



SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS

WINTER 2025

Dear SNRS Family,

As I sit down to write my final message as President of the Southern Nursing Research Society, my heart is full. It is difficult to capture the depth of gratitude I feel as we prepare to gather for our 2026 Annual Conference, and I conclude this extraordinary chapter of service. What I can say with absolute certainty is this: serving as your President from 2024 to 2026 has been one of the most meaningful and treasured experiences of my career.

When I began this term, our 2024 conference theme invited us to reflect on connection, to strengthen the bonds that make SNRS so special and to honor the collective spirit that carries our science forward. You embraced that challenge beautifully. You reminded me, time and again, that collaboration is not just a value of this Society, it is our lifeblood. You welcomed new scholars, expanded partnerships, and created the kind of inclusive, supportive community that defines who we are.

In 2025, we leaned into innovation, exploring new methods, new technologies, and bold new questions that continue to shape the future of nursing science. I watched our members stretch, reach, challenge the status quo, and push the boundaries of what is possible. Your courage to think differently and your compassion to apply that innovation toward improving health and equity left me deeply inspired.

And now, as we look to our 2026 theme of resilience, I see clearly how SNRS embodies that word in every way. This Society has shown resilience in our research, resilience in our advocacy, resilience in our mentoring, and resilience in our unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of the individuals and communities we serve. You have demonstrated that nursing research is not only about generating knowledge, but also about generating hope.



Charleen McNeill

PhD, MSN, RN
President

Being part of this journey with you has changed me. I have been inspired by your scholarship, strengthened by your camaraderie, and humbled by your trust. Every poster I walked past, every plenary I listened to, every conversation in a hallway or breakout room reminded me how fortunate I am to be part of this vibrant and caring community. You have given me far more than I could ever give in return.



I also want to acknowledge the incredible growth we have seen during these two years:

- Growth in membership and engagement,
- Growth in diversity of scientific thought,
- Growth in mentorship networks and leadership development,
- And growth in our presence and influence across the Southern region and beyond.

This momentum belongs to you, to your dedication, your brilliance, and your willingness to lift one another up. SNRS is stronger today because of each member who believed in the power of our mission.

As my term concludes, my heart is at peace knowing the future of SNRS could not be in better hands. It is with absolute joy and confidence that I pass the gavel to Dr. Mercy Mumba, a visionary leader whose passion for nursing science and commitment to our region will continue to elevate this Society. I have no doubt that under her guidance, SNRS will soar to even greater heights rooted in our history, strengthened by our values, and propelled by her extraordinary leadership.

To all of you, members, mentors, students, colleagues, and friends, thank you. Thank you for your support, your kindness, your encouragement, and your faith in me. Thank you for making SNRS not just a professional society, but a community of heart. Serving as your President has been the honor of a lifetime.

With deep gratitude, warm affection, and unwavering pride in our shared work.

Charleen McNeill, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN

President, Southern Nursing Research Society (2024–2026)





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AUSTIN, TX
February 18-20, 2026

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Renaissance Austin Hotel

A special room rate of \$259 (plus applicable taxes) has been arranged. The reservation cutoff date is Monday, January 26, 2026. After that, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis.

[BOOK YOUR ROOM](#)

Local Planning

Welcome to Austin! While you're here for the SNRS 40th Annual Conference, we hope you take time to experience some of the best food, culture, and entertainment that the city has to offer. Known as the Live Music Capital of the World, Austin blends rich history, outdoor beauty, and vibrant nightlife—all just minutes from the conference venue.

Use this guide to help you plan your downtime and make the most of your stay.

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AUSTIN, TX

February 18-20, 2026

Special Events



Don't miss out on Puppies with the President!

Join our president, Dr. Charleen McNeill and Divine Canines for a special session at the conference on **Thursday, February 19th from 1:30-3:30 PM**

Divine Canines provides free therapy dog services to various populations in Central Texas.



DJ Kickit will be at the opening reception on Wednesday night.

Born in Mexico, DJ KICKIT brings an energetic flair deeply rooted in Latino culture and pride. Her mixing style is a vibe, seamlessly blending classic hip-hop, funk, and Latino favorites. Recognized across the country, her beats transcend boundaries and captivate audiences wherever she goes. Get ready to experience a musical journey that pulses with energy and cultural richness.



