A word about the ATTP Faculty

The Parkinson’s Foundation (PF) and the International Parkinson’s Movement Disorders Society (MDS) have assembled a unique blend of seasoned professionals, selected nationally for excellence in their respective fields. The ATTP faculty represent the core specialties: movement disorders physician, nurse, occupational, and physical therapy, social work and speech-language pathology and interdisciplinary team development.

ATTP is not simply a course in Parkinson’s disease. The ATTP is an intensive integrated curriculum, developed jointly by the faculty team and taught in a collaborative way. Faculty are committed to its mission of person-centered interprofessional care in Parkinson’s disease and
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actually serve as a faculty team modeling effective integrated care planning in the training itself. Whether addressing cognition, mobility, communication or emotional issues, ATTP faculty values the contribution of each discipline to assessment and care of the person with Parkinson's disease and their caregiver.

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Parkinson’s Foundation Center of Excellence (COE):

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ATTP VANCOUVER 2018 CORE FACULTY BIOS: (Listed Alphabetically)

Elaine Book, MSW
Elaine Book has worked in the field of Social Work for over 25 years in a variety of community and hospital settings with an interest in the geriatric population. She has worked with individuals, families and as a leader of support groups. She is the Center Coordinator and Clinic Social Worker for the NPF Center of Excellence, the Pacific Parkinson’s Research Centre, at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

She has become a leader in the PD community, serving as a speaker at support groups, a presenter at neurology meetings and a faculty member of the Allied Team Training Program of the National Parkinson Foundation. Ms. Book also coordinates a blog designed for neurological social workers and has a special interest in raising awareness and developing resources for PWP and their children/teens.

Ms. Book earned her B.S.W. from the University of Manitoba and her M.S.W. from the University of British Columbia, with her thesis focusing on caregiver stress. She has continued to expand her training throughout her career, for example in cognitive behavioral therapy, advance care planning and social work instruction.

Julie H. Carter, RN, MN, ANP
Julie Carter is a nurse practitioner and Professor of Neurology at Oregon Health and Science University. She received her BSN and MS from OHSU. She joined the department of neurology in 1979 and was one of the original founders of the Parkinson Center of Oregon (PCO).

Ms. Carter has dedicated her career to improving the lives of people with Parkinson’s disease and their families. She approaches Parkinson’s disease as a family centered disease and brings
a family centered emphasis to her practice as a nurse practitioner and to innovative program development at the PCO. She has been instrumental in the creation of the annual patient and family symposium, family caregiver series, young person with PD symposium, newly diagnosed workshop, the Strive to Thrive (self-management) program for PD, and most recently the PD palliative care program.

Ms. Carter has a special research interest in family caregiving and Parkinson’s disease. She has been an investigator in multiple clinical trials and is an original member of the Parkinson Study Group. She has authored numerous articles and is a popular speaker to both lay and professional audiences. She was recently awarded the WPC 2016 award for distinguished contribution to the PD community.

**Heather Ciacci, PT, MS, GCS**
Heather Ciacci is a Geriatric Clinical Specialist and founding therapist at the Dan Aaron Parkinson’s Rehabilitation Center (Penn Therapy & Fitness) at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, PA – part of the University of Penn Health System. Heather received her Bachelor’s in Physical Therapy from the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA and her Master’s in Gerontology from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. She has been a physical therapist since 1994, with the majority of those years dedicated to working with patients with Parkinson’s disease (PD) and Atypical Parkinsonisms.

Heather is a LSVT® BIG certified clinician, LSVT® BIG Faculty Instructor for LSVT Global, Inc., and a PWR! clinician. She also is a graduate of the National Parkinson Foundation’s (NPF) Allied Team Training Program and Rock Steady Boxing program for PD. Heather has authored book chapters on rehabilitative strategies for PD, and Fronto-temporal Degeneration. She also is the author of two educational manuals on fitness and ADLs for the NPF. Heather has also lectured for various state Physical Therapy Associations, the Parkinson Disease Foundation, national continuing education companies, and Philadelphia-area conferences and support groups. Her research includes movement strategies for bed mobility, falls, freezing of gait, and functional movement disorders. She teaches about rehabilitation and PD at Thomas Jefferson University’s (Philadelphia, PA) and Neumann University’s (Aston, PA) departments of PT. Heather is a former Board member of CurePSP® and founding team member of the COPE program (Comprehensive Outpatient Atypical Parkinsonism Evaluation) at Pennsylvania Hospital’s Parkinson’s Disease & Movement Disorder Center.

