



NURSING STUDENTS FOR CHOICE

Summer 2014 Newsletter

Campus Curriculum Electives Pilot Project Update

"After piloting the curriculum at six universities over the past year, we're happy to report it has gone fabulously.

Due to an incredible collaborative effort by the leaders of NSFC and community mentors, the material from the pilots has been translated into a toolkit of resources, which is available on the NSFC website for any student or instructor to simply plug and play at their school, in whatever format works best for them. We're also currently gathering evaluation data from the students and student leaders, which will be compiled into an official presentation, approved by

the IRB and already accepted to present at ARHP and the NSFC Summit this fall!

Lastly, we have a few projects in the pipeline, including applying to present on the pilots at ACNM next year, proposing to rewrite the ACNM Reproductive Health Choices statement, and implementing a nationwide survey of APC students on their impression of sexual and reproductive health content within their respective curriculums. Please stay tuned, and get in touch if you'd like to be involved!"

Holly Carpenter, RN, CNM/WHNP

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NSFC Activist Summit

October 24-26
Minneapolis, MN

Register: <http://bit.ly/T3cwyY>

Deadline: September 1, 2014

Welcome NSFC's New Office Coordinator Natalie Robinson!



Natalie Robinson, the new Office Coordinator, was born and raised in the Twin Cities (go Saint Paul!). She is finishing up her undergraduate career this month at St. Kate's, with majors in Women's Studies and Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity, as well as a minor in Sociology. In the Fall, she will be attending Hamline University for a Masters in Nonprofit Management. Natalie has been an MPIRG member for two years, tutors at Humboldt High School, and volunteers with Planned Parenthood. She is a young and passionate advocate for social justice!

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Spring Conference Updates

“Thanks NSFC for everything you have done this year to support us both emotionally and financially. We would not have been able to attend these conferences without you. Thank you for allowing us a safe space to raise our activist voices and meet like-minded people... this group has been a lifesaver throughout our nursing education.”

--NYU NSFC Chapter Leader

NSFC successfully sent more than 50 students, six board members, and one staff person to four separate conferences in one week in April! Our board and members presented posters and spoke on panels and workshops on student curricular experiences, nursing's role in providing safe and accessible abortion care, and scope of practice in abortion care. We exhibited at NAF, NSNA, CLPP, CT, and ACNM, connecting with students, members, and mentors from numerous disciplines and dimensions of nursing practice. Here's what folks are saying about their conference experience this spring:

ACNM: American College of Nurse-Midwives

“This was an amazing and energizing experience, tabling with NSFC and engaging with so many supportive midwifery peers. I felt a deep gratitude bearing witness to the work all our nursing and midwifery colleagues have done before us, are doing currently and will continue to do in the future. I felt inspired by our participation and NSFC's reception at the meeting as a whole. **I loved how much we were thanked for being there and how many times we were invited back!**” Tara

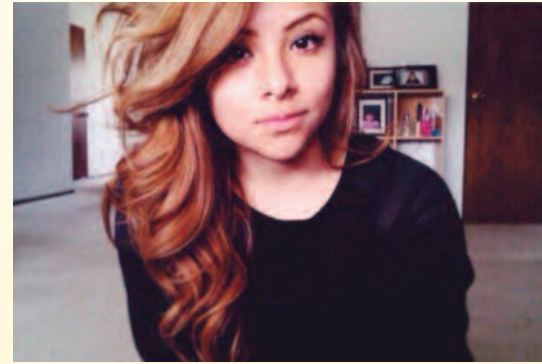
“We had such a warm reception from so many attendees, with lots of high fives, thank you, and hugs. I even got to meet Lisa Summers!” Holly



Top: NSFC exhibit booth at ACNM; Second row: Erika Staub with Heather Ault from 4000 Years for Choice at NAF; NSFC students at CLPP; Opposite page: Papaya workshop at CLPP (photo credit: Bill Fried).



Huge Thanks to Lauren Canales, our Spring 2014 Intern!