Organizational Spirit Day

Get Ready for the 3rd Annual SNRS Conference "Organizational Spirit Day"! Show off your team pride on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, during the 40th Annual Conference in Austin, TX!

Wear your school or organization's colors and logo gear—and this year, you can take it a step further by decorating a table in the General Session Room. Be as creative as you'd like!

Your spirit and style will be judged for the title of Best Organizational Spirit during the Annual Meeting Lunch, with the winner announced at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, February 20th.

Prize: One winning organization will receive one complimentary registration for the 2027 Conference!



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CALL FOR VIDEOS FOR OUR 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARY

As SNRS proudly celebrates the 40th Anniversary of our Annual Conference, **we want to hear from YOU**, our dedicated members, colleagues, and friends in nursing research, to join us in marking this milestone in a meaningful way.

We're creating a collective celebration by asking you to submit a short video wishing SNRS a happy 40th Anniversary! and telling us what makes this community so special. Has SNRS boosted your professional journey? Sparked your research passion? Connected you with amazing colleagues and friends? We want it all! **In your video, please also share how nursing research can impact the future of health and healthcare.** Imagine the impact of voices from across our community coming together to honor four decades of advancing nursing science.

To show your SNRS pride, consider wearing blue, gold, or conference-themed apparel in your video. Recording is simple, use your cellphone or Zoom to record your video. *It must be one minute or less.* **Please send your video submission to info@snrs.org** and get ready to inspire! Your story could be featured at the 2026 SNRS Conference.

From all of us at SNRS, thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Let's make the 40th Anniversary Conference unforgettable together!



2026 CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

DIAMOND LEVEL | \$10,000

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INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

We are excited to announce our 2026 Institutional Membership Packages! These packages are designed to offer expanded benefits and greater opportunities for engagement with the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) throughout the year.

Highlights of the Institutional Membership Packages:

- Recognition at the Annual Conference: Gain visibility as an Institutional Member.
- Complimentary Memberships: Each package includes complimentary regular and student memberships.
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- Newsletter Advertisement: Advertisement in the SNRS Quarterly Newsletter.
- Social Media Recognition: Benefit from social media recognition posts.
- Access to SNRS Mailing List: Rent the SNRS mailing list for your outreach needs.

For more information on the Institutional Memberships, [click here](#) for the full prospectus.

If you have any questions regarding the packages, please email Cindy Dady, Executive Director at cdady@associationconferencegroup.com.

We look forward to your continued support!





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ENDOWMENT FUND DONATE NOW!

Become a partner today in shaping the future of nursing research through your contribution to SNRS. A financial gift provides benefits for both you as a donor and SNRS by helping to maintain financial security for those seeking to increase the science of nursing through research.

All SNRS member donations go into an endowment fund that has a goal of \$200,000 so it can fully fund our current grants and look to fund future grants.

Consider making a donation today including our new option of recurring donations. So if you would like to donate \$10 monthly simply check off the box when you make your donation.

To learn more about the grant program, our endowment fund, and how you can make a difference in promoting nursing research, [click here](#).



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STUDENT NETWORK



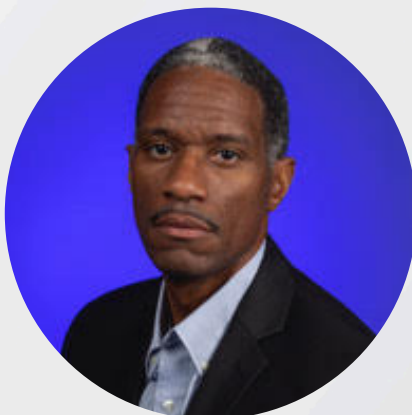
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Student Network Revitalization



We're thrilled to announce that the SNRS Student Network is active again and stronger than ever! Our renewed Student Network is committed to supporting the next generation of nursing researchers through collaboration, education, and networking.

Whether you're just beginning your research journey or looking to expand your existing work, the Student Network offers resources and connections to help you succeed.

What to Expect at a Student Network Virtual Event:

- Meet our new leadership team in a casual virtual setting
- Network with fellow nursing students in breakout rooms
- Learn how to get involved with the SNRS Student Network
- Q&A session with the new officers

Why Attend a Student Virtual Event?

