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## Healthy partnerships

New projects bring together faculty from public health and health professions disciplines

**C**hildhood obesity, older driving errors, head and neck cancer and gynecological cancer are all topics of new College of Public Health and Health Professions research projects that combine the talents of faculty in the college's traditional health disciplines with those in the public health disciplines.

"We believe that what we learn in individual patient care from those in the health professions can tell us a great deal about the importance of disease prevention and community approaches to health promotion," said Michael G. Perri, Ph.D., the college's interim dean. "And the population perspective inherent to public health helps us determine what problems need to be targeted for intervention at the individual level."

"The two groups — public health faculty and health professions faculty — working together can produce more than either one working alone," he added.

The four projects are supported by \$20,000 grants from the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the UF Area Health Education Centers program.

"This funding creates a unique opportunity for us as scientists to learn from each other as we bring different perspectives, experience and expertise to the project," said Michelle Bishop, Ph.D., a research assistant professor in the departments of clinical and health psychology and medicine. "On a project level, I believe that the opportunity to synergize different theories and methods from our respective disciplines will more deeply inform and enrich the research process and our understanding of the findings."

In the child weight management project, David Janicke, Ph.D., of the department of clinical and health psychology, and Ellen Lopez, Ph.D., of the department of behavioral science and community health, will offer a healthy lifestyle program that emphasizes good nutrition and physical activity for children ages 6 to 12 and their parents. The program will be offered in Bradford and Levy counties, two of the most medically underserved counties in North Central Florida.



Occupational therapy faculty members Orit Shechtman, Ph.D., and Sherrilene Classen, Ph.D., have teamed up with Yongsung Joo, Ph.D., of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics, to examine the validity of current on-road driving assessments for people age 65 and older. Along with Kezia Awadzi, Ph.D., a postdoctoral associate in occupational therapy, the group will analyze the 2005 Florida Traffic Crash Records Database to determine which driving errors are predictive of crashes among older drivers and compare the data to actual driving errors of older drivers performing an on-road test in order to make recommendations for improving standard driving evaluations.

After radiation or surgery, patients with head and neck cancer often experience disabling conditions such as decreased ability to eat or swallow, limited mobility in the mouth and neck and shoulder pain. To identify unmet rehabilitation needs of these patients, Gwenda Creel, M.H.S., P.T., of the department of physical therapy, and Giselle Mann, Ph.D., a speech pathologist and faculty member in the department of behavioral science and community health, will survey patients and community stakeholders, such as family members and health providers. Along with physical therapy faculty Genné McDonald, P.T., and Mary Thigpen, Ph.D., P.T., the research team will review current clinical practice guidelines and with the knowledge gained from the patients and community members, they will develop a model of optimal service delivery for patients with head and neck cancer.

Psychologists Deidre Pereira, Ph.D., and Michelle Bishop will work with Ellen Lopez to investigate quality of life issues for women with gynecological cancer and their caregivers. The study will employ an innovative research method, known as Photovoice, which provides cameras to participants so they can record, discuss and relate the reality of their lives. The researchers hope that giving women with gynecological cancer the opportunity to express themselves in this manner will improve their quality of life and at the same time, give health providers a better understanding of the physical and emotional well-being of the women and their caregivers. ●

Public health is key element of emerging pathogens, says director

The University of Florida kicked off its \$1.5 billion capital campaign, *Florida Tomorrow*, with a slate of activities on Sept. 28.

PHHP's events included "Moving the Science of Rehabilitation Forward," sponsored by the department of physical therapy, and a lecture on the role of public health in emerging pathogens by J. Glenn Morris Jr., M.D., M.P.H., director of UF's new Emerging Pathogens Institute.

"For me, public health is the key element of emerging pathogens — it is the core," said Morris, who holds a joint appointment with PHHP.

"Public health, as a discipline, really arose because of emerging pathogens," said Morris, adding that the nation's first health department was established in Philadelphia in 1794 when the city was in the throes of a yellow fever epidemic.

"The nature of mortality in the United States has changed over the last 100 years," Morris said. "Now most deaths are caused by non-infectious, chronic conditions. But the spike in infectious disease caused by the influenza pandemic in 1918 leaves us with this warning: while the major focus of public health prevention needs to remain on chronic conditions, we cannot forget emerging pathogens. They can have a major impact on the health of a population."

