The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) invites you to join us March 21-24, 2018, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA, as we celebrate our 32nd year of supporting and advancing quality nursing research at the 2018 Annual Conference. The SNRS Program Committee has planned a full program with scholarly papers, symposia, poster discussion sessions, posters, general sessions, and networking sessions.

Online registration is now open! Don't delay, register today!

Keynote Presenters

Marianne Baernholdt, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
Director of the Langston Center for Quality, Safety and Innovation and Nursing Alumni Endowed Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Baernholdt has a broad background in clinical practice and education. She teaches courses and mentors national and international students and junior faculty in leadership, quality and safety, and health services research. Her research focuses on how quality of care is defined and factors affecting quality of care in global rural areas across the healthcare continuum. She has been a primary investigator and co-investigator on several federal grants using a diverse set of methods to examine quality and safety in rural areas.
Prior to her current position she was on faculty at University of Virginia School of Nursing. Both at UVA and at VCU she is involved in InterProfessional Practice and Education training, projects, and programs involving students and health care practitioners. Most recently she spearheaded the development of the Langston Quality Scholars program which is a 10-month experiential learning program that offers teams of clinicians training in leadership and performance improvement while they are solving an actual quality and safety problem they have identified in their clinical setting.

Nancy E. Glass, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and
Associate Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health

Dr. Glass has 18 years of research experience in conducting clinical and community-based interventions with diverse populations across multiple settings domestically and globally. She is currently the PI of five federally funded (R01s NIH/NIMH, NICHD and NIMHD and CDC/NIOSH) multidisciplinary research studies to test employment, economic empowerment and safety interventions to improve the health and well-being of gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, youth and their families. She is the PI of a UNICEF funded study in Somalia and South Sudan to prevent and respond to GBV in humanitarian setting. She is a co-investigator on two US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration (BPRM) funded partnership with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) to develop and test a screening tool to identify survivors of GBV in displaced and refugee populations in Ethiopia, Uganda and Colombia. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in partnership with Congolese-led NGOs, Dr. Glass is currently funded by NIH (NIMHD and NICHD) to test the effectiveness of a village led microfinance program on the health and economic stability, including reintegration to family and community for GBV survivors and other vulnerable women and men as well as young adolescents (ages 10-15 years) living in rural villages.

New this Year! Plan to join us Wednesday, March 21.

Center for Disease Control Tours
What would a visit to Atlanta be without a tour of the CDC? Come learn why the CDC is headquartered in Atlanta, what CDC measures in its tobacco laboratory, and how the CDC helped NASA during the Apollo 11 moon mission! As an additional option for attendees on Wednesday, March 21, SNRS will be offering two tours, 9 am and 10 am, to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. The tours are two hours in length and signup/payment is required at time of registration. Space is limited to only 30 spots on each tour and we must have you pre-registered and paid to hold your spot. The cost for the tours are $20. Cut-off for tour registration is February 16, 2018. Click here to register.

Top Student Poster Session
Due to its popularity and to allow more attendees to participate, the Top Student Poster Session will take place on Wednesday, March 21, from 4:00-5:30 pm as our opening plenary.

Special Session in Collaboration with RWJ
A special session in collaboration with the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation on the *Future of Nursing and Nursing Science in Population Health* will be offered on Thursday morning, March 22 from 10:30-12 pm.

**SNRS Dine Around**

Plan to gather with friends at specially selected Atlanta restaurant for Friday evening's "Dine Around." On Friday night, conference attendees will have the opportunity to dine out at a local restaurant with other attendees. Sign up for this event will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at the registration booth. Five restaurants have been chosen near the conference venue with 2 tables for 6 persons reserved at each restaurant. Attendees will be responsible for paying for their meal, any transportation costs to and from the restaurant, and gratuity. Restaurant choices include: Lure, South City Kitchen, Ecco, Alma Cocina and Rays in the City.

**Meet the Editors Networking Session**

Join us for the Meet the Editors Networking Session, Thursday, March 22nd. This panel will include:

- Debra Brandon, *Advances in Neonatal Care*
- Cindy Munro, *American Journal of Critical Care*
- Joy Don Baker, AORN Journal
- Kathy Baker, *Gastroenterology Nursing*
- Melissa Batchelor-Murphy, *Geriatric Nursing*
- Sandra Thomas, *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*
- Debra Moser, *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*
- Vallire Hooper and/or Jan Forren, *Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing*
- Marion Broome, *Nursing Outlook*
- Maggie Kearney, *Research in Nursing & Health*

**Funding Panel Breakfast**

Join us for the funding Panel Breakfast, **Saturday, March 24th.** This panel will include a variety of funding agencies including:

- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Hartford Foundation
- American Heart Association
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- TriService
- PCORI
- American Nurses Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
12th 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 grants.

