The best way to describe the Department of Neurology & Psychiatry (DNP) over the last year is “growth and diversification”. These are surprising terms considering the economic crisis that the World and our University community are currently facing.

Notably, since I arrived, we added nine new faculty members, in areas ranging from forensic psychiatry to consultation liaison services to interventional neurology, movement disorders, and sleep medicine. Also, strategic initiatives have strengthened our relations with the Mental Health Service of the St. Louis Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center.

We have formed a strong partnership with the Sisters of St. Mary (SSM) to establish a second clinical neuroscience campus at DePaul Medical Center, an effort that has progressed in the spirit of collaboration with the excellent physicians and neurologists at DePaul. We are presently working with DePaul to enhance stroke care, establish a neuro-interventional component, and bring subspecialty services in the movement disorders, sleep, and neuromuscular disease. These additions and enhancements are testimony to the dynamic state of our Department.

Our research is a point of considerable strength. For FY08, the research funding of the DNP was only surpassed by Internal Medicine, Biochemistry, and Microbiology. The DNP’s Clinical Research Unit is currently running approximately 45 clinical trials, including a study of the “Alzheimer’s vaccine,” investigation of the latest interventional and thrombolytic agents for stroke, and important studies of Lou Gehrig’s disease and multiple sclerosis. Our psychosocial processes group continues its active NIH-funded studies in chronic pain, headache, healthcare disparities, geriatrics, and research ethics, and my laboratory continues its success in development of complement inhibitory therapeutics.

First, Dr. Salvador Cruz, Director of the Souers Stroke Institute, was named the recipient of the Sidney W. Souers Chair. This speaks not only to Dr. Cruz’s exceptional achievements, but also to the strategic thinking of the past Chair of Neurology, Dr. John Selhorst, who made key decisions that were instrumental in making this second Souers Chair a reality. Second, Dr. Alan Felthous published an outstanding textbook, which won the Guttmacher Award from the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law for best new textbook. Third, Dr. Mirela Marcu was selected as a SLUStar, a prestigious award that recognizes individuals at Saint Louis University who embody the Jesuit mission and spirit in their work and service.

Congratulations to Drs. Cruz, Felthous, and Marcu, and to all of our faculty and staff members who make outstanding contributions to patient care, science, the University, and the community.

I hope you enjoy reading about our exciting Department in the latest edition of Neurotransmitter.
Welcome to New Faculty!

Anjan Bhattacharyya, M.D., is board certified in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Psychosomatic medicine. He comes to SLU from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, where he served as an Assistant Professor in the departments of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry, as well as Director of the combined internal medicine/psychiatry residency program. He was the Director of an Integrated Internal Medicine-Psychiatry clinic at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, a collaborative care program for improving the management of common psychiatric problems in the primary care clinics at the same center. Dr. Bhattacharyya's interests are in integrated treatment of patients who suffer from both physical and psychiatric problems. He is the current President of the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry.

Randall Edgell, M.D., is a board-certified neurointerventional specialist. Dr. Edgell completed a residency in Neurology at New York University, fellowship in vascular neurology at the Cleveland Clinic, and neurointervention at Albany Medical Center. Dr. Edgell was born in Afghanistan, lived in Bangladesh, Belize (his mother's home), Menominee, Michigan (his father's home), Somalia, and Kenya while growing up. He has clinical research interests related to neuro-intervention and multicenter data collection.

Tracy Gunter, M.D., is board certified in Psychiatry and forensic psychiatry, and her clinical focus is on forensic psychiatry with particular attention to decisional capacity and psychiatric disability. Before coming to SLU as Associate Professor, Dr. Gunter was Director of Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Iowa and a consultant for the Iowa Department of Corrections. While at the University of Iowa she also completed training in research methodology and her research interests include gene-environment interactions in the genesis and maintenance of adult externalizing disorders.

Robert G. Marietta, M.D., is board certified in Psychiatry. Previously Dr. Marietta served as the third Marine Division Psychiatrist in Okinawa, Japan. He served as a staff psychiatrist and completed his residency at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia where he was chief resident. His interests include mental health prevention, training and medical informatics. Dr. Marietta earned his medical degree at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Robert A. Nicholson, Ph.D., joined our faculty in August 2008. He also holds an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health. He earned his doctorate in Clinical Psychology (specializing in Behavioral Medicine) at Virginia Commonwealth University and completed a pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral research fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University Medical School. Dr. Nicholson's primary focus is the area of migraine headache management and prevention. His research evaluates methods to incorporate behavioral self-management into ongoing migraine care using advanced communication technologies. He has received multiple grants from the National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke, the National Headache and SLU to support his research. He has also received multiple awards throughout his career from local and national organizations.

