Meet our two new distinguished faculty members, Kyounghae Kim, PhD, RN, NP-C, assistant professor and Joanne Martin, DNP, clinical assistant professor who have joined our faculty at the School of Nursing.

Assistant Professor Kyounghae Kim began her nursing career as a critical care nurse in South Korea after graduation from Korea University in 2005. Her unstoppable passion for nursing science influenced her decision to study abroad in 2008. She graduated with a MSN from Columbia University and worked as an adult nurse practitioner at an urgent care center in New York City, where she cared for numerous culturally and linguistically diverse patients struggling to obtain proper healthcare. These experiences helped her develop passion for mitigating health disparities among vulnerable populations, and in 2015, she graduated with a PhD from Johns Hopkins University, with a focus on mechanisms and decision making about Pap test use among immigrant women. While conducting her dissertation research, she successfully garnered a Sigma Theta Tau International small grant and Fahs-Beck Dissertation Research Grant Award, in addition to the Sigma Theta Tau Nu Beta Chapter Research Grant. Before coming to the UConn, she worked as a postdoctoral research assistant and part-time faculty at Johns Hopkins University.

Clinical Assistant Professor Joanne Martin has practiced as a registered nurse for over 35 years and as an advanced practice nurse for the last 15 years. She began her career as a registered nurse graduating from Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY in 1977 and worked as a staff nurse for over 20 years at Westchester County Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. During this time Martin received her BSN in 1985 from Dominican College, Blauvelt, NY. In 1995 Martin began a new challenge working in the Westchester County Department of Health immunization program and later in 2000 as the coordinator of communicable diseases for Rockland County Department of Health. While working in public health she received her MS from Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY in 1997 and later received her post-master's certificate as a pediatric nurse practitioner from Lehman College (CUNY) in 2001. In 2004, while working in the Rockland County Department of Mental Health outpatient clinics, she received her Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner certification. Martin has taught at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, NY and at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ. She received her DNP from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2015.

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