

**SUSAN GENNARO, DOWNS PROFESSOR IN NURSING RESEARCH AT NYU,
NAMED DEAN OF CONNELL SCHOOL OF NURSING**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (April 2008) Boston College has named Susan Gennaro, the Florence and William Downs Professor in Nursing Research in the College of Nursing at New York University, the next dean of its William F. Connell School of Nursing. She will assume the post on July 1, succeeding Barbara Hazard who is retiring after serving as dean since 1991.

An expert in perinatal nursing, Gennaro has conducted research throughout the United States and abroad, including Uganda and Malawi, and participated in educational and demonstration projects in Ukraine, Belgium, Taiwan and India. Her work has received funding from the National Institutes of Nursing Research and the Office of Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

From 1988 to 2006, Gennaro was on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she retains the title of professor emerita. Prior to her tenure at Penn, Gennaro taught at the University of Alabama School of Nursing and the Medical University of South Carolina.



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Gennaro's writing has appeared in publications such as *Nursing Research*, *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Journal of Obstetrical, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing*, *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* and *Journal of Perinatal Neonatal Nursing*, among others.

"The search committee was impressed by Professor Gennaro's formidable record of research, faculty recruitment, mentoring, and commitment to interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration," said Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza in a letter announcing Gennaro's appointment. "Professor Gennaro also garnered praise from leaders at medical schools and hospitals in the Boston area whom she met in the course of the interview process."

"The Connell School of Nursing deanship is my idea of the perfect deanship," said Gennaro. "I believe in the values of the Connell School and the University and am really looking forward to working with the stellar faculty and truly exceptional students."

A Staten Island, NY, native, Gennaro has strong family ties to the nursing profession. Her mother and aunts were nurses, as are her husband, cousin and sister-in-law. "I'm very happy I'm a nurse," said Gennaro.

"I knew that in nursing I would be helping people physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually at some of the most important moments of their lives," said Gennaro in an interview with *Reflections on Nursing Leadership*. "It's a choice I have never regretted."

Gennaro earned a bachelor of arts degree from Le Moyne College in 1972, a master of science in nursing degree from Pace University in 1975 and a doctor of science in nursing degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1983.

Her honors include ASPO/LAMAZE's "Outstanding Perinatal Educator" award for 1993 and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses' Excellence in Research award (1994) and Distinguished Service Award (2001). She was recognized by the University of Pennsylvania with the Lenore Rowe Williams Award for her efforts to improve the health of women around the world. She was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1990 and serves as editor of the Journal of Nursing Scholarship, which reaches 130,000 readers in more than 100 countries.

Gennaro has served on the Nurse Advisory Council for the March of Dimes, working to bring culturally sensitive care to foreign countries to help improve maternal and infant health.

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