Morris plans to bring together researchers from across the university to build the institution's research program.

"My goal is to bring faculty together to build a strong interdisciplinary spirit and to play on each other's strengths," Morris said. "If you put them all together in one room and close the door, it is amazing what can happen." ●

# dean's MESSAGE



On September 28, the University of Florida formally kicked off its \$1.5 billion capital campaign, *Florida Tomorrow*. The name *Florida Tomorrow* refers to the impact the University of Florida can have on students, Floridians, the nation and the world in teaching, research and service.

Dr. Michael G. Perri,  
Interim Dean

The College of Public Health and Health Professions' fundraising goal is \$13 million by the campaign's end in 2012. It's an ambitious goal, but the needs are great. Florida and the nation face several serious health concerns, such as escalating levels of chronic disease and disability and a rapidly growing number of people without health care insurance or proper access to care. For the first time in our nation's history, experts believe that today's children may have a lower life expectancy than their parents.

Our college is deeply committed to our mission of preserving, promoting and improving the health and well-being of populations, communities and individuals. Indeed, the College of Public Health and Health Professions is one of the most productive colleges on the University of Florida campus. In the past 10 years we have more than tripled student enrollment, nearly doubled the number of faculty and have increased research funding sevenfold.

However, state support has not kept up with our college's rate of growth. In light of the state's current financial woes, it is clear that the college must seek out other avenues of support — including private gifts — to fund endowed professorships and student scholarships, ensuring that we can attract the best in our fields.

At the College of Public Health and Health Professions we have our own vision of *Florida Tomorrow*, one in which research advances improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and chronic illness, all Americans receive the health care they need, and prevention programs change the current course of spiraling rates of disease.

I ask that you consider supporting the College of Public Health and Health Professions as we shape a healthy *Florida Tomorrow*. ●



## A parent's depression can weigh heavy on children

By April Frawley-Birdwell

A parent's struggle with stress or depression can lower a child's quality of life — and could hinder a youngster's attempts to lose weight, too, PHHP researchers say.

Parent distress, peer bullying and childhood depression can propel a cycle that makes it more difficult for children to adopt healthier lifestyles, UF researchers reported in the July issue of the journal *Obesity*.

Understanding more about factors that affect a child's well-being could help health care professionals better treat these kids, said David Janicke, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the department of clinical and health psychology.

Tending to the needs of parents who are distressed could be one of the best ways to help children, Janicke said. Having supportive parents is vital for children to be able to make the lifestyle changes needed to lose weight. Often, children only have access to food at home, so what a parent puts on the table usually determines what the child eats, Janicke said. Also, the behaviors a parent models affect the lifestyle choices a child makes.

When parents are struggling, they may have less energy and not be able to provide the emotional support a child who is overweight needs or help organize play dates and exercise activities, Janicke said.

"Looking at how parents are doing themselves, how they are doing socially and emotionally and how they are coping with the stresses in their lives, is really important too," Janicke said. "It's important for them to take time out to take care of themselves."

More than 33 percent of children and adolescents in the United States are overweight or obese, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Prior studies conducted elsewhere have shown that children who are overweight have a poorer quality of life than peers who are normal-weight. UF's study is one of the first to examine how factors such as parent distress, depression and bullying affect a child's well-being, giving research-

ers a better understanding of how to help children who are overweight.

UF researchers surveyed 96 children who are overweight or obese, and their parents, comparing how bullying, depression and parents' well-being related to each child's quality of life. The researchers looked at a combination of factors, namely health, emotional well-being, academic performance and social status.

Children whose parents were struggling or who reported more problems with peers tended to have a lower overall score for quality of life. Both bullying and parent distress were linked to more depressive symptoms in children, and these symptoms seemed to be related to poorer quality of life.

"One of the pathways to poor quality of life seems to be childhood depression," Janicke said. "If a parent is distressed, that seems to impact a child's symptoms of depression, which then impacts quality of life. It's the same with peer victimization. It impacts depression, which then impacts quality of life. And it seems to affect not just the emotional aspect of quality of life, but also their health status."

