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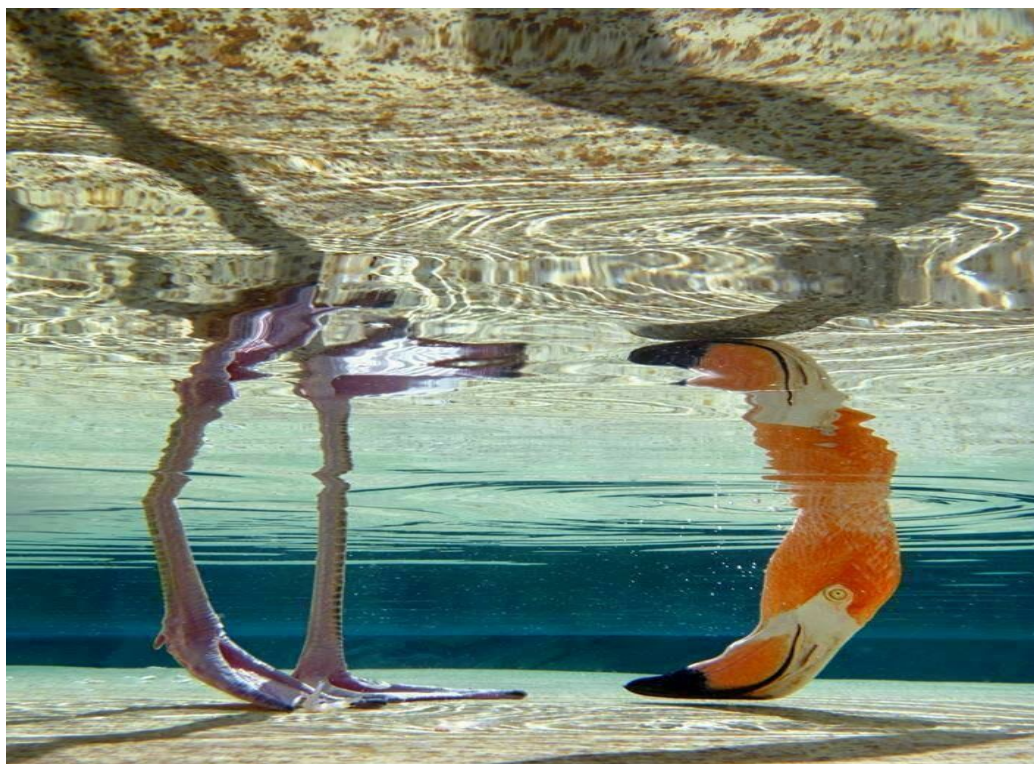
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Detroit Mercy's Burson wins 2019-20 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant



University of Detroit Mercy faculty member Rosanne Burson recently received a prestigious 2019-20 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant. This is her first Fulbright Award.

She is the program coordinator for the University's College of Health Professions (CHP) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). She is also an associate professor in the CHP's McAuley School of Nursing and joined the University in 2001.

Beginning in January 2020, Burson will spend three months at the Centre for Integrated Care in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences at Dublin City University in Ireland. She will work closely with Pamela Hussey, Ph.D., and Catherine Corrigan, DNP, in what Burson described as a "collaborative, two-way education."

"I plan to focus heavily on advanced practice nursing within the competencies of informatics and chronic disease self-management," she added.

Other activities during her Fulbright period will include assessment of current advanced practice nursing roles and educational preparation that could address specific geographic healthcare needs; identification of specific regional healthcare challenges and opportunities for advanced nursing practice roles; advocating for advanced nursing competencies education that adds value and leads to demonstrated outcomes; providing teaching expertise and role modeling for students at Dublin City University as identified by faculty and administration in the area of informatics and self-management; and providing faculty development activities to promote the practice doctorate level education as identified by administration and faculty.

Burson's interest in the Fulbright Award increased in 2018 when she began working with a global team of advanced practice nurses exploring the international progress of advanced practice and the practice doctorate (DNP) to improve health outcomes.

"Our group began to network and develop a plan for immersion when we received the invitation," she said. "One of the group members, Dianne Conrad, DNP, will initiate the work in fall of 2019 and I will follow up. This award is an individual award and we applied separately. It's really amazing that we both received the award and will be able to follow through as we envisioned."

Neal Roseburg, dean of Detroit Mercy's CHP, said that Burson's scholarship, dedication to her field and love of teaching made her an easy choice in his eyes.

