Leech, MD, Medicine, presented “Non-selective Cation Channels and Store-Operated Ca-entry in Pancreatic Beta Cells” at the “Innovative Approaches to Understanding of Pancreatic Beta-Cell Function” meeting, Kusatsu, Japan, at Ritsumeikan University, Jan. 28, 2013.

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, presented “Management of Vesico-Vaginal Fistuals: Postradiation, Post-traumatic, Gynecologic” and “Management of Post-Prostatectomy Incontinence (Male Slings, Artificial Urinary Sphincters), and Role of Urodynamics” at the Association of Oncourologists of Ukraine Scientific and Practical Conference, Kiev, Ukraine, April 2013.

Oleg Shapiro, MD, Urology, presented “Minimally Invasive Treatment Options for Patients with BPH”, “Genitourinary Trauma: The American Experience”, and “Medical and Surgical Treatment of Renal Calculus Disease”, at the Association of Oncourologists of Ukraine Scientific and Practical Conference, Kiev, Ukraine, April 2013.

National

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology, moderated RCCIII Session at the American Urological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 6, 2013.


Paul A. Granato, PhD, Pathology, presented “Herpes Simplex Virus – Clinical Diseases and Laboratory Methods for its Diagnosis” at the Annual Meeting of the South Central Association of Clinical Microbiology (SCACM), Detroit, MI, April 2013.
Paul A. Granato, PhD, Pathology, presented “Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli: The Emergence of a Pathogen and Guidelines for Its Laboratory Diagnosis” and “Campylobacteriosis: An Overview and Update on Laboratory Diagnosis” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ACLS)-North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, April, 2013.

Steven Hanes, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, presented “Regulating CTD-Interactions by Ess1-Dependent Prolyl Isomerization” at the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Experimental Biology Conference, Boston, MA, April 23, 2013.


State & Local

Eric Deshaies, MD, Neurosurgery, presented “Not All Stroke Centers Are Created Equal” and “Acute Stroke Assessment: Time Is Brain” at the Program for Emergency Medical Service Providers, Syracuse, NY, and Fulton, NY, Feb. 2013

Kerry Greene Donnelly R.T. (R)(M)(CT)(QM), Medical Imaging Sciences-CHP, presented "Phantom Kerma to CTDI Ratios in Adult Head Volume Mode CT Scans” at the Upstate New York Chapter Meeting of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, Buffalo, NY, April 2013.


Kamal K Khurana, MD, Pathology, presented “Understanding Bethesda System Terminology for Thyroid FNA” at the Thyroid Cancer: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach Symposium, Syracuse, New York, Apr 2013.

Patty Powers, DNP, MPA, FNP-C, NPP, College of Nursing, presented “Nursing Pathways and Career” at the AHEC Conference, Syracuse NY, April 2013.


Pat Zawko, RN, EdD, College of Nursing, presented “Integrating Research into Practice: An Evidenced Based Approach” at the Otsego Area Consortium Nurse Practitioner meeting, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY, April 15, 2013.

Department News

Department of Medicine: Dr. Ajeet Gajra, Dr. Sheila Lemke, Dr. Rahul Seth and Dr. Jonathan Wright were among 275 doctors receiving patient tributes for the 2nd Annual Doctor’s Day; there were 850 tributes honoring our doctors.

The Cerebrovascular division, Department of Neurology, held its second Annual Regional Stroke Conference on April 27, 2013 at the OASIS/Healthlink in East Syracuse, NY. The one-day conference was themed “Decision Dilemma in the management of Acute Stroke.” The conference was co-directed by Drs. Ziad El-Zammar and Adham Kamel. Conference faculty included Drs. Antonio Culebras (Keynote speaker), Eric Deshaies, Ashok Devasenapathy, Elwaleed Elnour, Julius Gene Latorre, Sonia Nanyar (Resident presenter), Amar Swarnkar, Ajay Sood (Resident presenter), and Sari Ann Yonaty.


Promotions

Thomas Bersani, MD, Ophthalmology, was promoted to Professor, May 2013.

Steven Blatt, MD, Pediatrics, was promoted to Professor, May 2013.

Derek Cooney, MD, Emergency Medicine, was promoted to Associate Professor, May 2013.

Julius Gene Latorre, MD, Neurology, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, May 2013.
Hom Neupane, MD, *Medicine*, was promoted to Associate Professor, May 2013.