**Darla Freeman-LeVay, M.A., CCC-SLP**
Darla Freeman-LeVay is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and received her Master’s Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from The Ohio State University. While in the master’s program, she developed a special interest in voice disorders and their management, and she was selected for a clinical internship in the Department of Otolaryngology at The Ohio State University. During the internship, she gained valuable experience and advanced training in the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of a wide variety of laryngeal disorders in a multidisciplinary center.
Since leaving The Ohio State University, she has worked in a number of clinical settings, from public schools to rehabilitation facilities with a focus in adult voice and speech disorders and Neurogenics. From 200-2016 Ms. Freeman-LeVay served as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Florida (USF) where she taught master level students. Currently she works as a speech-language pathologist with Florida E.N.T. & Allergy where she specializes in the evaluation and treatment of voice and swallowing disorders. She regularly attends continuing education courses to further her knowledge of current voice therapy techniques and as well presents at local and state levels. Ms. Freeman-LeVay is Lee Silverman Voice Therapy (LSVT) certified, trained in use of the Speechvive device and trained in the Speak Out program for Parkinson’s. Darla has been recognized by the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association and the Mid-Florida Multiple Sclerosis Society (Milestone Award, 2011) for her excellence in community education and services. Darla has been nominated by her peers to serve on the board of directors for Speech-Language Pathology Practice with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2018-2021 term.) She is a 2-term (2016-2017) grant recipient through the National Parkinson Foundation and has started Tampa’s first Tremble Clefs choir.

Ms. Freeman-LeVay is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), serves on the executive board for the Tampa Bay Medical Speech Pathology Association and is the founder (2003) and one of the medical advisors for the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Support Group of Tampa. She is also a participant in the ASHA Special Interest Division for Voice and Voice Disorders.

Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS
Dr. Jennifer Goldman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences, Section of Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Goldman is a fellowship trained movement disorder neurologist with specialty training and board certification in behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry. Her clinical and research work focuses on understanding and improving treatments for cognitive and behavioral features of Parkinson’s disease, parkinsonian disorders, dementia with Lewy bodies, and other movement disorders using advanced neuroimaging, genetics, and other biomarkers. Dr. Goldman graduated from Princeton University and received her MD from Northwestern University Medical School. She completed her neurology residency training at Washington University in St. Louis, followed by a movement disorder fellowship and a Master of Science degree in clinical research at Rush University in Chicago. She is board certified by the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

As a movement disorder specialist, Goldman treats patients with Parkinson’s disease, atypical parkinsonian disorders, dementia with Lewy bodies, dystonia, and other movement-related conditions in the clinic. She directs the Cognitive-Behavioral program within the Section of Movement Disorders. Her research has been funded by NIH, Michael J. Fox Foundation, Rush University, Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, National Parkinson Foundation, among others. She has published multiple research articles and book chapters on Parkinson’s disease, cognition,
behavior, and other movement disorders. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology and American Neurological Association. Goldman has chaired or served on working groups for biomarkers, cognition/psychiatry and Parkinson's disease mild cognitive impairment for the Parkinson’s Study Group and the Movement Disorders Society (MDS). She also serves on the Lewy Body Dementia Association Scientific Advisory Committee and the Dystonia Foundation’s Medical Advisory Committee for Musicians with Dystonia. Goldman also is active in education and mentorship at Rush and in the neurological societies.

She was the 2013 recipient of the Rush University Faculty Award for Excellence in Education and has lectured nationally and internationally. She serves on the AAN Education Committee, MDS Leadership Task Force, and as chair of the MDS Pan-American Section Education Committee.

**Ruth Hagestuen, R.N., M.A**

Ruth Hagestuen is Director of NPF’s Allied Team Training for Parkinson and NPF consultant to the Edmond J Safra National Parkinson's Wellness Initiative. She also works with the Struthers Parkinson’s Center, Minneapolis, MN in development of the Struthers Parkinson’s Care Network. Her work with Parkinson's disease began in 1987 with the Methodist Hospital Parkinson's Center's Interdisciplinary Clinic and regional center as nurse coordinator and program director. In 2000, she joined NPF as Vice President and Program Director where she worked with affiliates nationally and internationally in development of strategies to better meet needs of the Parkinson's community through research, education, care, and outreach.

From 2009-2011 she served as Director of the NYU Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Center in development of their interdisciplinary team and collaborative relationships designed to build informed, accessible care and wellness programs for people with Parkinson’s disease and related movement disorders. She is active in the International Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Society (MDS) and currently serves on the Pan-American Section Education Committee of the MDS.

Ruth’s passion continues to be building capacity for to provide accessible, informed, inter-professional care, support and educational programs for people with Parkinson’s and their families. Ruth may be contacted at: rh@parkinson.org.

