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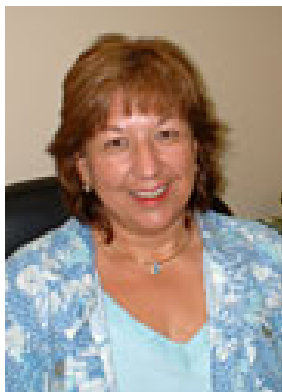
# Touro Pharmacy Update

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It has been some months since I shared with you the last edition of the Touro Pharmacy Update and there is much to report. To the right is a banner stand used for events to let people know about the forthcoming College. The graphics feature a rendition of the building that will house the College of Pharmacy and the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. Renovation is underway in anticipation of a fall 2008 entering class.

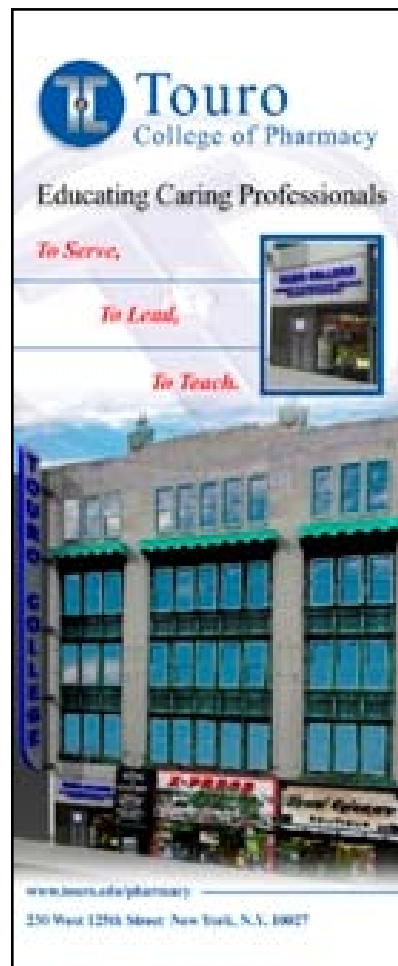
## Touro College of Pharmacy Leadership Team

I am very pleased to announce that four members of our Leadership Team are coming on board in the next few months. These individuals fill vital roles in the development of the new College and all are looking forward to meeting and working with you. A brief description of their background and their role in the College of Pharmacy is highlighted below.



**Ruth E. Nemire, PharmD**, is joining the College from a position at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy. Her appointment as **Associate Dean for Professional Education and Community Outreach** brings considerable expertise to our program. Ruth holds a B.S. in Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern and received her PharmD degree at the University of Toledo. She is finishing up a Doctorate of

Education degree at Nova. She has a record of scholarly and professional accomplishments in neurology, community engagement and clinical research. Ruth will be actively engaged in the development of the clinical curriculum, establishment and development of pharmacy practice experience education sites and linkages to the community. Dr. Nemire's email address is: [ruth.nemire@touro.edu](mailto:ruth.nemire@touro.edu).



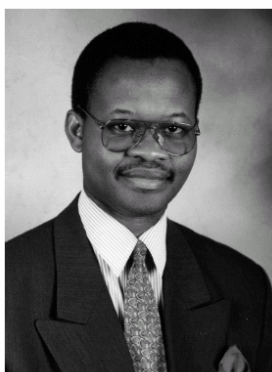


**Arjun P. Dutta, PhD**, was at Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Oregon. As **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**, Arjun is responsible for the development and supervision of the preclinical curriculum and faculty affairs. Arjun's pharmacy training was at Jadavpur University in India and he received a PhD in pharmacy administration specializing in outcomes research from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Before his position at Pacific University he was on the faculty of the School of Pharmacy at Howard University. Arjun contributes on a regular basis to the pharmacy education and practice literature and brings to Touro experience in the development of new pharmacy programs. Dr.

Dutta's email address is: [arjun.dutta@touro.edu](mailto:arjun.dutta@touro.edu).



**Lois A. Garland-Patterson, MBA, PhD**, has moved from the LECOM School of Pharmacy in Erie, Pennsylvania as our **Assistant Dean for Assessment and Student Affairs**. Lois' responsibilities include development of the admission process, student support infrastructure and program outcome measures. Lois has wide ranging experience in pharmacy. She received her BS in Pharmacy and a PhD in pharmaceutical socioeconomics from the University of Iowa and an MBA from the Wharton School. Besides experience in academia at LECOM and Iowa, Lois has experience in the pharmaceutical industry in the drug marketing arena. Dr. Garland-Patterson's email address is: [lois.garland-patterson@touro.edu](mailto:lois.garland-patterson@touro.edu).



**Okezie I. Aruoma, MBA, PhD, DSc** comes to the College of Pharmacy from the furthest distance moving from London, UK to New York City as **Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences**. Okezie is an accomplished, internationally recognized scientist in the field of biomedical research focused on food biofactors, oxidative stress mechanisms and antioxidant pharmacology and their use in health. Okezie will provide leadership in developing the foundation of the biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences in preparing students for pharmacy practice, mentor students and faculty in scholarship and research, and explore connections of Touro College of Pharmacy with the biomedical research community in New York. He

holds a BSc degree in biochemistry from the University of Sussex, MSc degree in biopharmacy from Chelsea College (now merged with King's College), University of London, and a PhD in biochemistry from King's College, University of London, a DSc degree in medical biochemistry from the University of London and an MBA from the University of Warwick Business School. Dr. Aruoma's email address is: [okezie.aruoma@touro.edu](mailto:okezie.aruoma@touro.edu).

### **Program Progress Update**

Touro College of Pharmacy has applied for Pre-candidate Status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The application will be reviewed at ACPE's June 2007 Board meeting. The outcome of this meeting will guide our next steps in the approval process.

Review of the Doctor of Pharmacy program by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) is underway.

Our anticipated time line is subject to the approvals of these agencies but we are looking forward to a site visit by ACPE and NYSED in the fall. Approval of our Pre-candidate Status in January will allow for the admission process for the fall 2008 inaugural class to begin. The process of recruiting faculty is set to begin. We are looking for outstanding individuals with a record of accomplishments, a commitment to pharmacy education, and who support Touro College of Pharmacy's Mission and Vision. Faculty will be sought in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences, clinical sciences, public health, pharmacy administration and pharmacy practice. Your help in identifying qualified candidates who may be interested in a position with Touro College of Pharmacy is appreciated.

### **Touro College of Pharmacy Mission Statement**

The College of Pharmacy reflects the values of Touro College and serves society through programs in pharmacy education, research and scholarship, and service to the community and the profession. The College strives to prepare students to be competent, caring and ethical professionals dedicated to providing care to patients and supporting the health care team.

### **Touro College of Pharmacy Vision**

We envision:

- A College that provides a learning environment that is responsive to the needs of a diverse population of students and their diverse learning styles;
- A College that produces pharmacists who are life-long learners prepared to offer patient-centered care in all practice settings and communities and to lead the profession as it advances its patient care vision;
- A College that promotes leadership in the provision of ethical and compassionate care for patients;
- A College that produces leaders who will accept responsibility for providing care and represent the pharmacy profession to other health professionals and the public;
- A College that embraces technology as a means to advance pharmacy practice and improve health care outcomes;
- A College that is committed to the professional and inter-professional development of its faculty in teaching, scholarship and service; and
- A College that embraces collegiality as a core value in relationships among and between faculty, students and other health professionals.

Wishing you the best for a pleasant summer,



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