Louis Pellegrino, MD, *Pediatrics*, was promoted to Associate Professor, May 2013.

Lawrence Shoemaker, MD, *Pediatrics*, was promoted to Associate Professor, May 2013.

### New Faculty

**Joan Mitchell, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*

Dr. Mitchell received her medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at Robert Packer Hospital. She has been on staff at The Guthrie Clinic and the Veteran’s Administration Hospital. She has been a member of our voluntary faculty.

### Faculty Governance

Upstate was represented by our four Senators at the Spring Plenary held on May 3-4 at Upstate Medical University, Robert Lebel, Susan Wojcik, Dale Avers and Allen Silverstone. Kerry Greene, an alternate also attended as did Jay Brenner.

The Academic Health Centers and Hospitals Sector was addressed by Dr. David Smith, who provided an overview of the history and challenges facing the Academic Health Centers. Major issues discussed included the drafting of the resolution in support of Academic Health Centers and the need for a sustainable funding plan from the legislature, and the trend of Caribbean medical schools to “buy” clinical placement sites for their students, increasing the shortage of sites for downstate schools. There is a push to develop a Global Health Initiative out of the SUNY Global Center to encourage international research, service and student education opportunities.

The SUNY Provost issued new guidelines on Campus Grading and Policies stating the central and integral role of faculty in campus academic integrity by communicating, assigning and changing grades.

In support of “shared governance”, a new SUNY award will recognize exemplary models of shared governance at the system level. The Upstate Faculty Senate election resulted in 2 Senators being elected: Jay Brenner, MD (Emergency Medicine) and JC Trussel, MD (Urology). Four alternates elected were: Victoria Meguid, MD (Pediatrics), Bryan Margulies, PhD (Orthopedics), Maria Wheelock, MS, RN, WHNP(CON), Robert Lebel, MD (Pediatrics). Each term is for 3 years, ending in 2016. Kerry Greene, MS (Medical Imaging Sciences) will be completing Dale Avers’ term as Senator, ending in 2015. A report from each of the plenaries is located at [http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/senate.php#minutes](http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/senate.php#minutes).
Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

Please RSVP to Michele Henderson at (hendermi@upstate.edu) or telephone (315-464-1681) if you are interested in attending any of the following events.

2013 FACULTY TOOLBOX WORKSHOP

Learn about how finances affect the future of Upstate in this interactive session with our financial leaders

Presenters:

Eric Smith, CPA, MBA - Assistant Vice President for Finance - SUNY Upstate Medical University

Stuart Wright, CPA, MBA - Chief Financial Officer - Upstate University Hospital

"The Business of Academic Medicine - Where are we going?"

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2013
4-6 PM
ROOM 3507/3508 SETNOR ACADEMIC BUILDING

THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL
Faculty Educator Development - **Tuesday June 18, 2013**
6 - 9 pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel

“Annual Faculty Scholars Workshop/Dinner”

For Upstate Faculty members who attended at least one Medical Education Journal Club or Faculty Educator Development Seminar during the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Workshop Discussion Topic: The Tipping Point for Interprofessional Education**

Presented by: **Joyce Griffin-Sobel, PhD, RN, Dean, College of Nursing**

*Hosts: Joe Stein, PhD, Department of Pharmacology; Faculty Educator Development Committee Chair

Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean, Office of Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development*

Medical Education Journal Club - **Monday September 9, 2013**
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

*(Journal Article TBA)*

*Hosted by: Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology

and Howard Weinberger, MD, Professor, Pediatrics*

~ Lunch will be provided ~
SAVE THE DATE!

New Faculty Orientation - Tuesday October 1, 2013

Doust Board Room (9299 WHA) and the 9th Floor Cafeteria– Weiskotten Hall Addition

This is a chance to be welcomed by the leadership of the university, and to learn more about the resources that are available to new faculty as you begin your Upstate career. Feedback from past participants has been great, they especially appreciated the opportunity to meet colleagues from other departments and colleges. So, please save the date, more information will follow.

