SAVE THE DATE!

Dear Colleague,

The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) will celebrate its 23rd year of supporting quality nursing research at the 2009 Annual Conference "Interdisciplinary Research: A Road More or Less Traveled".

The 23rd Annual Conference will be held February 11-14, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, Maryland.

Last year's Annual Conference set a new attendance record of over 790 attendees, and the SNRS Silent Auction event raised over $7500.00! Please consider contributing to our 2009 Silent Auction, directly benefiting our Small Grant Program.

Check the SNRS homepage periodically for additional upcoming Annual Conference information.

We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

Special Thanks to our Host Schools:
The University of Maryland School of Nursing
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
Catholic University of America School of Nursing
West Virginia University School of Nursing
Towson University Department of Nursing

Keynote Speaker, Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN

In 2006, the National Institutes of Health began awarding grants designed to transform the ways in which science advances in support of practical applications to benefit the health of the public. The Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program has now awarded implementation grants to 38 academic health centers. This signature grant program is the centerpiece of the Roadmap Initiative. Grants will be awarded to 60 academic health centers during this initiative. The objective is movement of discovery from basic to applied clinical research and beyond to improve the health of communities. Notably, the chief strategy for facilitating the scientific movement is to encourage interdisciplinary research.
Interdisciplinary research is the theme for the 2009 meeting for the Southern Nursing Research Society’s Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. In her keynote presentation, Catherine Gilliss will present the experiences of the nine CTSA funded academic health centers in the SNRS region, highlighting the enablers and barriers to successful interdisciplinary research. Following her presentation, she has invited a selected group of participants from these centers to join her in a panel discussion on how to improve our ability to collaborate in interdisciplinary research. The panel discussion will be followed by dialogue with the audience, a dialogue we expect will be lively.

Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN, is professor and dean of the Duke University School of Nursing and Duke Medicine's first vice chancellor for nursing affairs. Having earned her BSN degree in 1971 from Duke University, she is the first alumna in the School of Nursing's history to hold the position of dean.

**Hotel Information**

The meeting will be held at the [Hyatt Regency](https://www.hyatt.com) in Baltimore. A special rate of $179 single/double (plus applicable taxes) has been arranged. Call 1-888-362-0088 to make reservations. Please identify yourself as an SNRS attendee to receive the special rate. The reservation cut off date is January 21, 2009; thereafter the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis only at the current market rate.