"The potential significance of this project is multi-faceted. As nations explore containing health care costs, Dr. Burson's current work and advocacy for educating advanced practice nurses to serve frontline, alongside physicians, may serve as a necessary conduit of global health care delivery transformation." he said.

Burson also anticipates that such an opportunity will continue to positively impact her teaching at Detroit Mercy.

"There are so many aspects of working at Detroit Mercy that I love," she explained. "At the top of the list is the opportunity to mentor doctoral students to achieve their objectives. The faculty is top notch and work extremely hard to offer students a great experience. The environment is a match with my philosophy of relationship based education."

For more than 70 years, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has administered and awarded Fulbright grants to individuals based on academic excellence and a commitment to their field of study. The Fulbright Scholar Program is the country's flagship academic exchange effort and is coordinated on behalf of the United States Department of State, [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#) (ECA). For more information, please visit <https://www.cies.org/about-us/about-cies>.

To learn more about Detroit Mercy's College of Health Professions and McAuley School of Nursing, please visit <https://healthprofessions.udmercy.edu/index.php>.

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Leading the Translation of Evidence to Practice



**Melinda “Mendy” Blair,
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The American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) *Essentials for Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* set out to describe the core competencies pertinent to advanced practice nursing and define the core elements essential for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program curriculum (AACN, 2006). Within these essentials, the AACN differentiated between a research doctorate (PhD) and practice doctorate (DNP), placing strong emphasis toward the translation of, application, and evaluation of science as part of clinical scholarship. The AACN also emphasizes organizational/system leadership competencies for DNP professionals. Dreher and Glasgow (2017) further articulate this point, stressing the need for DNPs to assume a leadership role in facilitating, directing and promoting the translation of evidence to practice to improve outcomes.

Throughout my DNP program, I have been challenged to learn, experience, and critically evaluate the healthcare climate through a new lens. Just as Dreher and Glasgow (2017) point out so eloquently, my learning journey from MSN toward DNP can be compared to looking through a kaleidoscope. With each new epiphany, I equate it to looking in the view end of the kaleidoscope, whereby with one small turn (a new concept learned and applied), my world shifts around me and a new design is revealed. As I work to incorporate what I’ve learned within my current work setting, the landscape settles into a new world order and the new design provides vision for charting a new course toward advancing nursing practice and improving outcomes within my own organization. Through assimilation of new knowledge in such areas as organizational leadership, information technology, analytical methods, financial management, among others, I feel more confident in challenging the “status quo” of the organization and providing effective leadership to promote a spirit of inquiry.

One such challenge was realized when I soon discovered there was no formal process in place to support nursing in evidence-based practice (EBP) project activities in my organization. As a nurse executive pursuing my DNP, I went straight to work in developing, justifying and advocating for a part-time position to coordinate EBP activities and work with our shared governance council to ignite a passion for EBP. That role was approved by our CEO and we have made progress in diffusing EBP concepts throughout the organization, including education on the use of existing electronic databases for posing a question relative to a clinical problem and searching for evidence to answer that question. I have also applied my new DNP skills and competencies in leading the development of a new policy and procedure which describes the steps in applying for and conducting EBP projects and research studies at my organization. Through interdisciplinary collaboration consisting of representatives from quality, risk, regulatory, nursing, clinical support, and medical staff, I was able to move this vision forward in providing a vehicle for mobilizing translation of evidence activities among all hospital staff. This process has allowed me to exercise many of my new found competencies articulated in the AACN’s (2006) *Essentials*, while allowing me to be recognized as a thought-leader and clinical scholar among my senior-level peers.

Looking forward, I hold great promise in my ability and respect my responsibility as a DNP-nurse executive to lead and inspire others in embracing EBP as a way of life in seeking out ways to improve care delivery and patient outcomes. The AACN *Essentials* have provided a solid framework for advanced nursing practice, and as a disciple, I will continue to use them as my guide for practice long after graduation. In my new DNP role, it is imperative that I serve as a translational and transformational leader to ensure nursing staff, clinical support staff and providers have the tools, resources, and support necessary to fully realize the merits of EBP methodology in solving some of healthcare’s biggest challenges as we work together to improve the health of our communities.

