



## SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Charleen McNeill*

Dear SNRS Members and Friends,

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many contributions of our society and express my gratitude for each of you. The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) is built on a mission to advance nursing science, foster collaboration, and promote research that influences practice, policy, and education. Thanks to your commitment, our society continues to thrive and grow.

SNRS is more than a professional organization—it's a community dedicated to advancing knowledge and improving care through research and translational science. Our initiatives, including conferences, webinars, and mentorship programs, provide opportunities for both emerging scholars and experienced researchers to exchange ideas, form collaborations, and further their research. These gatherings, particularly our annual conference, showcase groundbreaking work that addresses the complex challenges in healthcare today.

Through SNRS, members engage in scholarship that informs real-world practices. From chronic disease management to emergency preparedness and health equity, the research we support drives meaningful improvements in care and health outcomes. Our collective efforts ensure that nursing remains at the forefront of innovation and positive change in healthcare.

SNRS's strength lies in its members. You are researchers, educators, practitioners, and advocates who are passionate about advancing healthcare. Your dedication to evidence-

based research, mentorship, and advocacy plays a critical role in shaping the future of nursing.

We are proud of the work our members are doing in diverse fields. Whether conducting research, mentoring future scholars, or leading policy initiatives, your contributions are helping to improve health outcomes and advance our profession. SNRS thrives because of your active engagement in initiatives such as serving on committees, reviewing grants, and participating in conferences. Together, we are creating a strong and supportive network for nursing science.

As we enter the holiday season, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. Your work makes a profound difference—not only in nursing research but also in the lives of individuals and communities. It is your passion and dedication that sustain SNRS and keep our mission alive.

I encourage you to take this time to rest and enjoy moments with your loved ones. This season reminds us of the importance of balance, reflection, and renewal.

On behalf of the SNRS Board of Directors, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season! May the new year bring peace, happiness, and exciting opportunities for all. I look forward to continuing our journey together in 2025 as we shape the future of nursing science, one discovery at a time.

Warmest regards,

**Charleen McNeill, PhD, MSN, RN**

*President*

Southern Nursing Research Society



*From Social Determinants to Precision Health Innovations:  
Nursing Research for Today and Tomorrow*

**The Peabody Hotel  
Memphis, TN**

February 19-21, 2025

**Registration is now open for the SNRS 39th Annual Conference!**

The SNRS Annual Conference is the focal point for those engaged in nursing research in the southern region and provides an opportunity for SNRS members to report ongoing and completed research as well as theoretical, conceptual, and methodological projects to colleagues.



A special room rate of \$249 single/double (plus applicable taxes) has been arranged. Reserve your room by calling 1-800-PEABODY and referencing the group's name, SNRS 2025 Annual Conference to receive the discounted rate, or use this [link](#) to book rooms online. The reservation cutoff date is Friday, January 17, 2025, 5:00 pm ET. After that, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis.

**RESERVE YOUR ROOM**



**2025 SNRS Annual Conference Sponsorships Now Available!**

The SNRS Annual Conference is the focal point for those engaged in nursing research in the southern region. With support from industry partners and organizations like yours, we have been able to provide a unique forum for discussion and access to a variety of resources for every attendee.

There are many opportunities for partnership including: sponsorship packages, exhibit booths, and advertising opportunities. [Click here](#) to view the full sponsor prospectus.

If you have any questions regarding the conference sponsorships, please email [info@snrs.org](mailto:info@snrs.org).

Check out the [SNRS website](#) to see our current 2025 Annual Conference sponsors!



## **New Institutional Memberships**

We are excited to announce the introduction of our new [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.

These packages will be available in 2024 and will replace the current Institutional Memberships in 2025. To learn more about the new packages click [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the packages, please email Cindy Dady, Executive Director at [cdady@associationconferencegroup.com](mailto:cdady@associationconferencegroup.com). We look forward to your continued support!