These events are the perfect way to make connections that could enhance your nursing research journey. Our network brings together nursing students interested in research to create valuable networking and learning opportunities.

Contact: Ilana Logvinov at ilana.logvinov@ucf.edu if you have any questions

Student Network Webinar Recap

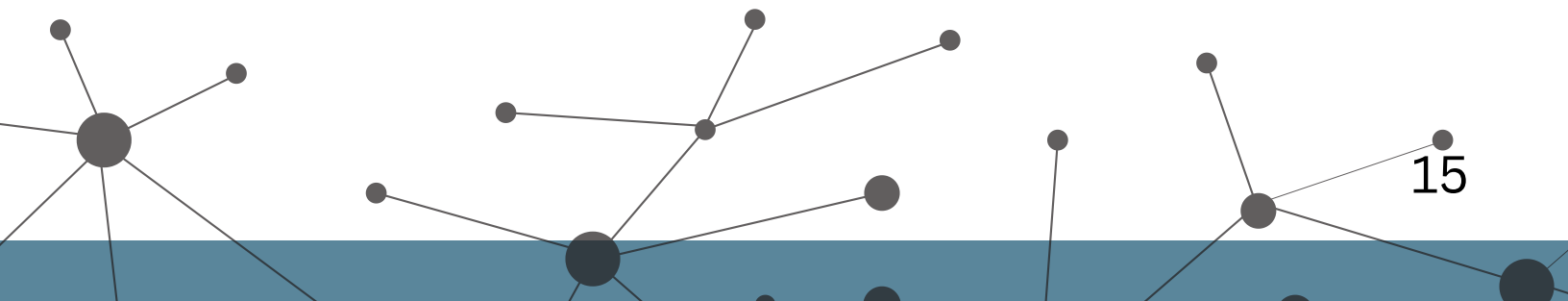
The Student Network recently hosted an engaging webinar titled *"Student Network Leaders – Tips and Tricks to Be a Student and Still Be a Human."*

The session focused on practical strategies for balancing academic demands with personal well-being.

Key topics included:

- Connections with Your Cohort – Building supportive peer relationships.
- Searching and Saving the Literature – Efficient methods for organizing research.
- Building Writing Habits – Tips for consistency, including writing groups.
- Time Management Tricks – Tools and techniques to stay on track.
- Interactive Q&A – Addressing participant questions and sharing experiences.

[WATCH THE FULL WEBINAR](#)



Student Network Upcoming Webinar



From Data to Display

Creating Impactful Scientific Posters in Nursing Research

January 6, 2026 | Noon - 1:00 PM EST

Discover how to transform complex nursing research into clear, compelling visuals that resonate with academic and clinical audiences. From Data to Display: Creating Impactful Scientific Posters in Nursing Research will equip students with practical strategies for designing posters that communicate findings with clarity, precision, and visual appeal.

Learn best practices for layout, visuals, and storytelling to ensure your research makes a lasting impact at conferences and beyond.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Beth Nease, PhD, DNP, RN, NE-BC
Associate Professor & Research and Scholarship Practice
Partnership Liaison
University of South Carolina, College of Nursing

Ashley Rivera, RN, PhD, Jonas Scholar
Assistant Professor
Florida Atlantic University



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Fiona Smith, MS, BSN, RN, SCRN, NI-BC, CPAN, CAPM for receiving the Novice Writer Award from the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (JNN) at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) in New Orleans!

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This award recognizes her outstanding publication:

"A Cross-sectional Survey of Comprehension and Satisfaction of Spanish-Reading Adults Regarding RÁPIDO as a Stroke Awareness Acronym"

Published in JNN, May 2024

Florida Atlantic University's **Cheryl A. Krause-Parello, PhD, RN, FAAN** Awarded Prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award
Dr. Cheryl A. Krause-Parello, FAU's associate vice president for research, has been honored with the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award for the Germany International Education Administrators Program for the 2025-26 academic year. During her time in Germany, she will study research and educational systems, focusing on university funding and research support. She plans to strengthen FAU's global partnerships, expand student and faculty exchanges, and explore collaborations with the Max Planck Society, building on FAU's existing relationship with the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience.