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Richard Ricciardi,
PhD, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN
2019 Plenary Speaker
Professor

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Richard Ricciardi, PhD, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN, is a professor and health policy faculty in the Policy, Populations and Systems community at the School of Nursing. Dr. Ricciardi comes from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), where he served as the Director, Division of Practice Improvement. At AHRQ, Dr. Ricciardi's research focused on primary care practice improvement science in the areas of team-based care, quality and safety, and the management of patients with complex needs, including those with multiple chronic conditions, and those with opioid use disorder. His scholarly interests include implementation science, preventing and mitigating adverse body composition and sedentary behavior, and the role of nursing in the delivery of primary care. Prior to joining AHRQ in 2010, Dr. Ricciardi served on active duty in the Army for 30 years and held numerous clinical, research, and senior leadership positions within the Department of Defense, including as a pediatric and family nurse practitioner, research scientist, and educator. Dr. Ricciardi maintains a part-time clinical practice and is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. He is president-elect for Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing.



Tina Gustin, DNP, CNS, RN
2019 Plenary Speaker

Co-director Adult Gerontology
Clinical Nurse Specialist/Educator Program
School of Nursing Old Dominion University



Dr. Tina Gustin has over 35-years of advanced practice nursing experience. She received her undergraduate degree from the Medical College of Virginia, which is now Virginia Commonwealth University. She received her master's degree as a Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist from the University of Virginia, and her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Old Dominion University. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University School of Nursing where she teaches in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. Dr. Gustin was most recently appointed as the Director of the school's Center for Telehealth Innovation, Education, and Research. The center will serve as a telehealth learning hub and research center not only for the state but also the East Coast Region of the United States.

She is the clinical manager for the Pediatric Telehealth program at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk Virginia. Dr. Gustin has been responsible for the development of this new program and assuring clinical competence of the telehealth providers.

Dr. Gustin's research has focused on interprofessional team-based care and how telehealth can be used as the instrument for connecting providers to providers and providers to patients. Dr. Gustin has an interest in the unique skill set necessary to conduct a successful telehealth encounter. She has developed one instrument designed to measure telehealth etiquette knowledge and another that measures team telehealth performance with a focus on communication and etiquette. She is the PI and Co-PI for several Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA) grants totally over 6 million dollars. These grants have aimed at reaching the rural and underserved through telehealth and interprofessional collaboration. Dr. Gustin has extensively published and presented on both interprofessional team-based care and telehealth both nationally and internationally.

She is currently serving on the American Nurses Association task force for technology and was most recently elected to the Center for Telehealth and eHealth (CTel) Advisory Board. She has been invited to several nursing and medical schools to assist in the development of a telehealth curriculum and to present her work.



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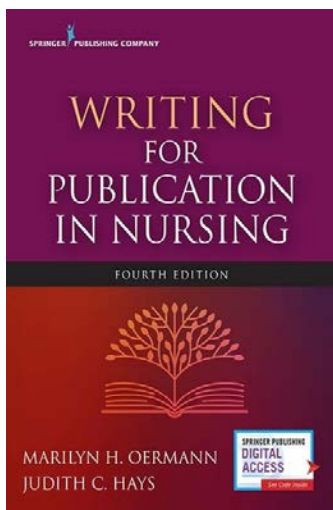
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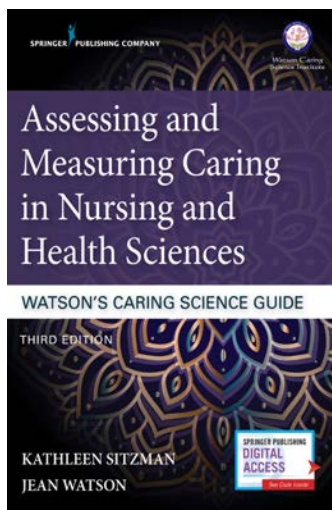
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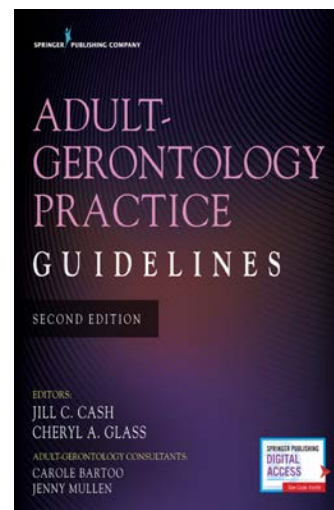
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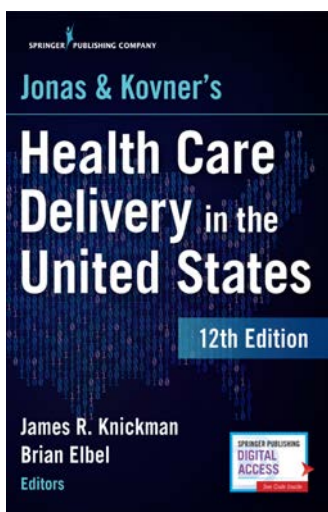
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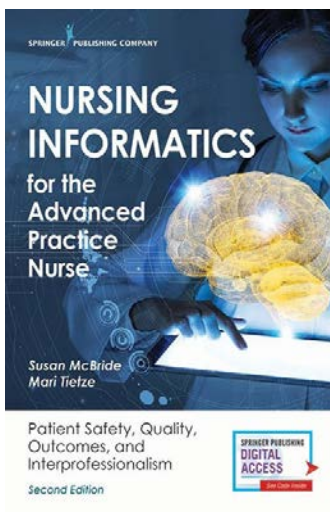
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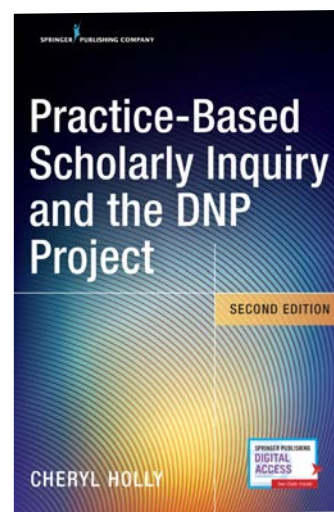
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83% very much to absolutely, 17% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: Are you in a position to influence the selection of technology for your work environment?

