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NightinGala

Celebrating Ninr's 30 Years

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It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 NightinGala on behalf of my 10,000+ Hill-Rom colleagues around the world who work tirelessly every day to enhance outcomes for patients and their caregivers. In my eighth year of sponsoring the NightinGala and serving on the FNINR Board, I remain inspired by the work that all of you do to advance the science of nursing on behalf of patients, families and communities.

It is an honor to provide support to the extraordinary work of nurse researchers as we transform healthcare delivery and enhance the health of our Nation and the world. Enjoy the evening and celebrate the difference that nurses make every day!

We have never needed you more.

Melissa A. Fitzpatrick, MSN, RN, FAAN
Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Hill-Rom
The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) was established as a Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and as an Institute in 1985. This placement among the 27 Institutes and Centers within the NIH has added a new scientific perspective to enrich the Nation’s biomedical and behavioral research endeavors.

NINR’s mission is to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations. The mission is accomplished through support of research in scientific areas such as chronic and acute diseases, health promotion and maintenance, symptom management, health disparities, caregiving, self-management, and the end of life. NINR also supports the training of new investigators who bring new ideas and help to further expand research programs. The ultimate goal of NINR’s research is its dissemination into clinical practice and into the daily lives of individuals and families.

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1993. FNINR’s mission is to provide resources to support nursing research and advance the mission of the NINR. The Friends seek to support research-based nursing practice by educating nursing professionals and the public about the advances made through nursing research and its benefits to patients, families, the community and the delivery of healthcare.

Nurse researchers are grounded in clinical nursing practice and focused on the physical, mental, emotional and social needs of patients. They recognize the illness and the presence of health risk factors affecting the overall well-being of individuals.

The healthcare community faces new challenges and opportunities to improve patient care each year. With the continuing leadership provided by NINR and the support of FNINR, nurse researchers will continue to contribute to the enhanced health and well-being of all Americans, especially in a time when cost-effectiveness and quality of care are equally championed by the public and the Nation’s decision makers.
A MESSAGE from THE FNINR PRESIDENT

If you will, imagine the enormous strides that nurse scientists have made in the past 30 years! Tonight we take pause to celebrate and honor the enormous achievements continuously being made in advancing the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities in our country and beyond – through the work of nurse scientists. If you are like me, I’m always in awe of the presence at this Gala of nursing’s scientific pioneers commingled with young investigator-innovators paving new directions in advancing science. You will hear Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey describe creating a national culture of health. The credence to support this concept comes, in part, from the evidence generated by those in attendance.

There are too few opportunities to gather as a collective to put context around the massive scientific contributions made by nurses. Experience this context as we honor a cohort of nurse scientists for their eloquent work with FNINR awards. Also, we honor two of our own Board Members who are being named emeriti contributors to the Friends organization – the incomparable Melissa Fitzpatrick and the interminable Dr. Franklin Shaffer. A special honor, for consultation and leadership in the field of policy, is being awarded to Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Health Policy with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The AACN is a nonpartisan supporter on all aspects of nursing education funding, but equally, in their support of advocating for nursing’s research agenda. This latter effort has not received the accolades so richly deserved.

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research count on your science to advance the agenda of NINR, but we also count on your voice and financial support. Too few in the public still understand – and therefore cannot appreciate – the nature of nursing science and that nurses are scientists. Please, continuously and enthusiastically represent your discoveries. Equally, the signature Ambassadors Program of FNINR uses and speaks to your work on the Hill, in research forums, and in important public venues. Eight new Ambassadors are being added to the roster of our existing distinguished Ambassadors. Financial support of this program and for the other activities of FNINR is crucial – and deeply appreciated and carefully stewarded. Please help FNINR advocate for you and your important work.

With warm regards from the entire FNINR Board of Directors, we celebrate 30 years of achievement and toast the discoveries yet to come!

Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNINR President
It was 30 years ago that the vision of nursing scientists across the United States was finally realized with the creation of a National Center for Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health. This milestone was clear recognition by the U.S. Congress and the scientific community that nursing research was truly a full partner in the Nation’s health research enterprise. It acknowledged what was already self-evident to those who had advocated for creating the Center: that nurse scientists had been, and would increasingly be, major players in addressing the health challenges of those and future times.