Jiamin Teng M.D., Ph.D., joined our faculty in July 2008. Dr. Teng received his M.D., and M.S in Tongji Medical University in Wuhan, China and his Ph.D. in Nihon University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan, and performed postdoctoral training at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA. Dr. Teng has expertise in microsurgery and animal modeling, neuromuscular physiology, living cell imaging as well as molecular and cellular biology. He joins the Division of Translational Neuromuscular Disease Research.
Program Spotlights

SSM DePaul Neuroscience Center - A Partnership with SLU Neurology and DePaul Health Center

On January 1, 2009, the SLU Department of Neurology & Psychiatry began a joint venture with the SSM Health System to provide stroke neurology services at SSM DePaul Health Center. Dr. Ghazala Hayat is Director of the Neuroscience Center. One goal of this program is to increase the availability of cerebrovascular expertise to patients in the region, especially for advanced acute stroke care. Coverage will be provided by Drs. Salvador Cruz-Flores, Paisith Piriyawat, Eli Feen, Randall Edgell, and Nirav Vora. We anticipate the opening of an interventional neurology center. Drs. Edgell and Vora, both neurologists trained in intervention, will be present to perform mechanical embolectomy for acute stroke patients, carotid stenting, intracranial stenting, and embolization of intracranial aneurysms and arterio-venous malformations in this new state-of-the-art center. The third tier of our services at DePaul Health Center will be the addition of sub-specialty neurology clinics, such as Sleep and Movement Disorders.

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute - A Partnership with the Department

For the past 50 years, the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute has had a strong influence in training the next generation of psychiatry residents at the SLU Department of Neurology & Psychiatry. Paul Dewald of the Psychoanalytic Institute was instrumental in initiating a relationship with the SLU Dept of Psychiatry in the 60’s when Ed Auer was Chair. From that time onward, the DNP has been deeply appreciative of St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute’s contribution to educating the psychiatry residents.

The psychoanalytic faculty has directed courses since the 1960’s. Paul Dewald taught Clinical Case Conference and Dynamic Theory and Technique over 40 years and finally retired in 2007. Courses for the 2008 – 2009 year include Introduction to Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Developmental ages 6-11, Young Adulthood, and Aging, Dynamic Theory & Technique, and Continuous Case Conference. Current resident supervisors are Drs. Michael Brog, Sylvia Ginsparg, William Kelly, Jule Miller, K. Lynn Moritz, Nadia Ramzy, Diane Rankin, Peter Ruderman, Moisy Shopper, Nathan Simon, and Robin Turner.

Miggie Greenberg, M.D., Vice Chair of Psychiatry at the SLU Department of Neurology & Psychiatry meets regularly with Dr. Robin Turner of the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute to foster collaboration and maintain the strong relationship between the two institutions.
The **SLU Sleep Disorders Center**, under the direction of Co-Directors **Raman Malhotra, M.D.** and **Joseph Espiritu, M.D.**, is expanding, after just one year of existence. The Sleep Disorders Center, located in the Salus Center, now has the capability of performing 5 sleep studies per night, 6 nights a week. The expansion includes a larger waiting room and a dedicated physician workspace. The Sleep Center offers a multi-disciplinary approach, with expertise from medical professionals of several disciplines, including neurology, psychology, pulmonary, internal medicine, and otolaryngology. **Suma Chand, Ph.D**, of the DNP sees patients at the Sleep Center in a new Insomnia Clinic. Dr. Chand is a clinical psychologist specializing in cognitive-behavioral therapy, an effective, evidenced-based treatment for insomnia that is offered by only a few sleep centers in the area. The Center, which already serves as a teaching site for residents and fellows, will soon offer a sleep medicine elective for medical students, an opportunity that is not offered at other medical schools across the nation. The Sleep Center holds weekly conferences attended by members of Saint Louis University as well as sleep specialists from the community.