What: Interactive sessions with Upstate leaders in research, education and clinical service
When: Tuesday October 1st from 2-5 PM
Where: 9th floor of Weiskotten
Why: To get a great start
What else: A wine and cheese reception will follow at 5PM, with chairs and other members of the faculty invited

Faculty Development - Website Calendar

~ For more information on all upcoming events, please visit the Faculty Affairs Website “Events Calendar”

Be Sure to Visit our “Events Calendar” on the Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development Website

To access the calendar, simply go to the home page of "faculty affairs and faculty development" http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/ and then click on the "Events Calendar" in dark blue (on the left side of our home page). Once you have accessed the calendar, you will see various events posted that might be of interest to you and/or members of your department. To obtain more information, simply click on the event. You will see titles, presenters, times, locations, contact information, etc. Please Note: these events have been copied to Upstate's main website calendar as well. (Accessed from the top of the Upstate home page.)
In Memoriam

J. Howland Auchincloss, Jr, MD, a fixture on the Upstate campus for 61 years died March 29 at age 91. A resident of Cazenovia, he was an accomplished physician, pianist and woodworker with a lifelong passion for music and invention.

He graduated from Groton in 1939, Yale in 1942, and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1945. In New York City, he trained on the old chest service at Bellevue Hospital and studied jazz piano in his off hours.

In 1946, he married Sarah Sedgwick Knapp. In 1952, the couple moved to Syracuse where they raised four daughters and shared a commitment to social justice, the arts and music. During the civil rights movement of the 1960’s, he founded the Syracuse Chapter of the Medical Committee for Human Rights and took a small group of doctors to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to provide assistance and demonstrate his belief in healthcare as a basic human right, not a privilege. After his hotel room was bombed, he returned more committed than ever to social justice.

He came to Upstate a young physician interested in cardiopulmonary medicine; when the field divided, he chose the lung. With his colleague, Robert Gilbert, he pioneered pulmonary care, establishing the first intensive care unit at Upstate, treating occupational disease, and studying exercise physiology. He devised ways to monitor the pulmonary toxicity of the anticancer agent bleomycin, work that remained clinically useful for decades. He later described this as one of his proudest achievements.

As a physician, Auchincloss instilled what he felt were the core values inherent in medical practice: integrity, patience and respect for people in all walks of life. He published over one hundred papers and served for over ten years as chairman of the Institutional Review Board, where he set a rigorous standard for research, vigilantly protecting the rights of human subjects. Once after watching a colleague consult with a family member in New York, he observed privately that the worst quality a physician could possess was arrogance. He is seen today by many former medical trainees now practicing as one of their professional fathers.

“Howland was a gentleman and a scholar,” said College of Medicine Dean David Duggan who said Dr. Auchincloss and his own father worked together and published several important papers on pulmonary physiology. “He will be remembered fondly by thousands of students and scores of residents grateful for his warmth and intelligence,” said Duggan.

A man of discipline and habit, Auchincloss woke at 5:30 each morning well into his retirement. Wherever there was a piano, he loved sitting down to perform, favoring jazz piano and Chopin etudes. In his 60s, he taught himself how to windsurf and built a row boat with forward-facing oars.
By his 80s, he was making classical lutes and collecting samples from period piece instruments for a dream project to bring early music to the electronic age. He is survived by three daughters, Katharine Auchincloss Lorr (Richard M), Sarah Auchincloss, MD, and Priscilla Auchincloss, and seven grandchildren. A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, April 6. Contributions in his memory may be made to the May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, or to the Upstate Medical Center Palliative Care Service.

*BURN UNIT ADVOCATE AND NAMESAKE BILL CLARK PASSES* – Bill Clark, MD, renowned local burn surgeon and a steadfast advocate for the establishment of the campus burn center that bears his name, died April 18. A native of Michigan, he had lived in Syracuse since 1974. He graduated from Groton School, Yale University, Boston University School of Medicine, and completed a Surgical Residency Program at Albany Medical Center.

A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Clark served as a flight surgeon in Korea where he started an orphanage while caring for American troops. In 1969 he was the physician on the USS Manhattan, Humble Oil’s Maiden Northwest Passage voyage.

Dr. Clark was a Professor of Surgery in clinical practice at SUNY Upstate Medical University for 20 years. He worked tirelessly in the community to promote burn prevention and education. After retiring from Upstate, he was employed by the New York State Health Department in the Hospital and Primary Care Program. Dr. Clark was a loyal member of the Onondaga County Medical Society for many years and chaired the Society’s Emergency Medicine Committee.

