

## CAUSES Faculty and Program Staff Profiles



**Dr. B. Michelle Harris** is Associate Professor of Nutrition at the University of the District of Columbia and is building collaborations for projects that address minority health, women's health, health disparities, obesity, and diabetes. She is a registered dietitian and nutrition educator whose focus is public health and community health through education, information, and research. A Native Washingtonian and a product of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Dr. Harris earned a BA degree in Chemistry from Holy Cross College, an MS in Nutrition and Food Science from Framingham State College, and an MPH from Harvard. She earned a PhD in Nutrition from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her dissertation research study is titled, "Birth Weight and Current Weight Status and Their Relationship to Type 2 Diabetes in African-American Women." She was funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Active Living Research Diversity Partnership grant for a study titled, "The Relationship Among the Availability of Healthy Foods, Body Mass Index, and Dietary Patterns in Urban Adolescents." She served as a volunteer health columnist for *East of the River*, a newsmagazine. She currently serves as a DC Licensed Allied Health Professional member of the Board of Long-Term Care Administration. Dr. Harris' professional career at the community and public health levels has taken her to Boston, Massachusetts; Guatemala, Central America (as a Peace Corps Volunteer); Alexandria, Virginia; Baltimore, Maryland and; Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Allison Miner** is returning to the DC metro area from the University of Miami where she taught Integrative and Functional Medicine and Food Science, and served as Supervisor of Practice Experiences for graduate students in Nutrition, Health and Human Performance. Before moving to Florida, Allison was a tenured professor and course coordinator for Nutrition and Food Science at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. Dr. Miner developed and taught a wide range of nutrition and food science courses incl. food policy, utilization of nutrients, diet and disease nutrition through the lifecycle, food chemistry, local food production and distribution, food marketing and development, and food regulation and safety including courses for non-science majors. Allison also utilized informatics to assess student nutrition knowledge; managed teams of nutrition faculty in the development and dissemination of assessment tools, and analyzed assessment data to revise the curriculum to improve student learning outcomes. In addition, Allison developed "Nutrition Minute", a series of educational videos on nutrition topics for Prince George's County cable TV. Allison is a Registered Dietician and received an EdD from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD, a Master's of Science in International Nutrition, and a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

## Nutrition and Dietetics



**Nancy Chapman** has accepted a Visiting Faculty Appointment as Associate Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics. She is a registered dietician who is well known in the District of Columbia and beyond for her expertise as a researcher, consultant, and student mentor. Nancy has more than twenty years of experience in various clinical, public health and community health settings including at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston. For the past ten years, Nancy has served as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the UDC Nutrition and Dietetics program. Nancy has supervised practicums experiences for nutrition and dietetics students from UDC, George Washington University, Virginia Tech, Tufts University, the University of Texas, University of California, University of Tennessee, and University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Her funded research and numerous publications have focused on wellness regulations for licensed child development facilities, healthy school meals, strategies to end childhood hunger, food labeling regulations, dietary guidelines, food safety initiatives, and training for faith-based leaders in preventive health practices and motivation to address chronic diseases. Nancy completed a MPH in Public Health Nutrition at the University of California at Berkeley, a RD Dietetic Internship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and a BS in Foods & Nutrition at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.