Those visionaries have been proven correct countless times over the past three decades. As we reflect on the 30 year history of the organization we now know as the NINR, we can be very proud of what nursing science has achieved. Nursing science provides the evidence base to support the practice of the largest healthcare profession, as well as to improve wellness and quality of life for all individuals, regardless of age or health status. Because of nursing science, adolescents have been taught skills to successfully manage their diabetes; young minority women have reduced their risk for acquiring HIV; there is a better understanding of the biology and genetics of pain; and clinicians now have improved tools for discussing palliative and end-of-life care with seriously ill patients and their families.

During this Anniversary year, we must also look ahead to addressing the challenges of the future. Given the rise in the incidence of long-term chronic illness, it is critically important that improving the quality of life for those with chronic illness remains a primary focus of nursing research. Individuals, regardless of their health status or age, should be able to experience a high quality of life, minimally burdened by adverse symptoms, with the ability to successfully manage their own health. Perhaps more importantly, individuals, families, clinicians, and communities should be equipped with evidence-based strategies for maintaining wellness and preventing illness from occurring in the first place.

Tonight, we express our gratitude to those nurse scientists and NINR grantees who have already achieved so much to improve health and quality of life, and to those who will guide us into the next 30 years of NINR-supported science. To those in the many professional organizations represented here tonight, and particularly to the FNINR and FNINR Ambassadors, thank you for your efforts on behalf of nursing science.

I am excited about the future, and what we can achieve together to advance the health of our fellow citizens.

Patricia A. Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN, NINR Director
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Welcome and Opening Remarks by FNINR President
Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN

- Acknowledgements
- New Emeritus Board Members – Melissa Fitzpatrick, RN, MSN, FAAN and Frank Shaffer, EdD, ScD, RN, FAAN
- Honorary Friend of NINR Award – Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN

Remarks by NINR Director
Patricia A. Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dinner

FNINR 2015 Recognition
Ada Sue Hinshaw Award • President’s Award • Path-Paver Award • Protégé Award
Presented By: Margaret M. Heitkemper, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chair, Awards Committee

Keynote Address
Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA
President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Closing Remarks
Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN
Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA, is President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Nation’s largest philanthropy. With more than 30 years of personal experience as a medical practitioner, policy-maker, professor, and nonprofit executive, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey combines the scientific and ethical values she learned as a doctor with a conviction that meaningful philanthropy must achieve lasting social change.

A specialist in geriatrics, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey came to the Foundation from the University of Pennsylvania, where she served as the Sylvan Eisman Professor of Medicine and Healthcare Systems. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey has built on the Foundation’s rich history of addressing key public health issues, such as establishing the 911 EMS System, reducing tobacco use, and focusing on end-of-life care.

At the federal level, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey served as Deputy Administrator of what is now the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and worked on the White House Healthcare Reform Task Force, co-chairing the working group on Quality of Care. She has also served on numerous federal advisory committees.

Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the President’s Council for Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. She is the author of several books and dozens of articles. She is the recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and awards. In 2014, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey was named one of Forbes Top 100 World’s Most Powerful Women.
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ADA SUE HINSHAW AWARD
The Ada Sue Hinshaw Award is the preeminent award given by FNINR in honor of the first permanent Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research, acknowledging the substantive and sustained program of science that affords the recipient recognition as a prominent senior scientist.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
This year, the President’s Award is given by FNINR to acknowledge a nurse scientist whose research has focused on nursing research that impacts the health of communities.

PATH-PAVER AWARD
The Path-Paver Award is given to a mid-to-late career nurse scientist who has achieved one or more breakthroughs in theory development, research methods, instruments, or subject matter that has paved the way for other scientists and who has influenced and mentored the next generation of nurse researchers.

