

MEET THE STAFF

Elizabeth Travis, Ph.D. (etravis@mdanderson.org), considered one of the world's experts on radiation-induced damage in the lung and radiation-induced fibrosis, was appointed to the position of associate vice president for the newly created Women Faculty Programs in 2006. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Travis worked to advance professional opportunities for women faculty at M. D. Anderson being one of the founders of the Women and Faculty Administrators Organization. She continues her work with colleagues to identify and implement career development programs for women faculty, promoting networking and advising senior executives about women who should be considered for leadership positions.

Barnitra Robinson (brobins@mdanderson.org) joined Women Faculty Program as executive assistant to the associate vice president in February 2008. Previously supporting offices within Public Affairs, Robinson has been with M. D. Anderson for more than seven years. She assists Dr. Travis while coordinating Women Faculty Programs' projects and the office's operational activities. She further states that it is an honor to work for Dr. Travis and a pleasure to work for such a dynamic office.

Mugé Simsek, M.B.A. (msimsek@mdanderson.org), the metrics analyst for Women Faculty Programs, joined us in March 2008 from Texas Children's Hospital (TCH), where she was a market research specialist. While there she conducted qualitative and quantitative research studies for various departments. She developed and implemented a data-driven physician marketing strategy that is currently being used by TCH. Mrs. Simsek performed various business analyses to guide strategic decision-making of the departments. She played a significant role in measuring departmental activities. Mrs. Simsek received her undergraduate degree in psychological counseling in Istanbul, Turkey, and her graduate degree in business administration from University of Houston Clear Lake.

Reneé Wharton, Ed.D. (rewharto@mdanderson.org) joined Women Faculty Programs in December 2007 as project director. She comes to us from New Mexico Junior College where she was director of institutional effectiveness. While there she developed and administered systematic, broad-based and interrelated planning and assessment processes for the educational, administrative and educational support activities of the college. Dr. Wharton received bachelor degrees in English and sociology and a master's degree in sociology from Texas Tech University. She received her doctorate in education administration from New Mexico State University.