50% very much to absolutely, 50% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: Since graduation have you made recommendations to enhance the technology in your work setting to help improve an outcome?

75% very much to absolutely, 25% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: Since graduation have you participated in a committee or council to address the trends and direction of technology and how it may address organization or system operations?

67% very much to absolutely, 33% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: Do you currently use technology to evaluate consumer health information sources for accuracy, timeliness and/appropriateness?

42% very much to absolutely, 58% somewhat to not at all

Do these findings reflect your experience and point of view?

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Abstracts for the 12th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference have been received. Within 2 weeks we anticipate that the abstract review team will review all submissions. Special thanks to Dr. Jan Tillman for accepting this tremendous challenge and moving the process forward with great skill.

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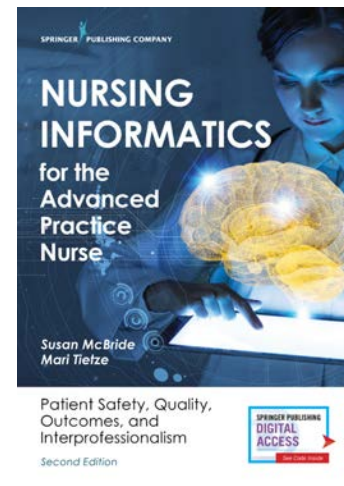
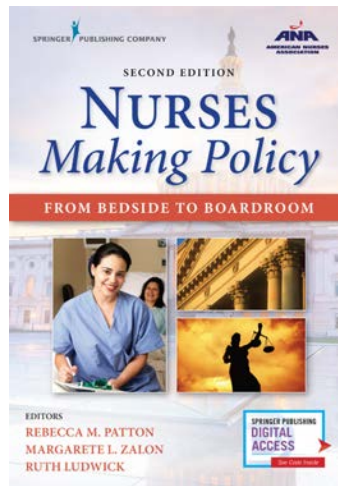
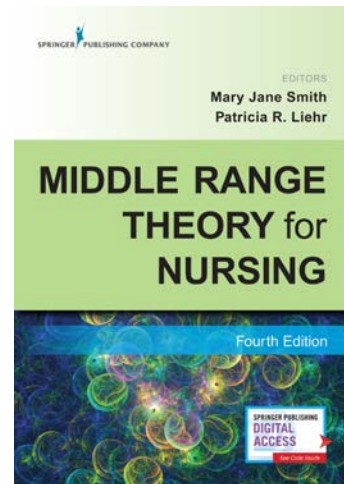
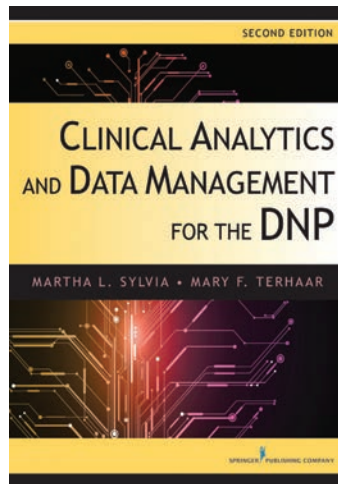
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