**Denise Kornegay, M.S.W.**

Denise Kornegay holds faculty appointments as an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia Augusta University and in the Department of Community Science at the Mercer University School of Medicine. In her dual role appointments, she serves as the Associate Dean /Executive Program Director for the Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network. In this capacity, Ms. Kornegay works to create an appropriately trained, diversified, and geographically distributed health workforce in the state.
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Her areas of expertise include: rural health and rural outreach, grant writing and resource acquisition, community based coalition building, legislative advocacy, health workforce development (including recruitment and retention initiatives), and family and social roles in personal health. In addition to her roles in these areas, Ms. Kornegay has developed several training seminars that she conducts with various non-profits and grass roots organizations. These seminars include: Board Development and Training, How to be an Effective Advocate, Family Relationships and Health, Team Building and Leadership, Personality Styles and Assessments, Communication Styles, Cultural Diversity, and Nurse Mentor Training programs.

Ms. Kornegay serves on the Boards of Directors for each of the six AHEC Centers, as well as numerous state tasks forces and work groups. She provides lectures to health professions students in the Schools of Dentistry, Allied Health, Medicine, and Nursing at Augusta University and other institutions within the state. Denise may be contacted at: dkornega@augusta.edu.

Lucie Lachance, BSc(N), MSc

Lucie Lachance is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Movement Disorders at the Montreal Neurological Hospital within McGill University Health Center in Quebec since 2001. With the McGill Disorders Program Team, she evaluated, delivered and coordinated appropriate care for patients with complex needs and provided support and educational assistance to their families over the continuum of care required by the progressing condition associated with the Parkinson Disease and other movement disorders. One of the leader of the Movement Disorders Program at the MUHC, her activities extend well outside the MUHC as she provides guidance and disseminates best practices to nurses, allied health care professionals and others clinical partners regarding issues related to care and interdisciplinary team effectiveness in the treatment of Parkinson. She is regularly call upon as a lecturer for the Mcgill University Neuro Nursing Program and as invited speaker and organizer at various community lectures and local conferences on Parkinson targeted to the patients, their family and the health care professional. In addition, she is actively promoting an educational networking model for nurses across Canada and the Provincial Parkinson Societies at national and international conferences on Movement Disorders.

She served the Parkinson Society of Canada as a board member from 2004- 2010 and was the Chair of support/services committee and board member for the Parkinson Society Quebec from 2002-2004.

Lucie graduated in Nursing from Université de Sherbrooke in 1993, where she also received a M.Sc. in Clinical Science in 1996.

Irene Litvan, M.D., FAAN, FANA

Dr. Irene Litvan is the Tasch Endowed Chair of Parkinson Disease Research at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), Professor of Neurosciences and Director of the UCSD National Parkinson Foundation Movement Disorder Center of Excellence. She is a fellow of the American Neurological Association and American Academy of Neurology (AAN), is the Chair of the AAN Movement Disorder Section and serves or has severed on many boards and committees of the
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International Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Society, American Academy of Neurology, World Federation of Neurology, World Parkinson Congress and medical scientific boards. She was the local chair and co-chair of the 19th International Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Society Congress.

Dr. Litvan is a movement disorder specialist, behavioral neurologist and neuroepidemiologist with more than 25 years of experience conducting clinical trials and leading multidisciplinary and multiple-site clinical studies. Dr. Litvan received the National Institutes of Health merit award for leading international multiple-center studies to evaluate and improve the clinical diagnostic criteria of parkinsonian neurodegenerative disorders. She has published more than 250 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, and is senior editor of 4 books. Her major research goals are to (1) identify symptomatic therapies that can improve the quality of life of patients with proteinopathies presenting with parkinsonism and/or dementia and to (2) identify biological therapies that can slow or stop their disease progression. She vested on (3) improving the neuropathological and clinical diagnostic criteria of these disorders in order to identify (4) robust biomarkers to early and accurately diagnose them and (5) markers that could be used to measure outcome. She has led or participated in several multicenter studies or international Task Forces to develop clinical and neuropathological diagnostic criteria for parkinsonian and/or dementia neurodegenerative disorders (PSP, CBD, MSA, DLB, PD, PD-MCI and PDD). She participated in several multicenter studies to identify robust diagnostic and biomarkers and has participated in symptomatic and therapeutic trials for these disorders. She developed two Movement Disorder Centers, one at the University of Louisville and the other at UCSD that have received a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence designation. Dr. Litvan is committed to mentoring students, residents, fellows and junior faculty to become clinical translational scientists.

