

# Impressive ALUMNI

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**Bret Strauss '02**  
**M.S. Ed. in Business Education**

Bret Strauss graduated from Hofstra University with an M.S.Ed. in business education, and was subsequently hired as a business educator by the Valley Stream Central High School District. In 2004, he received the Outstanding New Business Educator Award by the Business Teachers Association of New York State. He was promoted to head of career

and technical education in 2008, and currently serves as the full-time dean of students. He is currently an adjunct professor in Hofstra's Department of Teaching, Literacy and Leadership, and teaches a course on incorporating technology into the business education classroom. Mr. Strauss is proud to return to Hofstra in this capacity.



**Stephanie Burke '03, '06**  
**B.S., Community Health Education**  
**Master of Health Administration**

After earning her undergraduate degree, Stephanie Burke worked for several health organizations, including Planned Parenthood and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She soon returned to Hofstra University to pursue graduate studies, because she knew that a graduate degree was the fast track to the top jobs. "I loved

my teachers, and I thought to myself, 'I'll do it again.'" Her instincts about the faculty proved correct. "The professors are available and supportive. They guide you," she says. "They see something in you and help you to develop it." She was right about her job prospects, too; a few weeks before graduation, Ms. Burke accepted the position of assistant director of a residential facility for adults with mental illness.

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The School of Education, Health and Human Services offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs, including: elementary education; school counseling; secondary education in English, social studies, math, science and foreign language; physical education; business education; dance, music, and art education; literacy; health education; special education; school administration; family and consumer science; and bilingual and TESOL education. Programs in these areas lead to initial certification, graduate degrees and advanced certificates. We offer doctoral programs in teaching and learning, leadership and policy studies, and literacy studies. Programs in health and human services include: athletic training, exercise science, creative arts therapy, community health, health administration, marriage and family counseling, mental health counseling, and rehabilitation therapy.

We hope that you will browse our Web pages and our online *Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Bulletins*. We invite you to call and/or visit our departments to speak with faculty about your educational plans and interests. We look forward to meeting you soon.

*Dr. Nancy Halliday*  
Interim Dean, School of Education, Health and Human Services

## Engaged FACULTY



### Putting “Education First” Around the World Bliidi Stemn, Ph.D.

Dr. Bliidi S. Stemn, a native of Maryland County (in the West African nation of Liberia), is assistant professor in the Department of Teaching, Literacy and Leadership at Hofstra University. Dr. Stemn established Education



First Inc., an organization dedicated to providing quality education and materials to teachers and students. As part of his continued volunteer efforts for the last three years, Dr. Stemn spent three weeks in Maryland County in January 2011, holding workshops for elementary and middle school teachers. He also donated \$3,000 worth of school supplies to schools in the area. Under his direction, Education First Inc. broke ground to construct a nursery-grade 12 (N-12) school in Harper, Maryland County, Liberia. Once completed, it will be the first N-12 school in the country with emphasis on mathematics, science, and technology. Dr. Stemn is currently organizing various fund-raising activities to pay for construction of the school.

*“As a result of 14 years of civil unrest, Liberia is in dire need of qualified teachers and excellent schools, particularly in the rural areas. These communities are often underserved and lack the basic needs that lead to productive lives. Ultimately, my goal for Education First Inc. is to make a difference, one child at a time.”*

– Dr. Bliidi S. Stemn



### Fighting Fires With the Science of Exercise Katie Sell, Ph.D., NSCA-CSCS, ACSM-HFS

An assistant professor in the Department of Health Professions and Kinesiology at Hofstra University, Dr. Katie Sell directs the undergraduate exercise science program, and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in exercise physiology, physical fitness assessment, and scientific foundations of strength and conditioning.

Translating her expertise into research and practice, she has assisted in the design and implementation of physical fitness programs for firefighters and law enforcement personnel around the country. Through her work as the exercise physiologist on the FireFit committee for wildland firefighting and the NSCA Tactical Strength and Conditioning SIG Executive Council, Dr. Sell helps to improve or maintain higher than average levels of physical fitness, significantly decreasing the risk of adverse health responses and injury.

*“Although much attention has been placed on the health and safety of firefighter and law enforcement groups in recent years, only limited resources have been directed toward improving physical fitness. I strongly feel that this is an area of research and service that deserves our attention, given the hard work these individuals put forth in protecting others.”*

– Dr. Katie Sell



### Building Peace Through Conflict-Resolution Laurie Johnson, Ph.D., NCC, LMHC

Combining her counseling expertise and social justice interests was a natural fit for Dr. Laurie Johnson, professor and director of the graduate programs in counseling, in the Department of Counseling, Research, Special Education and Rehabilitation (CRSR) at Hofstra University. Over the past decade, Dr. Johnson has worked on the ongoing

initiative “Beyond the Symmetry of Conflict: Peace-building in Divided Societies,” which interweaves research, teaching, consultation and systems planning activities in post-conflict regions of the world. In Northern Ireland, she worked as a research associate for the UNU Institute for Conflict Resolution & Ethnicity, where she focused on international strategies for peace-building; and as the Sheelagh Murnaghan Visiting Professor at Queens University in Belfast, where her work focused on promoting integrated education and addressing intercultural bias in this divided society. A 2006 Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Johnson continued her work in the divided Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities, developing frameworks for promoting integration and reconciliation in the schools and community systems on both sides of the U.N. Buffer Zone.

*“As a counselor and humanist, I believe in the human spirit’s capacity to address conflict in transformative ways on all levels – intrapersonal, interpersonal and intergroup. The need for counseling specialists in the field of conflict resolution is self-evident; by training, counselors view conflict as an opportunity for growth and transformation and thus bring valuable perspectives and skills to the negotiating table. My counselor training here at Hofstra is enriched by my international work; I bring into my classes what I am learning about the inherent ability of human beings around the world to rise above even the most difficult of divisions.”*

– Dr. Laurie Johnson