Dr. Krause-Parello, a globally recognized researcher and founder of C-P.A.W.W.®, has over 24 years of experience in higher education. She also serves as the associate executive director of FAU's Institute for Human Health and Disease Intervention, driving initiatives to advance health care and support Florida's communities. Her Fulbright award highlights FAU's commitment to impactful, interdisciplinary research with worldwide reach.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946, fosters international collaboration and has supported over 400,000 scholars, including Nobel Laureates and global leaders. For more information, visit fulbrightprogram.org.



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ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT

We extend heartfelt congratulations to the following SNRS members:

- **Charleen McNeill** – SNRS President, The University of Southern Mississippi College of Nursing and Health Professions
- **Demetrius Abshire** – SNRS Board Member, University of South Carolina College of Nursing
- **Tonychris Nnaka** – Chair of the ADDR RIIG, University of North Texas Health Science Center College of Nursing
- **Alison Davis** – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Nursing
- **Allison Crawford** – UTHealth San Antonio School of Nursing
- **Amanda Fallin-Bennett** – University of Kentucky College of Nursing and Voices of Hope Lexington
- **Benita Chatmon** – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Nursing
- **Carolyn Harmon** – University of South Carolina College of Nursing
- **Elizabeth Spiva** – Wellstar Health System
- **Higinio Fernandez-Sanchez**, UT Health Houston Cizik School of Nursing
- **Katherine Chike-Harris**, Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing
- **Kathie Zimbro** – Old Dominion University Ellmer School of Nursing
- **Linda Kim** – University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing
- **Meagan Whisenant** – UT Health Houston Cizik School of Nursing
- **Rebecca Koszalinski** – University of Central Florida College of Nursing
- **Shameka Cody** – University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing
- **Shannon Smith** – Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- **Steven Brockman**-Weber, Ascension

Their induction into the Academy is a prestigious recognition of their accomplishments and a testament to the power of nursing to transform health and enact positive outcomes.

DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?

SNRS wants to hear about your accomplishments, grants awarded, articles published, research projects, and more.

If it's important to you, it's important to us!

Please complete **this form** to let us know about your good news so we can celebrate with you in a future newsletter, on our website, and via social media.

THE HEART STUDY



<https://redcap.link/heartstudy>

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

- Share your voice as a clinician on a labor and delivery unit
- Help me complete my dissertation research
- I need just 20–30 minutes of your time

The HEART study is my dissertation research project exploring how stress and emotional processing influence decision making among clinicians on labor and delivery units.

About me:

I am a PhD candidate at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, a midwife, and a nurse. The HEART study is my dissertation research. Your participation will help me complete my PhD and contribute to important research.

Kathryn Kravetz Carr

PARTICIPATE

CONTACT ME



Kathryn Kravetz Carr, CNM, RN, MSN, FACNM

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You can participate if:

- You are a nurse, midwife, or physician working half-time or more
- You are not a traveler
- You attend hospital-based births
- Your hospital is in one of the following 14 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia



WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Complete an online, one-time, anonymous survey (approx. 20-30 min).
- The first 250 participants who complete the survey will be offered \$10.



WHY PARTICIPATE?

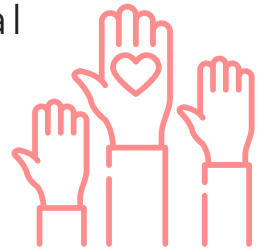
Your input will help advance research that supports higher performing team care for patients on labor and delivery.

COMMITTEES & RIIG UPDATES

WANTED

Volunteering for an SNRS committee is a meaningful way to contribute to the advancement of nursing research while gaining valuable professional experience. Committee service allows members to collaborate with colleagues, influence organizational initiatives, and help shape the future of the Society. It's also an excellent opportunity to build leadership skills and expand your professional network.

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COMMUNITY/PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION RIIG

Recent achievements and milestones your RIIG members have accomplished:

Members Terri Chenot and Laura Graham had presentations at the Sigma Biennial Convention in November.

Two recent member publications:

Klamm, M. M., Andries, C., & Cherry, M. (2025). [Collaboration of DNP- and PhD-prepared faculty in an undergraduate nursing research course: Leaning on each other's strengths](#). Journal of Professional Nursing, 60, 28-31.

