Jeff Snedeker '78, CALS, Biological Sciences, M.D.

Jeff Snedeker, MD (B.S. Cornell '78) received his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He completed a residency in pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. He served on the medical school faculty at Duke for 7 years, after which he returned to Ithaca, joining Northeast Pediatrics and the medical staff of Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca in 1995.

Jeff has served as President of the Tompkins County Board of Health and currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of Cayuga Medical Center. He holds medical school faculty appointments at Upstate Medical University at Syracuse and at the Weill-Cornell Medical School. He also serves on a Certifying Examination committee of the American Board of Pediatrics. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and the American Society for Microbiology.

Facilitator: Nancy Law '84, Human Ecology, Human Development & Family Studies (HDFS)

Nancy Law joined the Cornell staff in 1984, and began a career advising Cornell students. Her career has included work with Admissions, Alumni Affairs, and the Cornell Regional Office in Boston, before moving to Cornell Career Services (CCS). Her focus has always been on connecting students with alumni. Nancy's program responsibilities include the Cornell Extern and FRESH Programs, various Career Networking Programs, Develop Your Own Internship program, other alumni-sponsored internship programs. She also serves as the CCS LGBT and diversity liaison.

Career Paths for Health and Medicine

Alumni Panel

Thursday, October 27, 2011
Uris Hall, G-1 Auditorium
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Special thanks to:

Linda F. Cushman, ’71, Human Ecology, Food Science & Nutrition

Linda F. Cushman, is a retired Senior Health and Welfare Strategist. She is a nationally recognized expert on employer health and welfare programs, and noted for developing innovated strategies to control the cost of healthcare benefits in Fortune 500 organizations. Before consulting with Hewitt Associates, Linda’s professional career included serving as a dietician, health planner and a clinical and chief administrative dietician with Kaiser Founder Hospitals. She also obtained an M.B.A. at Rutgers University.

Monica Daniel ’83, CALS, MS, Nutrition

Monica Daniel, CNM, worked for two years as a hospital nutritionist, and in 1986 graduated from Creighton University with a BS in Nursing. Monica worked as an RN in obstetrics at Tompkins Community Hospital, and in high risk prenatal home care in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1989, she graduated from the University of Minnesota with an MS in Midwifery. For the next year, she volunteered as a midwife in the West Indies on the island of Saint Lucia. Upon returning to the U.S., Monica worked as a midwife and clinical director at the Florida West Coast Birthing Center. She holds a NYS Midwifery license and is nationally certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives.

In 1993 she came to the Ithaca area to be the director of September Hill Birth Center at Schuyler Hospital. She left the birth center in the summer of 1997 and joined the faculty at the Frontier School of Nursing and Midwifery teaching midwifery students part-time while starting a private home birth midwifery practice in Ithaca.

Carol Horowitz, ’82, Human Ecology, ’89 Weill Cornell M.D., MPH

Carol R. Horowitz, MD, MPH, is Associate Professor of Health Policy and Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and a practicing general internist. With a focus on using Community-Based Participatory Research to address health disparities, she is the Principal Investigator of several NIH funded community-based interventions, and of Centers for Disease Control, REACH Center grant to eliminate diabetes disparities among African Americans and Latinos. She is director of the East Harlem Diabetes Center of Excellence, and the Principal Investigator of the Community Engagement and Research Core for Mount Sinai’s Institutes for Clinical and Translational Sciences. She has implemented numerous community-based health improvement interventions, and mentors students, residents and faculty interested in addressing disparities and partnering with communities on research to improve local health and influence policy. She has an MD from Cornell University, and received an MPH from University of Washington as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.

Dan Kraak ‘79, CALS, Plant Science

Dan Kraak is currently a physical therapist at Cornell Gannett Health Services. He began his career working two part-time jobs related to Plant Science before becoming an Assistant Gardener at the Cloisters (part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art). Kraak then in 1990 decided shift gears, obtaining an MS in Physical Therapy from Columbia University/ College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1990. His past clinical experiences include Orthopedic/Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy. APTA Certified Clinical Instructor, and Center Coordinator of Clinical Education.

Marilee Murphy, ’83, Human Ecology, Nutrition

Marilee Murphy first worked as a nutritionist, then became a licensed acupuncturist, and finally studied nursing to strengthen herself as an acupuncturist. She earned her Chinese Herbology Certification Program from the Tri-State College of Acupuncture in New York City. Murphy was the chairperson on the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine as well as Chief Administrator for National Board Exams. She was also dean of Finger Lakes School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at New York Chiropractic College from 2003 to 2008. In her time as Acupuncture Supervisor at Cornerstone Recovery Services Marilee supervised a new acupuncture detox program for inpatient and outpatient recovery programs, as well as conducted training for program counselors. Currently she is working at a private practice in Ithaca, where she has been working for the past 19 years.

Mark O’Hern ’07, Human Ecology, PAM, MHA ‘08

Mark O’Hern is currently the Program Administrator, Cardiac Services at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside part of the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute. He is responsible for day-to-day operations of the interventional and non-invasive cardiac program at both campuses and is also responsible for overall strategic planning and program development for the UPMC Heart & Vascular Institute. Prior to his current role, Mark completed the two-year Administrative Fellowship program at UPMC, working with senior leadership at multiple UPMC hospitals. Mark O’Hern studied Policy Analysis & Management at Cornell during his undergraduate years and decided to continue higher education at Cornell, earning his Master in Health Administration in the accelerated 5-year BS/MHA program.