Talking about quality of life and problems such as bullying also helps clinicians encourage children to confront their weight problem, said Meg Zeller, Ph.D., an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati and a psychologist with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Often, fears of developing type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular disease don't motivate children, but factors such as bullying do, she said.

Addressing psychological issues is a key part of helping kids manage their weight, Janicke said. Aside from helping kids open up about making healthier lifestyle choices, psychologists also can help children deal with depression and teach coping strategies for bullying.

"Sometimes it's hard to change peer interactions, but just giving the child an ear can be very powerful," Janicke said. "Helping parents take care of themselves and be effective listeners is a starting point." ●

## University of Florida establishes state office on disability

University of Florida researchers in the College of Public Health and Health Professions have received a \$1.6 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish the state's first public health program to work with Florida's disability programs and services.

Florida is one of 16 states to receive the five-year State Disability and Health Program award, which is being used to create the Office on Disability and Health at UF.

"Florida has strong disability-related programs, but disability issues are often compartmentalized into groups focused on advocacy, service, health care, Medicaid, education or chronic disease prevention. To be effective, all groups need to come to the table with their own expertise," said Office on Disability and Health Director Elena Andresen, Ph.D., a professor and chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics.

Compared with the national average of 19 percent, more than 22 percent of the state's population — or 3 million Floridians — report having a disability, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. An increase in the number of residents over the age of 65, from 2.8 million in 2000 to a projected 4 million by 2015, is expected to significantly raise the prevalence of disabilities in Florida.

Among the issues facing the disability population are higher rates of secondary conditions such as joint pain and obesity, lower quality of life and limited health care access, Andresen said.

"In 2005, twice as many people living with a disability reported that they could not see a doctor because of cost compared to people without a disability," she said.

The Office on Disability and Health at UF will design, implement, monitor and evaluate state and community programs and services for people with disabilities. The office will also provide technical assistance to ensure best practices and use standardized methods and tools for data collection.

"The information gleaned from our data sources helps to quantify the number of people living with disabilities and the type of disabilities, by functional limitations or diagnosis, that are most common in the state," Andresen said. "This information is critical in the development of effective policies and appropriate funding decisions at the state and federal level."

With guidance from an advisory board made up of representatives from nearly 20 state, academic and community organizations, the office will create a strategic plan by early 2008 that addresses three main objectives: reducing the incidence and severity of secondary conditions for people with a disability, improving their access to public health programs and implementing health promotion and wellness programs for people with disabilities.

"Because disability is likely to impact all people at some time, it is important to have a sound framework for addressing disability and health issues, since they are truly population issues," Andresen said. ●

**Kristin Day**, (doctorate in rehabilitation science) received the Best Poster Research Award for Doctoral Students at the pre-conference symposium of the International Society for Posture and Gait Research's biennial conference.

**Maggie Horn**, (Doctor of Physical Therapy and certificate in public health), received a 2007 graduate student scholarship from the Florida Public Health Association.

These doctoral students successfully defended their dissertations between September 2006 and August 2007:

Clinical and Health Psychology — **Ashraf Al-Quadah, Hope Benefield, Yu-Ling Chang, Sarah Cook, Michael Larson, Adam Lewin, Lisa McTeague, Kimberly Miller, Mary Murawski, Andrew Preston, Steven Reader, Katie Rickel and Kelly Walker.**

Health Services Research — **Jesse Schold**

Rehabilitation Science — **Patricia Belchior, Roxanna Bendixen, Chad Betters and Ying-Chih (Inga) Wang.** ●

## faculty NOTES & staff

**Michael Daniels, Sc.D.**, a professor and chief of the division of biostatistics in the department of epidemiology and biostatistics, was elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association.

**Lynne Thomas Gordon, M.B.A.**, a nationally recognized health care executive, has been named an executive in residence for the department of health services research, management and policy.

**James Hall III, Ph.D.**, an associate chair and clinical professor in the department of communicative disorders, was a keynote speaker at the conference "Building Bridges in Africa: Early Childhood Development for Children with Hearing Loss," held in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Ronald Rozensky, Ph.D.**, a professor and associate dean for international programs, is the co-recipient of the U.S. Outstanding International Psychologist Award, presented by Division 52 (International Psychology) of the American Psychological Association.