Dolansky, M., Lavin, P., Chenot, T., & Sherwood, G. (2025). [Integrating the safer together national action plan to improve nurse-led models focused on patient safety](#). Nursing Administration Quarterly, 49(4), 259-269.

One member awarded a grant:

PI: Jean W. Davis, UCF; Effectiveness of Interventions to Promote Physical Activity During Pregnancy (Sit Less, Move More program) NIH Grant NICHD R03 clinical trial (2025-2028)

COMMITTEES & RIIG UPDATES

Simulation RIIG

Publications (Accepted or In Press):

- Cole, H. & Guerra D. (2025). Perceptions of transitioning to competency-based nursing simulation: A qualitative study. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. Accepted November 2025
- Cole, H., Scott, K., & Duncan, K. (2025). Intelligent communication: Technology acceptance of generative artificial intelligence among pre-licensure nursing students. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*. Accepted October 2025
- Cole, H., Lindley, M., Senetza, A. (2025). Artificial intelligence meets best practice: A scoping review of AI integration in simulation-based education. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*. Accepted October 2025
- Harvey, G., Daniels, A., Carter-Snell, C., (2025). Implementing a trauma-informed approach in undergraduate nursing student simulation: Strategies for simulationists. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, 109, Article 101860. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecns.2025.101860>.
- Harvey, G., Carter-Snell, C., Daniels, A., Bozkurt, A., & Berlinguette, K. (2025). Exploring the meaning of psychological harm experienced by undergraduate nursing students: A hermeneutic study. *Nurse Education Today*, 153 , Article 106786. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2025.106786>.
- Xiao, Y., Urban, R.W., Roye, J. L., Reid, M. B., Schmitt, J., Borders, J., Klein, G., & Mancini, M. E. (2025). Cue detection and self-debriefing techniques in virtual simulation: Techniques using cognitive engineering inspired expertise development approaches. *Simulation in Healthcare: The Journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare* DOI: 10.1097/SIH.0000000000000851
- Roye, J. L. (2025). The effects of mindfulness on anxiety and cognitive load in prelicensure nursing learners during simulation-based learning. (Publication number 31766857). [Doctoral dissertation, University of Alabama. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.
- Roye, J. L. (2025) Intelligent design: Building immersive case studies and simulations with AI. In Magruder, K., Cavallo, A, & Clark, A. (Ed.), *AI-Powered Education: Innovative Teaching Strategies to Elevate Student Learning*. MavsOpen Press.

Collaborations:

- Aul, K., Cole, H., Chan, J., Stephen, A., Young, L., Roye, J., Daniels, A., & Franklin, A. (2025). Nursing Students' Communication Skills Evaluated in Group Simualtions: A Scoping Review Protocol. Ongoing.

COMMITTEES & RIIG UPDATES

Simulation RIIG Cont.

Upcoming Presentations:

- Duncan, K., Cole, H., & Gunter, K. (2026). Mastering mindset: Building resilience and well-being during the doctoral journey. (Southern Nursing Research Society). Preconference. San Antonio, TX.
- Kerns, C., Cole, H., Barrow, M., & Stokely, H. (2026). Transcribing and coding audiovisual simulation recordings for in-depth analysis. (Southern Nursing Research Society). Podium. San Antonio, TX.
- Duncan, K., Cole, H., Prevost, S. (2026). Advancing nursing science through the mastering mindset video series. Podium. San Antonio, TX.
- Cole, H., Duncan, K., & Scott, K. (2026). AI-driven simulation to improve therapeutic communication in nursing education. (Southern Nursing Research Society). Poster. San Antonio, TX.
- Duncan, K., & Cole, H. (2026). Classroom to clinical: Bridging the bedside gap to build confidence. (Southern Nursing Research Society). Podium. San Antonio, TX.