In June 2008, the **St. Louis VA Spinal Cord Injury/Dysfunction (SCI) Service**, directed by **Florian P. Thomas, M.D., M.A., PhD**, was re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities until 2011. Multiple new initiatives focus on fostering resilience and healthy living. One program provides training in motivational interviewing techniques to SCI nurses, physicians, rehabilitation therapists and social workers who then apply this approach to facilitate health behavior changes in individuals with SCI. The service is enhancing its recreational therapy paradigm with a strong focus on collaboration within the community in order to optimize reintegration while maintaining its emphasis on adapted sports and leisure opportunities. The state-of-the-art equipment is designed to facilitate arm and leg function, improve cardiovascular fitness, muscle mass and range of motion in patients with SCI. They include the Lokomat, a robotic-assistive ambulation device. The **St. Louis VA Spinal Cord Injury Service** is the only health care facility in the state of Missouri to make a **Lokomat** available to patients with gait impairment. The service is one of several sites in a randomized, multi-center study that compares the relative benefits of traditional vs. high intensity vocational rehabilitation for individuals with SCI in regards to their general and mental health and their re-integration into the work force. The addition of a full-time dietitian is allowing the **Metabolic Syndrome Clinic** to provide individualized diet plans to patients with above normal weight, blood pressure and glucose and lipid levels.

This year, the Department inaugurated a specialized **Movement Disorders Program**, under the leadership of **Pratap Chand, M.D., F.R.C.P.** The Program offers services to patients with difficult to treat Parkinson’s Disease, Dystonia, Tremor and other movement disorders. The Program offers state of the art management utilizing diagnostic electrophysiology and EMG guided chemodenervation therapy. In collaboration with **Richard Bucholz, M.D.**, the Director of Neurosurgery, deep brain stimulation is part of the treatment approach. The Movement Disorders program will expand further and develop a multidisciplinary approach to care with allied health professionals to provide comprehensive healthcare and opportunities for enhanced training and research.
Program Spotlights

In the last year the Souers Stroke Institute has continued to advance its mission to improve the lives of patients with stroke in St. Louis and across the country. The physician team members of the Institute are Salvador Cruz-Flores, (Director), Randall Edgell, Paisith Piriyawat, Eli Feen, and Nirav Vora. All provide specialized services that together make the SLU Care Stroke team among the best in the Nation. The Institute has opened specialty services at SSM DePaul Medical Center and interventional services are provided by Drs. Vora and Edgell. In partnership with Saint Louis University Hospital (SLUH), the Stroke Institute was designated as a Primary Stroke Center designation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). SLUH participates in the American Heart Association “Get with the Guidelines” for stroke which is designed to assure rigorous evidence-based approach to clinical care. SLU is one of few hospitals that has the “triple crown” for participation in all three guideline programs for heart failure, myocardial infarction, and stroke. Last year marked the establishment of the Mid-America Stroke Network. The first such program in the region, the Network allows member hospitals to share knowledge, educational opportunities, and technologies to provide high level stroke care to patients, who otherwise would not have had access to a JCAHO-designated Stroke Center. The Network functions as a hub and spoke system where SLUH is the hub and the community network hospitals are spokes. At the present, 22 community hospitals, half in Missouri and half in Illinois, work in collaboration with SLUH in caring for acute stroke patients.

Dr. Cruz is a member of the Time Critical Diagnosis Task Force, which is a multidisciplinary group comprising paramedics, nurses, cardiologists, emergency medicine physicians and neurologists that was established by the Missouri Division of Health and Senior Services. The Task Force work led to a bill that was signed into law by the previous Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. The House Bill 1790 authorizes the creation of a “Time Critical Diagnosis” system for emergency treatment of stroke and permits ambulance transport protocols to direct stroke to hospitals with the capabilities to provide specialty care. The Task Force continues to work to develop rules and regulations that will establish a standard system of triage, transport, evaluation and treatment of patients with stroke.