Laura Marsh, MD

Dr. Laura Marsh is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Care Line at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and a professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Marsh’s research focuses on improving the recognition and treatment of psychiatric disturbances in Parkinson’s disease. After receiving her medical degree from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, Dr. Mash completed a medical internship at the Francis Scott Key Medical center (Now Bayview Medical Center) of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and a Psychiatry Residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Marsh went on to complete neuroimaging and neuropsychiatry fellowships at the National Institute of Mental Health and at Stanford University before joining the Stanford faculty in 1994. In 1998, Dr. Marsh returned to Johns Hopkins where she was director of the Clinical Research Program of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson’s Disease Research Center of Excellence until she relocated to Houston in 2009, where she holds her current position. Dr. Marsh holds certifications from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and has added qualifications in Geriatric Psychiatry and in Neuropsychiatry. She is a member of the scientific or medical advisory boards for the American Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, the National
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Parkinson’s Foundation and the Houston Area Parkinson’s Society. She is also the author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, medical publications, abstracts and manuscripts.

**John Morgan, M.D., Ph.D.**
Dr. John Morgan has been in practice as a movement disorders specialist for approximately 14 years and is a Professor and Director of the NPF Center of Excellence at Augusta University. He has served on the faculty of ATTP for over 10 years. He earned his MD-PhD from the Medical College of Georgia and did a medicine internship and neurology residency at the University of Virginia. He is fellowship trained in movement disorders and routinely cares for many patients with PD and other disorders. He has extensive experience in clinical trials for PD, RLS, Alzheimer’s Disease and other disorders. He has published numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and served on the NIH NET-PD FS-ZONE Steering Committee. He is currently a co-investigator on a VA Merit Review Grant studying the effects of niacin in PD.

On a personal note, he grew-up in Jacksonville, Florida and his wife is a dysphagia-expert speech pathologist and his ex-wife is a physical therapist. He has four children ages 17, 14, 7, and 6. He really enjoys tennis, hiking, playing the stock market, movies and family.

**Jon Stoessl, CM, MD, FRCPC, FAAN, FCAHS**
Dr. John Stoessl is Professor & Head of Neurology and directs the Pacific Parkinson’s Research Centre and National Parkinson Foundation Centre of Excellence at UBC & Vancouver Coastal Health. He holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Parkinson’s and has directed a CIHR Team in Parkinson’s, a Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation Centre grant on Overlap Syndromes Resulting in Dementia and a Michael Smith Foundation Research Unit. Dr. Stoessl sits on the editorial boards of Annals of Neurology, Lancet Neurology, Parkinsonism & Related Disorders and Translational Neurodegeneration, and has served on numerous scientific advisory boards. He is the past Chair of the Scientific Advisory Boards of the Parkinson Society of Canada and Ontario Mental Health Foundation and recently completed a term chairing the Interdisciplinary Adjudication Committee of the Canada Research Chairs program. He serves on the International Executive Committee of the Movement Disorders Society, the Board of the Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders, and chairs the Awards Committee of the MDS and the Mentoring Committee of the Parkinson Study Group. He co-chairs the Steering Committee for the World Parkinson Congress to be held in Montreal in October 2013. He is a Member of the Order of Canada. Dr. Stoessl’s research involves the use of positron emission tomography to study Parkinson’s disease and related disorders, including the use of imaging as a biomarker, the basis for complications of treatment and mechanisms of the placebo effect. He has published more than 245 papers and book chapters.

**Julia Marie Wood, MOT, OTR/L**
Julia Wood received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Wellness from Ball State University and Masters in Occupational Therapy from the University of Minnesota. She completed a clinical internship in inpatient neurological rehabilitation at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary’s Campus in Rochester, Minnesota. As an outpatient occupational therapist, Julia
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specializes in treating neurological movement disorders and neurodegenerative diseases at the Dan Aaron Parkinson’s Rehabilitation Center at Pennsylvania Hospital. Julia also serves as the occupational therapist in specialty interdisciplinary clinics for University of Pennsylvania’s Parkinson’s disease and Movement Disorders Center including COPE Clinic for patients with Atypical Parkinsonism, Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Clinic for patients with movement disorders considering surgical intervention, Huntington’s disease (HD) interdisciplinary clinic, and the ALS Clinic at Pennsylvania Hospital. Julia serves as occupational therapy faculty for the National Parkinson’s Foundation’s Allied Team Training for Parkinson’s program. She is certified practitioner of LSVT BIG, Parkinson’s Wellness & Recovery (PWR!), Pilates, GYROTONIC & GYROKINESIS. She acts as an assistant state director for the Michael J. Fox Foundation advocating for the legislative interests of the Parkinson’s community. She is dedicated to educating occupational therapy students in Parkinson’s disease and movement disorders and serves as a Premo Fieldwork Site educator for Thomas Jefferson University, collaborating with faculty to educate students in data driven decision-making practice applications for neurodegenerative diseases.