Past Presentations:

- Rueda-Acedo, Kirsch, J., Arenas-Iototia, K., & Roye, J. (2025). Training interdisciplinary teams to work effectively with healthcare interpreters through simulation-based pedagogy. To be presented at the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) 2025 Language Access Congress: Age of Disruption, Innovation and Adaptation, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2025.
- Marcial, A., Kirsch, J., Arenas-Itotia, K. P., Roye, J. L., Rueda-Acedo, A. R., Fall 2025 School of Social Work Symposium, "Increasing Access to Health Services for Limited English Proficiency Patients Using Simulation-Based Learning: A Pilot Study." (November 4, 2025).
- Bryant, K., & Roye, J. (2025, November 19). Tools of the trade: Practical strategies to leverage AI in simulation nursing education [Webinar]. Wolters Kluwer.
- Roye, J., & Whitfill, J. (2024, September 30). Leveraging augmented intelligence to create and enhance healthcare simulation scenarios. Poster presented at the Texas Health Informatics Annual Conference, Arlington, Texas.
- Farris, L. & Roye, J. (2025). Enhancing simulation-based education quality improvement-It's all About the nursing process. [Poster Presentation]. Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based QI and Research Forum. UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Grants Awarded:

- Roye, J. Site Liaison. Using Biotechnology in Pre-licensure Nursing Education: Identifying Opportunities to Reduce Stress, Strengthen New Graduate Nurse Early Career Success, and Enhance Patient Safety. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Funding Amount: \$198,072. Project Period: June 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
- Roye, J. Co-Investigator. Using Simulation-Based Learning to Train Students Working with Interpreters. UTA Center for Research on Teaching and Excellence. 8/2024-10/2025 . Amount of funding- \$5,000.

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Health for All RIIG Overview

We want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members of the Health for All RIIG. Your dedication, insight, and commitment to advancing equity in health research continue to inspire meaningful progress.

Thank you for the passion you bring to our shared mission and for the support you show one another throughout the year. Wishing each of you a joyful, restful, and fulfilling holiday season.

Health for All RIIG Writing Group: Quarterly Updates:

Our Health for All RIIG Writing Group had a strong start and quickly became a meaningful space for collaborative writing, peer feedback, and shared learning. We also launched a position/call-to-action manuscript effort, forming a team of 15 members and developing an outline, with plans to move into writing and prepare for a 2026 publication submission.

We held our first spotlight presentation, where a member presented their work, encouraged discussion, and explored opportunities for collaboration. These sessions helped us better understand each other's research and strengthened connections across the group. More spotlight presentations are planned during monthly meetings.

We were honored to host Dr. Santa Maria in November as she shared insights from her groundbreaking research with young people experiencing homelessness, focusing on HIV and substance use prevention. She also discussed the challenges and strategies of NIH grant writing, offering valuable guidance on navigating the process and securing funding.

We looked forward to continued collaboration in advancing health for all through research and innovation.

Member Highlights:

Congratulations to Drs. Nisha Mathews and Nitha Joseph Mathew on their recent publications. Please see their articles listed below:

- Joseph, J., & Mathews, N. (2025). Impact of critical thinking on internationally educated nurses in addressing the social determinants of health. *The ABNF Journal: Official Journal of the Association of Black Nursing Faculty in Higher Education, Inc.*, 1(2), 7–12.
- Mathew Joseph, N., Tsusaki, R. L., Eapen, D. J., Fitch, O., Lewandowski, S., Mauricio, R. V., & McEwen, M. (2025). Assessment of the Cultural Competence of Nursing Faculty. *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, 21(8), 105485.
doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nurpra.2025.105485>.

Stay Connected

Don't forget to join us for our monthly Health for All RIIG meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM EST. These meetings are a great way to stay engaged, share ideas, and build meaningful connections.

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Qualitative RIIG Overview

Chair- Dr Doncy J Eapen, PhD, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC Co-chair- Dr Alasia Ledford, PhD, BSN, RN

First meeting- 12/04/2024

1. Recent achievements and milestones your RIIG has accomplished

Editorial from Qualitative RIIG that is under review

Hemphill, J.C., Eapen, D.J., Mathew Joseph, N., Horne, C., Ledford, A., Wells, C., Carver, K.M., Pugh, V. (Under Review). Artificial "Intelligence" and Qualitative Research: Capabilities, Challenges, Best Practices. Research in Nursing and Health.