The Division of Translational Neuromuscular Disease Research focuses its efforts in development of novel treatments for disorders of muscle and neuromuscular transmission, in particular myasthenia gravis. In the last year, the team of Jindrich Soltys, Ph.D., of the DNP and Linda Kusner, Ph.D., of the Department of Ophthalmology published work describing how rEV576, a protein derived from ticks, can stop progression of weakness in animal models of myasthenia. Dr. Kusner is also evaluating efforts to use complement inhibition to treat muscular dystrophy. Yuefang Zhou, Ph.D., continues her work in manipulating gene expression in extraocular muscle to improve their function in diseases such as strabismus. Work of the Division in the last year has been presented in Basel Switzerland, Kosice Slovakia, and Newark New Jersey. The Division is supported by grants from the NIH, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and a Challenge Grant from Fight for Sight.
Program Spotlights

**Center for Healthy Brain Aging**

In a multidisciplinary effort to help patients improve their brain function and reduce their risk of future dementia, a new **Center for Healthy Brain Aging** is now open. The Center is directed by **Abhilash K. Desai, M.D.**, a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist, and a leader in the national healthy brain aging movement. Part of the Department of Neurology & Psychiatry, Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, the goal of the Center for Healthy Brain Aging is to improve brain function. Specifically, for a person of any age this means thinking more clearly with better memory. The uniqueness of the Center is that it utilizes a multidisciplinary/holistic approach. The team of highly trained healthcare professionals (neurologists, neuropsychologists, psychologists) led by geriatric psychiatrists provides a comprehensive assessment of suspected cognitive impairment and a holistic treatment plan that is tailored to the individual’s needs. Brain healthy lifestyle strategies (e.g., nutrition, exercise and physical activity, brain exercises and stimulation, stress management and emotional wellbeing strategies) are also identified and promoted to enhance brain function. Aggressive control of cardiovascular risk factors (e.g., obesity, sleep disorders, hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, smoking) in collaboration with patients’ primary care physicians is emphasized.

**Community Psychiatry**

The Division of Community Psychiatry has partnered with **Community Alternatives**, a non-profit organization that offers a broad range of innovative services to clients with a focus on promoting recovery, independence and integration into the community for more than seven years. **Dr. Mirela D. Marcu** and the psychiatry residents at SLU are an integral part of treatment at Community Alternatives. They provide psychiatric services to patients who are homeless, war refugees, and have co-occurring substance abuse disorders and treatment challenges such as HIV and AIDS. Community Alternatives currently operates two Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams. ACT is an evidence-based method of delivering multidisciplinary treatment to persons with severe and persistent mental illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression. It includes treatment with a psychiatrist, nursing staff, social workers, and mental health specialists. Dr. Marcu is an integral part of one ACT team, as the attending psychiatrist. She also supervises third year psychiatry residents from SLU, as they integrate into the second ACT team. By working together as a team, patients are able to receive the type of treatment that they might receive in the hospital, only in the community and at their places of residence. Dr. Marcu has done exceptional work incorporating psychiatric services into the St. Louis community, while providing a unique and innovative treatment experience for SLU psychiatry residents.
Faculty Honors

Congratulations to Mirela D. Marcu, M.D., for being selected as a **SLUStar**, a prestigious award that recognizes individuals at SLU who embody the Jesuit mission and spirit in their work and service.

In the last years, Dr. Marcu has dedicated her time to the care of the homeless, alcoholic, and drug-addicted -- the most disenfranchised sector of our society. She does not believe her work begins and ends at certain hours; she makes herself available at any hour to her colleagues and her patients in order to act as a liaison for them. She regards her goals of meeting the needs of her patients as immutable and time is never a factor in reaching that goal. Dr. Marcu has won several awards which speak to her dedication to her patients, one being Woman of the Year from the St. Louis Women's Committee.

Congratulations to Salvador Cruz-Flores, M.D., for being named **Sidney W. Souers Endowed Chair** in Neurology. Dr. Cruz is the second recipient of a major endowment from the Admiral Sidney W. Souers and Sylvia N. Souers Charitable Trust after Dr. John Selhorst, the former Chair of Neurology. Dr. Cruz is the Director of the Souers Stroke Institute and is also an Associate Director of the Neurology Residency Training Program. Dr. Cruz’s interests are in the treatment and intervention of acute stroke and critical care neurology.

