The Southern Nursing Research Society invites you to join us February 11-14, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency, in Baltimore, Maryland, for our 23rd Annual Conference, Interdisciplinary Research: A Road More or Less Traveled.

Registration is now open, the early-bird registration deadline is January 16, 2009. We strongly urge you to register by this date to take advantage of the early-bird registration discount.

The 2009 SNRS Annual Conference is hosted by: University of Maryland School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Towson University School of Nursing, West Virginia University School of Nursing, and Catholic University School 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.

Pre-conference Workshops

Don't forget to attend our exceptional Pre-conference Workshops
This year we have planned a diverse set of exceptional pre-conference workshops with many opportunities to meet your needs whether student, new researcher, or experienced researcher!

For a full description of each session, see our [Pre-conference Workshop Schedule](#).

- **Perish-Proof Publications for Researchers**
  Facilitated by Barbara J. Holtzclaw, PhD, RN, FAAN; Kay Avant, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Janet Meininger, PhD, RN, FAAN

- **Introduction to Rasch Analysis: What is it and How does it help with measurement?**
  Facilitated by: Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP

- **Developmental Science as the Framework for Developmental and Health Trajectory Research Across the Lifespan**
  Facilitated by: Diane Holditch-Davis, RN, PhD, FAAN and Margaret S. Miles, RN, PhD, FAAN

- **Doctoral Student Workshop**
  Facilitators include several doctoral students as well as faculty.

- **Succession Planning: The Next Generation of Professional Association Leadership**
  Facilitators include: D. Patricia Gray, PhD, RN; David Stumpf, IOM, CAE; Patricia Crane, PhD, RN, FAHA; Douglas Sutton, EdD, ARNP, NP-C; Kay Avant, PhD, RN, FAAN; S. Lee Ridner, PhD, FNP-BC; and SNRS Board Members.

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**Hotel Information**

The meeting will be held at the [Hyatt Regency](#) 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.

**SNRS Membership**

Not an SNRS member? What are you waiting for? Join today by going to the SNRS [Membership](#) link and sign up. Remember SNRS members receive a discounted price to attend the Annual Conference.

Are you presenting at the Annual Conference in February? If you are, please be sure your membership is current prior to the Annual Conference in order to present. If you are not a member and have been selected to present you must become an SNRS member prior to the Annual Conference in February.

If you prefer to renew your membership by fax or mail, please use the [Membership Application](#).

If you have any questions regarding membership you can email us at [snrs@resourcenter.com](mailto:snrs@resourcenter.com) or phone 303-327-7548.

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