Symposium Accepted for the SNRS Annual Conference

Hemphill, J.C., Carver, K.M., Mathew Joseph, N., Horne, C., Wells, C.H., Pugh, V., Eapen, D.J., Ledford,

A. (2026, February, Accepted). Artificial Intelligence and Qualitative Research Designs: Advantages, Challenges, Ethics, Recommendations. Recommendations and best practices: Artificial intelligence use in qualitative research. Symposium Presentation. 40th Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Conference. Austin, Texas.
Webinar Completed

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SPEAKERS: Dr. Lydia Manikonda, PhD., Dr. Tyra Girdwood, PhD., RN.

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COMMITTEES & RIIG UPDATES

Qualitative RIIG Overview Cont.

Eapen, D., Matthews, K., Manikonda, L., & Byrd-Williams, K. (2025, February). Intimate Partner Violence and Adverse Birth Outcomes: A PRAMS Analysis. Podium Presentation. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference 2025.

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Recognitions

Dr. Jean Hemphill - 2025 Nursing Excellence Award – Nursing Education- Tennessee Nurses Association

Dr Nitha Mathew Joseph has been appointed to the American Nurses Association Minority Fellowship Program's National Advisory Committee for the term from Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2028.

Dr Doncy Eapen- 25 Outstanding Texas Nurses- 2025- Texas Nurses Association

Success stories that demonstrate your RIIG's impact on nursing science

The qualitative RIIG was established in December 2024 under the leadership of Dr. Doncy Eapen, Chair, and Dr. Alasia Ledford, Co-Chair. The RIIG currently has approximately 33 members, including doctoral students and early-, mid-, and senior-career nurse scientists who share a strong commitment to qualitative research. Although we are only approaching our one-year anniversary, the RIIG has already achieved several important milestones. These include an editorial currently under review, a webinar completed in August

2025, a second webinar planned for December 2025, and a symposium accepted for presentation at the upcoming SNRS Annual Conference.

We meet monthly, and our meetings are consistently productive. We are fortunate to have a vibrant group of nurse scientists who are actively engaged in a wide range of RIIG initiatives.

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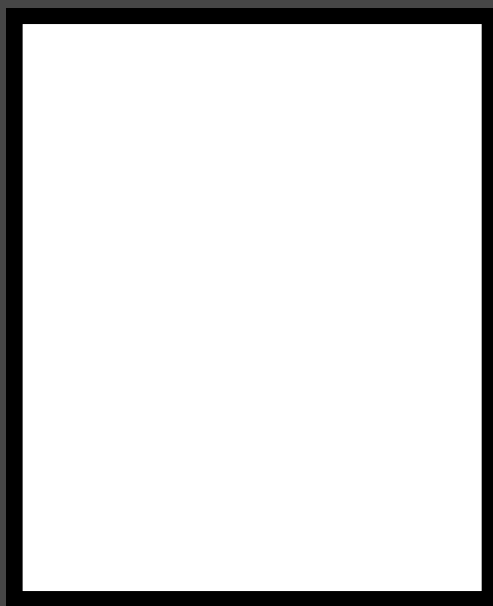
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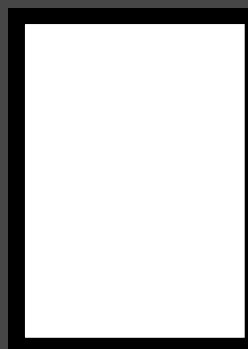
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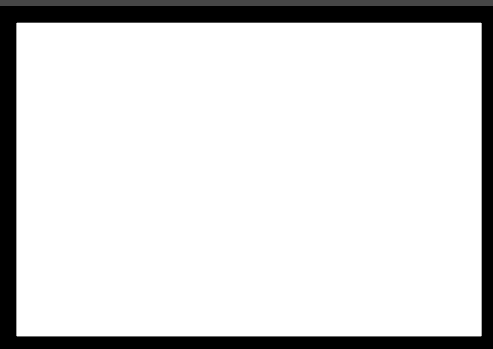
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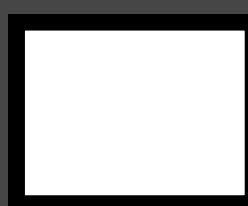
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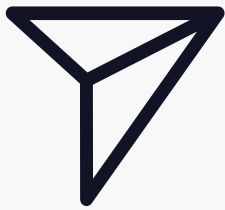
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