SMILE, you’re on candid camera!
The smiles belie the serious disease of HIV infection which affects a growing population of young adult African American and Latina women. Rachel Jones, Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing, is the recipient of an NIH award of just under two million dollars over four years. Rachel will use a cast of several to portray Toni’s story in a series of 12 urban soap opera videos.
The videos directed by well known film maker Alan Roth and developed with funding from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, along with a previously developed audio computer assisted self-interview (ACASI), will be used to conduct a randomized control trial to evaluate the effect of the videos on sexual risk behavior. Participants will be drawn from the neighborhoods of Newark and Jersey City.
A very important aspect of the research is the development of the technology (with assistance from David Lurachy and staff in Departmental Services) that would allow interactions of ACASI from six sites, the videos, e-mail text messages and video streaming to video-capable cell phones. If this experiment is successful it has major implications in health promotion among young urban women.
Spotlight on...

Annette L. Juliano
Visual and Performing Arts

Annette is a Professor of Asian Art History in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, and a renowned international expert in the field. She was recently honored with the selection to present the Fourth Annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture held on October 23, 2008.

The number of attendees in the audience was gratifying; The topic on above ground mortuary furniture in sixth century China was somber but the words, visual imagery and the feast following were all sumptuous.

The award goes to

Annette Gordon-Reed, Professor of history at Rutgers-Newark. Annette received the 2008 National Book Award for Nonfiction. Her book, “The Hemingses of Monticello,” received much critical acclaim.

Roberta Schorr
Urban Education

Roberta is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Education, FASN. In collaboration with the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce she has implemented the MATH Next project. With funding from the New Jersey Department of Education the project provides professional development for middle school mathematics teachers, teacher leaders and coaches in New Jersey. The project targets almost half of the 60 middle schools that have not made Adequate Yearly Progress. About 60 teachers will benefit from regularly scheduled workshops, real-time webinars (internet assisted teleconferences), weekly synchronized web-based learning opportunities and on-site meetings at the teachers’ schools to help them implement ideas in their own classrooms.

MATHNext is therefore a way to encourage the development of complex mathematical ideas in students, particularly those whose abilities and achievements often go unnoticed in settings involving traditional tests, textbooks, and teaching. Further, it is a social melting pot for the teachers… a place for them to build friendships and associations with other like-minded colleagues.…
Reversal of Fortunes?? - NSF Institutional Total Awards Ranking

Then and Now

In our first issue we reported on the Rutgers fit into the NSF top 50 award institutions during FY2006. How things have changed in one year.

Then (FY2006)
Rutgers (including Newark and Camden) landed at #29 with a total amount of $42,622 (213 awards)
Princeton was #28 and totaled $44,287 (187 awards).

Now (FY2007)
Rutgers New Brunswick (excluding Newark and Camden) is #32 with a total of $44,108 (205)
Princeton is #37 with a total of $39,554 (191).

Also
Cornell is #4 at $109,968 (252)
Carnegie Mellon at #15 $62,867 (231)
Columbia University, NY at #16 $62,482 (266)
University of California (just before Rutgers) at #31 $44,941 (185)
University of Chicago at #33 $43,593 (139)
University of Maryland at #35 $41,565 (238)
Johns Hopkins and Harvard are lower on the list.
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Source: NSF.gov

NIH Dollars Awarded by Type to Rutgers Newark (The federal fiscal year is October-September and will not match the Rutgers FY numbers)

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