PROTÉGÉ AWARD
The Protégé Award is given to an evolving nurse scientist who shows great promise in advancing science and who is within the first 10 years of completing either PhD or Post-Doctoral study.
ANN KURTH, PhD, RN, CNM, FAAN is a nurse scientist who has worked nationally and internationally on sexually transmitted infections and the global pandemic of HIV. As an epidemiologist and clinically-trained nurse-midwife, Dr. Kurth has used information and communication technologies among other approaches for health intervention implementation and health workforce training. Working with colleagues in low-resource settings, including in the United States, she has engaged in research with communities and providers around HIV/STI screening, prevention, and treatment engagement, as well as health system strengthening.

Currently Dr. Kurth is professor of Nursing, Medicine, and Public Health at New York University. At the NYU College of Nursing she is the Executive Director of NYUCN Global and holds the Paulette Goddard Chair in Global Health Nursing. She is Associate Dean for Research at the NYU College of Global Public Health, and Professor of Medicine in the NYU Department of Population Health. Dr. Kurth also is Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington School of Nursing and at the UW Department of Global Health. She is the Dean Designate for Yale School of Nursing where she will start in 2016.

An evidence-based computerized counseling tool called CARE+ that she and colleagues developed and evaluated in a randomized trial in Seattle was selected by the CDC in 2014 for its national compendium of evidence-based interventions for High Impact HIV Prevention. Current studies underway include a stepped wedge evaluation of Kenya’s national needle syringe program, one of the first of its kind on the continent. Dr. Kurth has consulted for the NIH, the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and the CDC.

Dr. Kurth received a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Washington, a MSN in nurse-midwifery from Yale University (RN and CNM), and a MPH in population and family health from Columbia University. Her undergraduate work was done at Princeton University (A.B. magna cum laude). Dr. Kurth was a member of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Science Committee on PEPFAR Evaluation (report to Congress February 2013) where she led the Health System Strengthening workgroup. Dr. Kurth is Treasurer of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and of the New York Academy of Medicine. She was elected as a Fellow to the Institute of Medicine (now National Academy of Medicine) in 2013. Dr. Kurth serves as a member of the 2014-2018 US Preventive Services Task Force which makes evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services including screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications for the US.
Dr. Debra Kay Moser is an internationally renowned nurse scientist who has been studying self-care of individuals with cardiac disease, including heart failure, for the past 20 years. She has been consistently funded for this work through a variety of sources including the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute. She has published more than 325 journal articles, 25 chapters and three books, and is the co-editor of The Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing. She is a founding member and co-director of the RICH Heart Program, a highly productive research and mentorship collaborative at the University of Kentucky. She is also the Director of the Center for Biobehavioral Research in Self-Management of Chronic Cardiopulmonary Diseases initially funded by a P20 Center grant from NINR and now self-sustaining.

Known for expertise in prevention of cardiovascular disease in populations with marked health disparities, heart failure and acute myocardial infarction patient care, Dr. Moser has extensive biobehavioral research experience in the conduct of studies focusing on improving self-care of cardiovascular health, and studying mechanisms promoting or interfering with self-care. Her research program includes more than $30 million in funding for which she has served as principal investigator or co-investigator in multiple multicenter biobehavioral clinical trials (including three international studies) enrolling more than 6,000 patients. Her research concentrates on improving self-care, morbidity, mortality, and quality of life outcomes in patients with or at risk for cardiovascular disease or heart failure, and includes the study of interactions among psychosocial (e.g., anxiety, depression), physiologic (e.g., heart rate variability, cytokines, catecholamines) and clinical (e.g., lipid levels, hs-CRP, hospitalization, mortality) variables in individuals at risk or with heart disease and heart failure. She focuses on CVD risk reduction among vulnerable individuals including prisoners, people living in austere rural environments, and people with cognitive impairment.

Dr. Moser is the Linda C. Gill Endowed Chair of Cardiovascular Nursing at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. Her academic career includes earning a BS from Humboldt State University, an MN and PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles. Her work has been recognized with more than 30 awards, including the Lembright and Heart Failure Research Awards from the American Heart Association Council on Cardiovascular Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau International Researcher Hall of Fame. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American Heart Association.
Marie Bakitas, DNSc, CRNP, FAAN, is recognized internationally as a nursing pioneer, leader and scientist for her sustained, high impact program of research in pain and palliative care. Her passion, commitment and scientific contributions have led to a shift in the paradigm of care for seriously ill persons and their family caregivers.