Congratulations to Alan R. Felthous, M.D., for being selected to receive the **Manfred S. Guttmacher Award**. The award from the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and supported by an endowment from Professional Risk Management Services, Inc., recognized the book, "The International Handbook of Psychopathic Disorders and the Law", as an outstanding contribution to the literature in forensic psychiatry. Dr. Felthous is President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Senior Editor of Behavioral Sciences and the Law and Past President of the American board of Forensic Psychiatry. His research, scholarly and teaching interests focus on clinical aggression, the psychopathology of criminal behavior, legal requirements of clinicians in managing potentially violent patients, and jail and prison suicide.
The Clinical Research Unit (CRU) is involved in trials ranging from phase I to phase III to post-marketing studies of pharmaceutical agents and medical devices. The CRU works with studies funded through the National Institutes of Health and protocols from large and small Pharma as well as “start-up companies”. We have capabilities to perform investigations across the broad fields of the clinical neurosciences, involving pediatric through geriatric subjects in inpatient and outpatient settings. Although the CRU is housed within the newly renovated Monteleone Hall of Saint Louis University, our staff travels to perform evaluations in order to optimize efficiency for the investigators and convenience for the research subjects.

Thus, we perform research at all our affiliates throughout the St. Louis region, including SSM Cardinal Glennon, Saint Louis University Hospital, SSM St. Mary's, SSM DePaul, and SLUCare outpatient sites.

In the past year, we have demonstrated our commitment to growth and partnered with investigators at the School of Public Health, Division of Occupational Therapy, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics, Department of Internal Medicine: Divisions of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. Last year, as a Department we had nearly 4.3 million dollars of research awards with about half coming from federally sponsored clinical trials.

**Ongoing Clinical Trials**

**Bapineuzamab for Mild to Moderate Alzheimer’s Disease**
This trial will assess whether bapineuzamab, given intravenously, will attach to amyloid proteins in the brain and aid the body’s removal of it thereby enhancing cognitive functioning in a safe, well-tolerated manner. PI: George T. Grossberg, M.D.

Funded by Elan Pharmaceutical.

**Vasculopathy in Neurofibromatosis-1**
This study involves participants to undergo a transcranial doppler study in order to gain more understanding about the health of the participant’s vascular system and to determine if they are at an increased risk for developing a stroke or brain hemorrhage. PI: Thomas Geller, M.D.

Funded by Fleur-de-Lis Society.

**Validation of Biomarkers for ALS (NEALS)**
This trial collects blood samples from those with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), pure lower or upper motor neuron or other neuron degenerative diseases as well as from healthy subjects. Researchers hope to learn more about the underlying cause of ALS, as well as find unique biological markers (DNA), which could be used to develop new therapies. PI: Ghazala Hayat, M.D.

Funded by NIH.

**MR and Recanalization of Stroke Clots using Embolectomy (MR RESCUE)**
This study uses a MERCI Retriever to remove blood clots from the brain in patients who are experiencing an acute stroke. The outcomes of those receiving MERCI Retriever treatment will be compared to the outcomes of those receiving standard stroke treatment. PI: Salvador Cruz, M.D.

Funded by NIH.

**Thymectomy for Myasthenia Gravis Patients on Prednisone**
This trial compares the effectiveness of current treatments for myasthenia gravis. Participants will be randomly assigned to receive either prednisone or a combination treatment of prednisone with thymectomy. PI: Henry Kaminski, M.D.

Funded by NIH.
Thank you to the Directors of the Resident and Fellowship Programs!

An essential part of our residency and fellowship programs involves a group of dedicated psychiatrists and neurologists, Miggie Greenberg, M.D., Ghazala Hayat, M.D., Jothika N. Manepalli, M.D., Amy Rauchway, D.O., Thomas J. Geller, M.D., who dedicate their time to train and teach our residents and fellows. We are grateful for their commitment to the department, to the training of future psychiatrists and neurologists, and to the advancement of the field of psychiatry and neurology.

Congratulations to residents and fellows who moved on to fellowship programs or faculty positions:

- **Dawn Brown, M.D.**, Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine
- **Amit Rathi, M.D.**, Fellow, Children’s National Medical Center
- **Rangsun Sitthichai, M.D.**, Fellow, Harvard Medical School
- **Vinita Acharya, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Neurology Department, Penn State University
- **Uladzimir Luchanok, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, SLU Department of Neurology & Psychiatry

Welcome to new Residents and Fellows!