**Amy Yarbrough, Ph.D.**, an assistant professor in the department of health services research, management and policy, received the American College of Healthcare Executives' 2007 Health Management Research Award.

Several college faculty members recently received promotions. They are listed here with their new titles: **Neale Chumbler, Ph.D.**, associate professor; **Michael Daniels, Sc.D.**, professor; **William Mann, Ph.D.**, chair and distinguished professor; **Sara Plager, M.Ed.**, acting chief and clinical senior lecturer; and **Krista Vandeborne, Ph.D.**, chair and professor. ●

### LOOKING BACK



The UF College of Public Health and Health Professions will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. When the college opened in 1958, it was the first of its kind located within a health center and it became a prototype for health professions education. The college's impressive beginnings are largely credited to Darrel J. Mase, Ph.D., (above) who served as dean from 1958 to 1971.



Photo by Sarah Kiewel/UF Health Science Center News & Communications

# Audiologist answers her calling

## New graduate hopes to establish much-needed services in her native Botswana

**S**inah Seoke has big plans. After graduating from UF in August with a doctorate in audiology degree and a certificate in public health, Seoke, a Botswana native, headed back to Africa where she hopes to develop audiology programs for underserved areas. Along the way, she plans to earn a master's degree in public health and a doctorate in public health systems so she will have the knowledge necessary to build a service infrastructure from the ground up.

This will be no small feat, particularly in Botswana where there are no other Doctor of Audiology-trained professionals and little to no audiological programs.

As a child, Seoke didn't have to look far to see how the absence of hearing services could affect individuals.

"My father has a hearing impairment and there were no services to help him. He has never received a diagnostic evaluation and intervention," Seoke said. "Growing up I didn't know there was a field called audiology, but I knew I wanted to help people with communicative problems."

Although Botswana's only university didn't offer majors in the health sciences, Seoke's grades in her first two years as an undergraduate qualified her for the government of Botswana's study abroad program, which placed her at the University of Northern Iowa where she completed a bachelor's degree in communica-

tive disorders. She went on to earn a master's degree in communication science and disorders from Howard University before starting the UF Au.D. program in 2004.

Her audiology studies have given her a greater appreciation for her father, Seoke said.

"My father is a retired reverend and it's important for him to be able to communicate. When I started to learn what people with hearing loss go through, I thought, 'Wow, I can't believe that he's accomplished this much and he has never complained,'" said Seoke, who believes her father has significant hearing loss.

Seoke moved one step closer to her goal of implementing audiology programs in Botswana and other developing countries in Africa when she began her position in September as a full-time lecturer, clinician and researcher at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, about 200 miles from Seoke's hometown of Mochudi, Botswana.

"The faculty position Sinah has accepted at the University of Pretoria — a premier audiology program in South Africa and really the entire African continent — is a wonderful beginning to her career in audiology," said James Hall III, Ph.D., an associate chair and clinical professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions' department of communicative disorders, and a visiting professor at the University of Pretoria.

Through the University of Pretoria's programs, Seoke expects to work on several projects in her home

country, including the development of hearing test materials in multiple languages and a universal newborn hearing screening program. She also plans to collaborate with Hall on a research project on HIV/AIDS and hearing loss. Botswana has the world's second highest rate of HIV infection.

"We need to do research on the effects of the infection and highly active retrovirus therapy on the auditory system, and how we can extend services to the people who need it," Seoke said.

With these experiences and more education in public health, Seoke hopes that someday she will be directing the development of comprehensive audiology services for the people of Botswana.

"I want to be able to sit down with people in government, health policymakers and finance administrators and explain how a program will benefit people and how to run it effectively," she said. "There isn't much money available for health care in developing countries unless it is for life-threatening conditions. In public health you need to be able to use the little money you have." ●

**Above:** Recent audiology graduate Sinah Seoke (left) meets with patient Cindy Normand at the Hearing Center at the UF&Shands Hampton Oaks Medical Plaza on August 15. Seoke left the country the following day, bound for her new faculty position in Africa.