## **Florida State University College of Nursing Leads in AI Innovation for Nursing Research, Education, and Practice**

*Jing Wang, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor, Florida State University College of Nursing*

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing industries worldwide, and nursing is no exception. Recognizing its transformative potential, the Florida State University College of Nursing is leading the conversation of integrating AI into nursing education, research, and practice. Through numerous new initiatives, the goal is simple: to equip nurses with the tools to harness AI for more advanced, efficient and personalized patient care. Read more [here](#).

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## **PARTICIPANTS NEEDED: NURSE TECHNOSTRESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

[Technostress in Nurses Survey Link](#)

**Are you a registered nurse with at least one year of experience?** If so, would you please consider filling out this survey evaluating technostress in nurses? Your participation will help us understand the stressors nurses face when using technology at their workplace. Your participation will also aid in the creation of a survey to measure technostress in nurses.

This survey is administered online using the link below. It is estimated to take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. The study is completely voluntary; you may withdraw from it at any time. For your protection, you are encouraged to take the survey in a private location on a personal device.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this research study, and your involvement makes an immeasurable contribution to the nursing profession.

Principal Investigator: Melissa Foster ([MThomas@twu.edu](mailto:MThomas@twu.edu), 940-736-9987)

Co-Principal Investigator: Rebecca Keele ([RKeele@twu.edu](mailto:RKeele@twu.edu), 940-898-2411)

### **SURVEY LINK**

*Participation is voluntary. There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality in all email, downloading, electronic meetings, and internet transactions. Every effort is made to maintain confidentiality.*



**DONATE TO THE SNRS  
NURSING RESEARCH FUND!**

Our grant program would not be possible without donations from our SNRS members. All SNRS member donations go into an endowment fund. We are working to increase our endowment fund to the \$200,000 level so we can fully fund our current grants. This will also allow us to look at increasing funding for additional grants.

We have also added the option of recurring donations. So you can now set up any donation amount, to occur on a monthly basis. To learn more about our grant program and how you can make a difference in promoting nursing research, [click here](#).



**Melissa Hatter, CNM, PMH-C, MSN, RN**

Melissa Hatter, CNM, PMH-C, MSN, RN, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) in May 2024. This Fellowship is an honor recognizing midwives for demonstrated leadership within ACNM, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement. Members of the Fellowship serve ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

**Katherine Britt, PhD, RN**

Katherine Britt, PhD, RN, from the University of Pennsylvania, was selected as a 2024 Butler-Williams Scholar by the National Institute of Aging. The Butler-Williams Scholars program provides opportunities for emerging researchers to explore topics such as the biology of aging, genetics and Alzheimer's disease, health behaviors, and health disparities in aging. Participants also receive support and consultation for their research agendas.

**Kelly Pretorius, PhD, MPH, APRN, CPNP-A/C&PC, RN**

Kelly Pretorius, PhD, MPH, APRN, CPNP-A/C&PC, RN, an Assistant Professor at St. Edward's University, received a \$100,000 grant for her project, *A Mixed Methods Approach to Exploring Firearm-Ownning Parents' Perspectives and Influences Regarding Firearm Safety*. Funded by the Pediatric Pandemic Network's Pilot and Emerging Issues Program under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, her research will be conducted at Texas Children's Hospital, where she also practices as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Hospital Medicine.

**Southern Nursing Research Society Members Honored with Betty Irene Moore Fellowships**

*Four members of the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) have been awarded the prestigious Betty Irene Moore Fellowship from the University of California, Davis. Stacey Crane, Gaea Daniel, Blake McGee, and Danielle Sarik are among 16 nurse scientists selected for the 2024 cohort.*

**Stacey Crane, PhD, RN, CPON**

Stacey Crane, PhD, RN, CPON, an assistant professor at the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston, will focus her fellowship on *Advancing Comprehensive Symptom Assessments for Children with Cancer*. A pediatric oncology nurse with 13 years of experience, Dr. Crane's work aims to incorporate patient-reported outcome tools into clinical practice to improve cancer care for children. She holds a PhD in nursing science and a graduate certificate in bioethics from Indiana University School of Nursing, and an MSN in informatics.