**Neurology Residents**
- Bokkwan Jun, M.D., Hanyang University
- Darine Kassar, M.D., Universite Libanaise
- Jamal Maarouf, M.D., University of North Dakota
- Mary Rickard, M.D., University of Iowa
- Daniel Weber, M.D., Michigan State School of Osteopathic Med
- Leslie Wilbanks, M.D., Howard University

**Psychiatry Residents**
- Sharmistha Barai, M.D., Lady Hardinge Medical College
- Subhash Bashyal, M.D., BP Koirala Inst Health Science
- Nezar El-Ruwie, M.D., Al-Arab University
- Sumera Salamat, M.D., Jinnah Med & Dental College
- Pooja Sharma, M.D., Terna Medical College
- Merideth Troop, M.D., Saint Louis University

**Child Neurology**
- Deepti Chrusciel, M.D., Saint Louis University

**Neurophysiology Fellows**
- Lakshmi Beeravolu, M.D.
- Ahmed Arshad, M.D.
- Sadiq Al-Tamimi, M.D.

**Geriatric Psychiatry Fellows**
- Nazem Bassil, M.D.
- Papan Thaipsuttikul, M.D.

Articles, Presentations and Publications

**Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship**

William Redden, M.D., was selected for 2009 Career Development Institute for Psychiatry held this year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. He was nominated for a "Mini-Fellow" to attend the 162nd Annual Meeting of the APA in May of 2009.

Pooja Sharma, M.D., co-authored a review paper: Psycho-Social Environmental treatments for Alzheimer’s disease. Submitted on 2-5-09 to Primary Psychiatry.

Ramasubba Tatini, M.D., gave a lecture on Feb 17, 2009 on Treatments for AD and presented research at the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

**Child Neurology**


Anu Nayak, M.D and Jeremy Timothy, M.D., gave presentations at the 3rd Annual Valley Child Neurology Colloquium.
Thank you for our dedicated staff at the department who work diligently to accomplish the department’s mission and goals. We would like to highlight three of our staff members (randomly chosen) from clinical, administrative and billing areas.

**Anne Fann, RN, Clinical Nurse, CRU**

**One thing that most people do not know about you:** Magician's Assistant.

**Hobbies:** cooking, baking, gardening, and walking but what I miss most is having enough free time to read.

**What do you like most about working within our department and at SLU:** I truly feel that it has been a gift to work in the Clinical Research Unit. Eve Holzemer is a fantastic boss and my co-workers are incredibly patient with all my questions as well as being an entertaining crowd.

**Favorite thing to do on a day off:** to explore something new with my family.

**Favorite actor:** Cher. She has been an idol of mine since I was quite young. I find her to be an incredible singer and an engaging actress. I feel her talents are limitless.

**Most important issue in the news recently:** economy; it affects each and every one of us in nearly every aspect of our lives.

**Pamela Merriweather, Billing Representative**

**One thing that most people do not know about you:** Forklift Operator.

**Hobbies:** reading, watching movies, just started learning how to sew.

**What do you like most about working within our department and at SLU:** I would have to say my co-workers in this department are awesome. As for Saint Louis University, the educational opportunities it affords the employees and their families.

**Favorite thing to do on a day off that is fun:** to read a book.

**Favorite actor:** I really do not have a favorite. I do however lean towards actors with depth and versatility.

**Most important issue in the news recently:** Education, especially in urban cities.

**Sheryll Williams, Administrative Assistant**

**One thing that most people do not know about you:** very competitive Scrabble Player.

**Hobbies:** traveling, visiting museums, and nature photography.

**What do you like most about working within our department and at SLU:** I am interested to learn about the diseases and conditions that neurologists treat. I have been inspired by articles in neurology publications that profiled famous people's stories of hope, healing and living with neurological disease.

**Favorite thing to do on a day off:** to spend time with friends and family

**Favorite actor:** Denzel Washington because he is convincing when playing the roles of ruthless characters.

**Most important issue in the news recently:** Health care reform.
SUPPORT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH - MAKE A DONATION!

In the coming year, our Department must work within the constraints imposed upon us and the whole University community by the current economic crisis. Endowment levels have fallen and with that, the ability to support non-income generating activities like education and research is compromised. I would like to ask you to consider making a donation to certain strategic initiatives in the Department to support education, research, and the enhancement of clinical care.

You can read about these initiatives on our website, http://neuroandpsych.slu.edu, and I encourage you to do so. The combined efforts of all who care about the mission of the Department can make its continued success a reality.

Henry J. Kaminski