# PHHP Alumni Reunion 2007

## By the numbers

**325** Alumni and guests attended this year's reunion

**1,910** Miles traveled by alumnus who came the farthest to attend (from Tucson, Ariz.)

**13** States were represented by reunion attendees

**90,707** Fans were in the stands at the UF-Tennessee football game

**59-20** Final score of the game. Gators win!



Hope Harris (rehabilitation counseling '91) with husband Bruce and children Bruce II and Tempist.



Katie Horovitz (occupational therapy '75) and Alberta.



Cori Reynolds (physical therapy '94) with husband Scott and children Trenton and Daryn.



David Whalen (M.H.A./M.B.A. '80) with wife Dorsey (back row) and children Michelle and Brian.

## Save the date!

Next year's alumni reunion will be held **Nov. 21-22, 2008** to coincide with events commemorating the college's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch for more information in the coming months.

For more reunion photos, visit [www.phhp.ufl.edu/alumni](http://www.phhp.ufl.edu/alumni)

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# Planning for the future

## Alumnus develops Life Care Planning for people with disabilities

**A**s a UF doctoral student, Paul Deutsch, Ph.D., had written three chapters of his dissertation when he set it aside to write the book that launched his career. The resulting 3,500 page, three-volume work introduced a whole new area of rehabilitation counseling that has become an industry: Life Care Planning.

Inspired by his studies in experimental analysis of behavior, Deutsch, who graduated from UF with a master's in rehabilitation counseling (1972) and a doctorate from the department of counselor education (1983), developed the basic principles, tenets, methodologies and processes of Life Care Planning. Today, there are more than 1,000 certified Life Care Planners in the United States and a growing number in Canada, England, Australia and South Africa. Deutsch has authored 12 books and nearly 100 articles on Life Care Planning and is the lead developer of the Life Care Planning Program for Kaplan Universities and the University of Florida.

Life Care Planning addresses the medical, psychological and rehabilitation needs a person with a catastrophic injury or illness will require for the rest of his or her life. This can include medical care, home

care, medication, transportation and structural renovations to the home. A Life Care Plan is an organized and consistent approach that outlines the short-term and long-term care needs of an individual to maximize quality of life.

"People often ask me 'What do you do?'" said Deutsch, one of the College of Public Health and Health Professions' 2006 outstanding alumni of the year. "When I explain that I work with infants, children, adults and elderly with some of the most severe injuries, sometimes people say that the work sounds like it would be depressing and demoralizing."

"My response to that is the clients I work with have experienced the worst crises imaginable, yet they handle it with such an incredible human spirit and positive attitude. So I don't get depressed. I am actually incredibly uplifted. I have an incredible opportunity to learn so much from them about the positive nature of the human spirit, fortitude and a passion for living."

His enthusiasm for the field hasn't waned in his 35 years of practice, Deutsch said.

"I get just as excited about the work as when I started," he said. "If anything, Life Care Planning is as important as ever with the number of soldiers coming back with injuries and an infrastructure not set up to

meet their needs."

In addition to his Orlando-based private practice and research activities, Deutsch serves as a clinical professor of rehabilitation at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. He is the co-founder of the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research and received the 1993 Educator of the Year Award from the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals and in 2004, the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Conference on Life Care Planning.

Outside of work, Deutsch has been just as committed to family and recreational pursuits, such as flying a twin engine prop plane, competing in equestrian events and most recently, ballroom dancing.

"I'm intense about everything I do," he said. "Life is not to be taken dispassionately." ●



Dr. Paul Deutsch

# Opportunity knocks

## Occupational therapy alumnus follows unexpected career path

**D**arryl Tower's career includes a long and varied list of job titles: paramedic, occupational therapist, electrodiagnostics director, business manager, software company CEO and medical mission volunteer pilot, among others.

"I've done a lot of nontraditional things that had nothing to do with occupational therapy, but my education prepared me to learn new skills," said Tower, a 1974 occupational therapy graduate and one of the college's 2006 outstanding alumni of the year. "Opportunities came my way and I took some risks. In my case I was very fortunate."