**Gaea A. Daniel, PhD, RN**

Gaea A. Daniel, PhD, RN, an assistant professor at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of

Nursing, is developing a nurse-led model for a mobile sexual health clinic. Her project explores sociocultural and environmental influences on sexual health outcomes, with a focus on addressing disparities in Black women. Dr. Daniel earned her PhD from Emory University, an MSN from Augusta University, and a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from Mercer University.

### **Blake McGee, PhD, RN, MPH**

Blake McGee, PhD, RN, MPH, an associate professor at Georgia State University School of Nursing, will advance his research project, *Understanding Medicaid Expansion Alternatives and Maximizing Coverage for Low-Income Working People*. Dr. McGee specializes in health policy and optimizing healthcare coverage for marginalized populations. He holds a PhD and a BSN from Emory University and an MPH from Columbia University.

### **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.

### **#SNRSGoodNews**



### **Community/Public Health and Health Promotion RIIG**

It was exciting to meet up at SNRS 2024 in Charlotte and enthusiastically plan for the future of our RIIG! Intersectionality and potential research collaborations were discussed. It was amazing to realize the talents of the group and heartening to see so many people willing to share their expertise. Mentored RIIG leadership is a pathway to future professional service: Would you like to be mentored as Co-chair of the RIIG and assume the Chair position in 2025? If so, this position is open—please contact RIIG Chair Jean Davis at [jean.davis@ucf.edu](mailto:jean.davis@ucf.edu) for more information. We welcome all members and students interested in Community/Public Health or Health Promotion to join us at our new quarterly meetings and at SNRS 2025 in Memphis!

### **Call for Volunteers to Lead RIIGs Group**

The Parent/Child RIIG is in need of new chairs. If you are passionate about facilitating the advancement of research for the care of parents and children's health, please consider reaching out. Learn more by [clicking here](#) or contacting [info@snrs.org](mailto:info@snrs.org).

## NIH/NIEHS R25ES033452 - 2025 EHRI-NCS applications are open with tuition/fee waivers still available!

Early applications are now open for EHRI-NCS 2025 - a WIN-WIN! More about the program can be found [here](#). The application form can be found [here](#). Our recruitment flier is attached. The 2025 EHRI-NCS will be held in Spokane, Washington on April 6-8, 2025 at the Davenport Grand Hotel Conference Center, just before the Western Institute of Nursing Conference (WIN) at the same location. We still have tuition/fee waiver seats available for the 2025 workshop, thanks to NIH/NIEHS funding support.



## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Olayemi Adekeye  
Erin Allbaugh-Murders  
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Amanda Camden  
Alexandria Carey  
Alison Carmona  
Naoshia Carroll  
Karen Carver  
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Laurie Duckworth  
Dorothe Durosier Mertilus  
Aisha Ellis  
Erickson Feliciano  
Ryann Fierro  
Elise Foral  
Parker Ford  
Meredith Ford  
Keliy Fordham  
Beverly Fray  
Lisa Gardner  
Amanda Garey-Glover  
Jodie Gary  
Jessica Gibson-Jones  
Delaney Gilmore  
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Linda James  
Shaine Joseph  
Jolly Joseph  
Hyesong Joung  
Mary Judson  
Debra Kelly  
Christian Ketel  
Patricia Kinser  
Evans Kyei  
Dawn Langley-Brady  
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Rebecca Miller  
Heather Moody  
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Tarah Nelson  
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Jasmine Perkins  
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Ekaterina Smith  
Olivia Smith  
Misty Smith  
Shelby Smith-Janey  
Genae Strong  
Tiffany Thomas  
Sarah Rose Thornton  
Mark Toles  
Haley Townsend  
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# CAREER CENTER

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Visit the [SNRS Career Center](#) to access jobs and candidates within the highly skilled nursing research profession.

Columbia University School of Nursing has a **post-doc opening** in their Systems Science and Comparative and Cost-Effectiveness Research (S2CER2) Postdoctoral Research Training Program. They are looking to fill this position by July 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

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