CLPP: Civil Liberties and Public Policy

“(CLPP) reminded me to not leave my social justice passions at the door when I step into the role of provider or in the classroom and that the connections I have become aware of between our environments and bodies and RJ are too important to be worried about being viewed as eccentric (to put it nicely) by my peers and professors. **The conference reinvigorated me and gave me new knowledge.**” Rye

CT: Contraceptive Technologies

“**I will spread the word of the great work NSFC is doing**, and provide any support I can to the organization after I graduate and begin to practice as an NP.” Beth

National Abortion Federation (NAF)

“The NAF conference has yet again exceeded my expectations, and I am looking forward to next year - hopefully as a poster research presenter, and a newly board-certified FNP looking to work in reproductive health care! **I wish to wholeheartedly thank the donors to NSFC who make it possible for students, like myself, to attend these conferences** and make a difference as student and future nurses. THANK YOU!” Erica

NSNA: National Student Nurses Association (NSFC exhibited for the 1st time this year)

“Final nursing student attendance count was over 3,400! When you think about it that is amazing exposure for us, especially when you add all the other people that were in attendance! **NSFC was one of a kind in the exhibit hall.** A majority of the exhibitors were schools, NCLEX study guide focused, nursing supply vendors or recruiters.” Becky

“We got about 100 new contacts...Louisiana was A SUPER interested state and **we got TONS of interest there.**” Jacqui

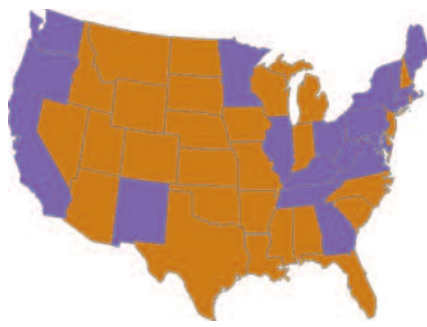
Lauren comes from a single parent home, inspired by her mother and other strong women of color. They inspire her because they have overcome extreme barriers and stereotypes. They are the reason she is the political activist she is today and why she considers herself a feminist. Lauren plans to graduate from Augsburg College with majors in Political Science and Women's Studies.

She hopes to continue her activism in the reproductive justice movement. She also has strong interests in women's rights, public education, LGBTQIA issues, and immigration. These issues are very prevalent, and they need more support and representation, which is what she wants to be able to do in order to continue to see change in our nation. Her goal is to graduate in 3½ years and eventually become a politician in Minnesota.

Thank you, immensely, Lauren, for all of your hard work with NSFC this Spring. You will be dearly missed!

NSFC Chapters

WE'RE ALL OVER. We support NSFC chapters at schools across the country to engage in campus activism.



We would like to welcome Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee to NSFC! This is our first ever chapter in Tennessee!

We now have a total of 22 campus chapters nationwide!

Campus Chapter Updates:

MGH Institute of Health Professions (Boston, MA)

- Film screenings of *Birth Story* and *After Tiller*
- Collaborated with KINSHIP for various LGBTQ events and visiting speakers

New York University (New York, NY)

- Co-sponsored Women's Heart Health, Dating Violence, and Sex Work event
- Birth Control event

Rush University (Chicago, IL)

- *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary abortion provider presentation
- IUD workshop
- "Religion and Abortion" presentation by Reverend Rebecca Turner from Faith Aloud

University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)

- Established a Family Planning and Reproductive Options elective for Winter 2014
- Co-sponsored *After Tiller* screening and Q&A with Dr. Shelley Sella

UMass Amherst (Amherst, MA)

- Networked with nursing students at other schools in the area

UMN Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN)

- Sold buttons at MSFC event and organized button-making
- Organized two guest speakers for summer semester to discuss the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program and nurses from Family Tree Clinic to give overview of birth control options and patient education.

University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)

- Established relationships with off-campus supporters in hopes of bringing them to campus next year.

Yale School of Nursing (West Haven, CT)

- Summit Report Back Potluck
- Panel on Contraceptive Methods
- Cocktails and Choice meeting
- Dinner and showing of *After Tiller*
- Observations at Hartford GYN

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