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 awarded to 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.

Please provide your silent auction item to Jennifer Lanphere at the SNRS registration desk no later than 12:00pm on Thursday March 22, 2018. Additionally, you can ship your item to SNRS before February 31, 2018. Information is provided on the silent auction from below.

Click here for the silent auction form to provide with your donation.

Call for Exhibits and Sponsors

Don't miss the opportunity to exhibit, sponsor or advertise at the 2018 Annual Conference!

- Marketing opportunities to reach potential clients at the conference and throughout the year, include 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.
- Sponsor an event or a branded item at the conference. A sponsorship will draw greater attention to your organization.
- Check out our NEW sponsorship opportunities, from keycards to the Student and New Member Reception. These new opportunities will drive exposure to your school or organization!

More information will be available soon!

Conference Hotel Information

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
It's not too early to reserve your hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Atlanta.

Its convenient location in the heart of downtown Atlanta is just blocks from major destinations like Turner Field and Phillips Arena, as well as the Buckhead entertainment district. Find world-class restaurants and exclusive shopping only steps from our doors, or hop on a train at the nearest MARTA stop to arrive at any point in the city in minutes.

Atlanta has something to offer everyone: you can share the water with marine mammals at the Georgia Aquarium, visit the New World of Coca Cola to taste over 60 Coca-Cola products from around the globe, or venture behind the scenes on an exclusive tour of CNN Studios. Join the myriad joggers and walkers nearby Centennial Park, home to the 1996 Summer Olympic games.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Margaret Mitchell House & Museum, and The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site are among the rich array of possibilities for history enthusiasts. Our Concierge can arrange for a city tour that includes some of Atlanta's most significant historic sites, many only a short drive away.

A special rate of $219 for a single/double has been arranged. These room rates are available from March 18 through March 27, should you wish to extend your stay. Please book your accommodations online by clicking here or call the hotel directly at 1-800-325-3535, and identify yourself as an SNRS Annual Conference attendee to receive the special rates. The reservation cut-off date is February 26, 2018; thereafter, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis.

Please note:
Only book your room on our website with the provided link or by calling the 1-800 number provided above. There is a third party contacting our members offering to book rooms. This is not a legitimate offer.

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**Registration Fees**

*Fees shown are for early-bird registration by February 23, 2018; additional fees apply beginning February 24, 2018*

**Pre-Conference Half-day Workshops:**
- SNRS Member or Member of other Regional Society - $125
- SNRS Student/Retired Member or Student Member of other Regional Society - $50
- Non-Member - $245
- Non-Member Student - $140

**Full Conference Registration:**
- SNRS Member or Member of another Regional Society - $475
- SNRS Student/Retired Member or Student Member of other Regional Society - $260
- Member* Group Discount (Four or more) - $450
- Board Members/RIG Chairs/Chairs-Elect - $260
Non-Member - $630
Student Non-Member - $455
Non-Member Group Discount (Four or more)-$605

Day-Only Registration
(limit to a maximum of 2 days)
SNRS Member or Member of another Regional Society - $275 (Thu/Fri) or $155 (Sat)
SNRS Student/Retired Member or Student Member of another Regional Society - $175 (Thu/Fri) or $115 (Sat)
Non-Member - $380 (Thu/Fri)/ or $260 (Sat)
Student Non-Member - $255 (Thu/Fri) or $180 (Sat)

*NOTE: Students not eligible for group discount

Register Now

SNRS Membership

Not an SNRS member? Join today by going to the SNRS website to sign up.

Remember SNRS members receive a discounted price to attend the Annual Conference and you can join/renew at the same time you register for the meeting.

Are you presenting at the Annual Conference in March? If you are, please be sure your membership is current prior to the Annual Conference. If you are not a member and have been selected to present, you must become an SNRS member prior to the Annual Conference in March 2018.

If you have any questions regarding membership, you can email us at info@snrs.org or phone 877-314-7677.