
Registration is now open, the early-bird registration deadline is February 1, 2013. We strongly urge you to register by this date to take advantage of the early-bird discounts.

Preliminary conference information is available on the SNRS Annual Conference Web page. SNRS Program Planning Committee has planned a full program with scholarly papers, symposia, poster discussion sessions, posters, plenary sessions, and networking sessions.

Highlights include:
- Keynote by Beth Collins-Sharp, PhD, MSN
- Pre Conference Workshops
• 7th Annual Silent Auction
• Opening Reception at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library

The 27th Annual Conference is hosted by the UAMS College of Nursing, UAMS Medical Center, and Arkansas Children's Hospital.

We look forward to seeing you in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Thank you,
Anne Turner-Henson, DSN, RN, FAAN
SNRS-Vice President

Thank you to our current Sponsors!

Keynote Speaker, Beth Collins Sharp, Ph.D., M.S.N.

Dr. Collins Sharp is the Senior Advisor, Women’s Health and Gender Research and former Director of the Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPC) program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Her scholarly interests are in the areas of nursing research and practice, maternal-child/women’s health care, clinical guideline evaluation and outcomes. She received an Associate degree in Nursing and B.S. (Psychology) from Shenandoah College and Conservatory, a B.S. (Nursing) and M.S. (Nursing) degrees from Medical of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University and a Ph.D. (Nursing) from the University of Texas at Austin. She has taught at three large university schools of nursing, served as Nurse Coordinator in the NICHD-Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network, and practiced in a community hospital general medicine and postpartum units, an obstetric emergency room and a university mother-baby inpatient unit. Most recently, she served on the faculty of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine and as Director of Research for the obstetrics/gynecology department. Along the way, she has served as a member of a university institutional review board, Chair of a university General Clinical Research Center Scientific Research Committee, President of the Southern Nursing Research Society, and Science Team Leader for the Evidence-Based Guideline on Cyclic Perimenstrual Pain and Discomfort, Association for Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.
Preconference Workshops

Three pre-conferences are planned for SNRS 2013 in Little Rock. Make plans to join us on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 for our pre-conferences. Pre-conferences are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Pre-conference Workshops:

- **Workshop 1: Writing for Publication**
  Back by popular demand, this workshop will be presented by experienced journal editors. The publication process, roles and responsibilities of the author, reviewer, editor and publisher, strategies for planning, writing, and submitting manuscripts will be discussed. Pitfalls in publishing will be examined. Come learn about successful publishing tips.

- **Workshop 2: The National Hartford Centers for Geriatric Nursing Excellence and the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing Research Workshop**
  Goal: To foster successful programs of adult-gerontological research and hone specific skills to gain a competitive edge for funding.

  The National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) in partnership with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing (HIGN) NYU College of Nursing is offering a one day workshop to actively engage junior and mid level researchers in discussion and critical analysis of various components of research proposal writing. The sessions draw on the experiences of the successful week long summer research programs already offered by the Hartford Centers at University of Arkansas, University of Iowa, and the Hartford Institute at New York University. The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) is working with the Centers and the Institute to offer this one day pre-conference workshop on February 27th, 2012. The workshop will focus on writing a problem statement, significance and need. Participants are asked to come with a draft proposal on which they are working. Proposals should focus on adult-gerontological issues and/or implications for aging including prevention of chronic disease and healthy aging. The workshop will help attendees articulate a clear and concise statement of the problem and make the argument for why it is an important area of research.

  Faculty for the program include Dr. Pao-Feng Tsai, Associate Professor, Co-leader of research mission, Arkansas Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence), Dr. Claudia Beverly, Professor and Director AR Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence and Dr. Tara Cortes, Professor and Executive Director, The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing.

  The program will begin at 9 AM and conclude at 5 PM. The fee for the program is $225 and it includes a light breakfast and lunch.

- **Workshop 3: Doctoral Student Workshop**
  Sponsored and planned by the Student Network, this workshop will cover a variety of topics related to doctoral studies.

7th Annual Silent Auction

The primary mission of SNRS is to support nursing research. To that end, we are continuing, as part of our Annual Conference, a [Silent Auction](#) to generate funds for additional research.
For the past several years we have had a silent auction and raffle at the conference that has been extremely successful. All proceeds have been designated to help build a foundation for research grants for promising future nurse researchers. This year we hope to top previous years in terms of the amount raised! We can't reach this goal unless you help us through your generous donation of auction and raffle items. Individuals and schools have historically donated items valued at more than $50.00. Soft sacks were used last year and several "winners" loved the fact that they could carry their silent auction items on the plane or pack them easier.

Please consider submitting a soft sack filled with items to represent your school and/or region and help us raise money for research grants. The modest cost of creating the sack can provide advertising for your school and generates excitement about the silent auction.

More information regarding the silent auction can be found on the SNRS website at www.snrs.org or you may call the office at 877-314-SNRS (7677). Download a copy of the Silent Auction Contribution form today.

I look forward to meeting you and your faculty at the SNRS 27th Annual Conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at nsblair@uark.edu.

Thank you,
Nan Smith-Blair, PhD, RN
SNRS Director of Development

Call for Exhibits

Don't miss this opportunity to exhibit, sponsor or advertise!

- Marketing opportunities to reach potential clients at the conference and throughout the year, including advertising in the program and inserting your brochure in attendee registration packets.
- For Exhibitors the Conference is an excellent opportunity to meet and network with new contacts within the nursing research society, and showcase products and services.
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available. By sponsoring an event at the conference, such as food or beverage breaks, the cyber cafe, or branded items, for example, you will draw greater attention to your products and services.
- Network during the Opening Reception at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library, hosted by our host school sponsors, UAMS College of Nursing, UAMS Medical Center, and Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Exposure through SNRS's Annual Conference website that will include your company's description and direct customers to your website with a provided link.
- Sign up today to receive the early-bird discount!

Please contact Delfie Castro at dcastro@resourcenter.com for more details.

Hotel Information

The Peabody Hotel Little Rock
Three Statehouse Plaza  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
Phone: (501) 906-4000

The conference will be held at The Peabody Hotel Little Rock in Little Rock, Arkansas. A special rate has been arranged. Call 1-501-906-4000 to make reservations. Please mention SNRS to receive the special rate of $149 Single/Double, $159 Triple or $169 Quad (plus taxes). The reservation cut-off date is February 2, 2013; 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](#) to 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/March 2013.

If you prefer to renew your membership by fax or email, please complete the Membership Application. If you have any questions regarding membership you can email us at [info@snrs.org](mailto:info@snrs.org) or phone 303-327-7548.