After graduating from UF, Tower, a Jacksonville native, served as director of occupational therapy, and later as director of electrodiagnostics at Mobile Infirmary in Mobile, Ala. Tower went on to earn a master's degree in business administration and served as the business manager of the Neurology Center in Mobile before becoming a partner in General Systems Design Inc. in 1988. A health care billing software firm headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, General Systems Design counted several

medical and dental schools among its clients, including the UF College of Dentistry. Tower led the company until 2004 when he sold General Systems Design to a New Zealand software firm.

But perhaps one of Tower's most rewarding roles has been that of volunteer pilot for Wings of Hope, a non-profit organization that assists other charitable groups by flying to remote areas of the world that may not be easily reachable by other methods of transportation. Tower's first stint was in 1999 when he spent five months traveling to sites in Belize, Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras. He continues to volunteer for Wings of Hope, flying air ambulance missions for two to three weeks at a time in Belize.

"In rural Belize, roads are limited and the roads



Darryl Tower

they do have are often not well-maintained. It may take six hours to travel 100 miles by car, but evacuating patients that same distance by plane takes one hour," said Tower, who transports patients such as farm workers with machete injuries or young girls who are experiencing a difficult labor.

Tower is amazed by the level of generosity of the people he serves in Central America, where the average income may be \$200-300 a year.

"People want to give me gifts, like a pineapple, which may mean that they would have less food on the dinner table that night," he said. "They want to give me something even though they have so little."

These days Tower considers himself "basically" retired from business, but is courting the idea of becoming involved in real estate.

"I don't have one single career highlight," he said. "I think of it as a process and it has led me to a lot of good things. Life is constantly changing; there is always something different on the horizon that makes it interesting." ●

# alumni U P D A T E S

**Brian Baumgardner**, master's in health administration and business administration '88, is the CEO of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute in Ft. Pierce, Fla. He also serves as co-investigator of a research study led by Assistant Professor Amy Yarbrough. They will examine the challenges and benefits of employing health care managers who have no formal education in health administration.

**Robert Davidge**, master's in health administration '67, will retire from his position as CEO of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in January 2008. Davidge has led the Baton Rouge, La.-based health system for 28 years.

**Jennifer Devine**, bachelor's in health science '03, graduated with a master's degree in medical science from the physician assistant program at Arcadia University in Philadelphia in May 2007. She is a physician assistant in inpatient pediatrics and neonatology at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Conn.

**Wayne Klein**, clinical and health psychology '91, has divorced and remarried and has a 13-year-old Russian stepdaughter. Wayne writes: "My daughter who was born in Gainesville is entering college in the fall. I do neuropsychology evaluations to pay the bills, teach out of habit and dig big holes in my front yard for fun." He lives in Franklin, Mass.

**Twyla Leigh**, clinical and community dietetics '80, lives in Naples, Fla. Her oldest son is a UF student.



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**Catherine Llanes Lotow**, bachelor's and master's in occupational therapy '01 and '02, is happily married with a 20-month-old toddler named Noah, and a daughter, Isabella Maria, who was born on July 5, 2007. They live in Hawthorne, Fla.

**Jennifer Craig Rorstrom**, bachelor's in health science '06, lives in Aiea, Hawaii. She writes: "With my husband there to share in the excitement, I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on February 22, 2007."

**Elleanor Hernandez Sapin**, bachelor's in occupational therapy '03, received her master's degree in physician assistant studies from UF's College of Medicine in June 2007. She is engaged to Nathaniel Swartz, a 2006 alumnus of the physician assistant program.

**Michael L. Schwartz**, master's in health administration and business administration '72 and '73, has owned a hospital administration consulting firm since 1977. He is also the executive producer of Jamin-Jo Productions and creator of Movin' & Groovin' Fitness for Kids Videos. For more information, visit [www.ExerciseForKids.com](http://www.ExerciseForKids.com).

**Itza Toro-Bishop**, bachelor's in rehabilitative services, '91, and master's in rehabilitation counseling, '93, works with the Department of Veteran Affairs/Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Division in Orlando. She is married to Scott and they have two daughters, Isabella and Alexandra. To read more about Itza, visit Meet the Alumni on our Web site: [www.phhp.ufl.edu/alumni/meetthealumni.htm](http://www.phhp.ufl.edu/alumni/meetthealumni.htm).

**William Walders**, master's in health administration '07, is a project manager at the Naval Medical Information Management Center in Bethesda, Md. ●

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