While his medical practice was the sole focus prior to his retirement, Dr. Clark was an avid canoe and cross country ski racer. While often in against younger, more experienced competitors, the goal was not so much about winning as about finishing, which he always did.

He served on the Board of Directors of Sonnenberg Gardens and the Frederick Remington Art Museum and worked with Literacy Volunteers. He was a long standing member of the Innominat Club. He is survived by his wife Laurie, a well regarded campus volunteer; four children and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 25. Contributions may be sent to Clark Burn Center Fund, Upstate Medical University Foundation, 750 E Adams St. Syracuse, NY 13210; Sonnenberg Gardens 151 Charlotte St. Canandaigua, NY 14424; or the Frederick Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St., Ogdensburg, NY.
NOTED UPSTATE PATHOLOGIST DOUG NELSON PASSES
-- Dr. Douglas Alan Nelson, hematologist, teacher, devoted spouse and father, died April 27. He was 86. Doug was known to family, friends, colleagues, and students as a man of uncommon decency, loyalty, and integrity. A colleague described him as a gentleman and a gentle man, a scholar of the first rank, a kind, generous, soft-spoken person who exemplified all that was good about medicine and humanity.

Born January 20, 1927 in Windom, Minnesota, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1945, serving as a radio operator 3rd class. Doug entered the University of Minnesota in the fall of 1946, graduating with B.S. and B.A. degrees in biology and mathematics. Following his undergraduate studies, he entered the Univ. of Minnesota Medical School, where ultimately he specialized in Hematopathology. It was in 1955 Doug met Dorothea Panaretos and proposed marriage on July 4, 1956 at Walden Pond, and they were married that August 30. After spending several years in St. Paul, Minnesota during his clinical pathology residency they moved to Syracuse, where Doug took a position in the Clinical Pathology department of the Upstate Medical Center and joined the faculty of the medical school where he served as Director of Hematology in the Clinical Pathology Department and established the Medical Technology program.

His teaching responsibilities were many and diverse, ranging from teaching medical students to offering courses for practicing pathologists throughout Central New York, but his favorite aspect of teaching was the one-on-one study with countless residents. He authored numerous articles for medical journals and chapters on special hematology for many textbooks, and was a frequent lecturer for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. For 12 years he served as a trustee of the American Board of Pathology. Doug delighted in the arts, supporting and enjoying symphony, opera, and chamber ensembles. His lifelong fascination with language led him to special pleasure in poetry and theatre. Doug was an active member of Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC) in downtown Syracuse, where he served on several boards and committees, and as a delegate to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. He was an avid fisherman, teaching his children to catch bass and panfish but especially enjoying long periods of trolling for lake trout.

Doug is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothea P. Nelson; his children, David of Niantic, CT, Sara (Cyrus Rafii) of Everett, WA, John (Angela Lomanto) of Niantic, CT and Timothy of New York, NY; and his brother, Jim of Tucson, AZ. A service was held on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Contributions can be made to the endowment fund of Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202 and Hospice of Central New York, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088.
FORMER ASSISTANT IN DEAN’S OFFICE PASSES -- Evelyn Duncan-Myers, 99, died peacefully April 27 in Syracuse. She was born in Purchase, the youngest of six siblings. After graduating from White Plains High School in 1930, she began working at age 17 as a secretary at E.R. Squibb and Sons, Inc. in New York City. There, she met her husband, John D. Duncan whom she married in 1938. In 1955, they moved to Syracuse where together they managed the Grant Village Apartments in Eastwood for many years.

In the 1970s, she was the administrative assistant to A. Geno Andreatta, Dean of Student Affairs at Upstate. At the age of 84, while a resident of the Nottingham, she began to study watercolor painting with considerable success. She continued to paint into her 98th year. She was a member of Holy Cross Parish in Dewitt. She was predeceased by her first husband, John D. Duncan, in 1985. In 1990 she married Syracuse architect Lester Myers who also pre-deceased her. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John G. Duncan and Barbara Duncan of DeWitt; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly Payeff-Masey and Jack Masey of New York; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Notes & Corrections:

Please Note:

1. In an effort to keep the Faculty Commons manageable, we will be concentrating on external presentations and service.

2. Please remember – we do not include any publications, books, book chapters, etc. that are currently “in press”. Please wait until you have publication information before you include these submissions.

Useful Website Links:

Promotion and Tenure Information
http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/promotion.php

Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development
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