Over the past three decades, Dr. Bakitas has spearheaded initiatives in pain and symptom management that ultimately led to a broadening and translation of the theoretical constructs of early palliative care proposed in the 1990 World Health Organization Pain Relief and Palliative Report. Project ENABLE (Educate, Nurture, Advise, Before Life Ends) was the first nurse-led, early concurrent palliative care model for rural persons with newly diagnosed advanced cancer and their family caregivers. Since 1999, she has led a team that has tested and demonstrated ENABLE’s efficacy and effectiveness in improving quality of life, mood, and survival for patients with advanced cancer and improving mood, and reducing burden in their family caregivers. The results of the NCI-funded randomized controlled trial (RCT) ENABLE II were published in JAMA (2009) and the beneficial patient and caregiver outcomes of NINR-funded ENABLE III RCT were published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology (2015).

The impact of this work is evidenced by recognition at the 2010 AAHPM National Assembly as one of seven studies having “…the greatest impact on the field of palliative care,” inclusion in the American Society of Clinical Oncology Provisional Consensus Opinion on high quality cancer care, a 2013 Cochrane Review, and more than 700 Scopus citations.

Dr. Bakitas has mentored more than forty-five nursing and inter-professional pre- and post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty; several achieving career awards and R-level funding on mentored research topics. She has been co- or principal investigator on thirty-three federal and foundation-funded pain and palliative care studies resulting in over 100 publications.

Dr. Bakitas is the Marie L. O’Koren Endowed Chair and Professor, School of Nursing, and Associate Director, Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, Gerontology, and Palliative Care, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She also holds appointments as Senior Scientist at the UAB Center for Healthy Aging, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Comprehensive Cardiovascular Center, and is affiliated investigator Birmingham/Atlanta Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center. Dr. Bakitas earned a BSN from the University of Bridgeport, an MS from Boston University, a post-master’s certificate from the University of New Hampshire, and a DNSc and post-doctoral fellowship from Yale University.
Dr. Brawner’s exciting and successful program of research focuses on multi-level, multi-method biobehavioral approaches to sexual health promotion in disenfranchised populations. Her work synthesizes her background in psychiatric/mental health nursing, her keen sensitivity to cultural norms and traditions, and her command of advanced statistical methodology. She is among the leading nurse scientists transforming HIV prevention science by moving us away from the traditional individually centered approach toward the identification of nontraditional, multi-level contributors to HIV risk in underserved communities. Her scholarship is supported by competitive federal awards from sources including the National Institute of Mental Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As a practitioner, teacher, and scientist, Dr. Brawner maintains consistent commitment to underrepresented populations, and in particular, marginalized groups living in urban environments. Her science elucidates the significant health disparities that women, racial/ethnic minorities and youth experience in sexual health outcomes, and develops, evaluates, and disseminates evidence-based strategies to mitigate that risk. Her sustained contribution to nursing and healthcare has been through the use of innovative research methods to understand not only individual-level correlates of sexual health disparities, but also the broader context of social, geographical and structural drivers of health inequities. Resultantly, she is able to design, test and disseminate comprehensive HIV prevention programs that simultaneously intervene across individual, social and structural levels. Her outstanding impact is through: (a) generation of knowledge that revamps ineffective practices and shifts sexual health assessment and intervention paradigms to meet the increasing demands of our global society, (b) development and testing of community-engaged, multi-level health promotion programs to facilitate the eradication of health disparities, and (c) translation of research into practice through guiding the development of theoretically-driven, culturally relevant, evidence-based policies and clinical guidelines.

Dr. Brawner is currently a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She earned her BSN from Villanova University, and an MSN and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. She has received prestigious awards in recognition of her progressive scholarship including the extremely competitive Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania Provost, and designation as an “Emerging Scholar” (one of 12 across the nation) by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education Magazine. These and other accolades reflect her noteworthy accomplishments in advancing nursing science.
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