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FNINR's VISION is to be a bold voice to communicate the impact of NINR's work to elevate nursing science, improve lives and advance the Nation's health.

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.

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1993. 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.

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The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) was established as a Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and as an Institute in 1986. 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.

The mission of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, and communities. To achieve this mission, NINR supports and conducts clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness, research that spans and integrates the behavioral and biological sciences, and that develops the scientific basis for clinical practice. 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.
Year of the Nurse and Midwife

We celebrate. We celebrate nurses and nursing empowered by scholarship and research and vitalized by human wisdom and courage. We join the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners including the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), International Council of Nurses (ICN), Nursing Now, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to celebrate the World Health Assembly designation of 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. On behalf of the FNINR Board of Directors, we are grateful to join together as a community on this shared occasion of the NightinGala to lift up our researchers and the impact of nursing science on improving daily lives of individuals, families, communities, and the planet. We join together to celebrate the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) as a potent epicenter for advancing individual, team, and interdisciplinary research to advance our Nation’s health. We celebrate NINR’s radiating impact on research-informed nursing care throughout the world.

We continue to boldly advance the legacy of FNINR’s mission to support nursing research and advance the mission of NINR. We are committed to the power of this legacy to inform us NOW. While realities of COVID-19, disparities, and social injustices have and are challenging us, we are also aware of the insights and innovations that energize our foresight. Together we are empowering educating nursing professionals and the public about the impact of nursing research on individuals, families, communities, and populations as well as the delivery of health care. More than ever, 2020 is indeed the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. More than ever, your presence demonstrates your engagement and bold and energetic support for the work of NINR, the evolution of FNINR, and the support of NIH.

Tonight is a celebration of remarkable scientific leadership, teams, and partnerships required for discovery, and the import of dissemination, translation, and impact on improving health. We celebrate the appointment of Dr. Shannon N. Zenk, Director of NINR. Tonight, we celebrate the strength of FNINR, and our gratitude to Executive Director Liz Fossett and the full AMR team for their exceptional management service to FNINR. Join me in thanking the leadership and commitment of the FNINR Board in fostering future’s focused strategies, creating the inaugural Advisory Committee on Philanthropy chaired by Dr. Frank Shaffer, advancing the awards programming, and fostering an empowered ambassadors and advocacy program. Together we build on the profound FNINR legacy of foresight, courage, and growth. Together we welcome the opportunity for bold transformation that empowers nursing research and its impact on health.

Thank you for your commitment. Celebrate. Enjoy.

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Christine Miaskowski, RN, PhD, FAAN
Professor, University of California, San Francisco

Welch Woerner Path Paver Award
Rebecca Schnall, PhD, MPH, RN-BC, FAAN
Assistant Dean, Columbia University

Protégé Award
J. Nicholas Dionne-Odom, PhD, MA, RN, ACHPN
Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham

President’s Award
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The Faye Glenn Abdellah Leadership Award is presented to an organization or individual with a sustained or lasting impact on nursing science either through advocacy, institutional leadership, or individual program of research that has led to the public awareness of the value of nursing science in improving health at the individual and/or population levels.

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.

The Welch/Woerner 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.

The Protégé Award is given to an evolving nurse scientist who shows great promise in advancing science and who is within the first six years of completing either PhD or Post-Doctoral study.

Themed “academia and clinical practice collaborative research”, the President’s Award is aimed at research that engages academia and clinical practice partners and bridging both contexts for the application of nursing and health care research.
Dr. Cheryl Robertson, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, is a public health nurse and professor at the School of Nursing University of Minnesota. Dr. Robertson has served at the intersection of global health development and human rights promotion for nearly 40 years. She is the former director of international programs at The Center for Victims of Torture and has served in conflict-affected communities across the globe. Early in her academic career, Dr. Robertson helped develop and implement a seminal NIH study that examined relationships between exposure to torture and psycho-social functioning among men and women. This study was among the first to elucidate the prevalence of targeted extreme violence experienced by women in repressive states. It shaped the direction of Dr. Robertson’s scholarship path.

Dr. Robertson’s program of scholarship and research continues to focus on conflict, displacement, trauma and recovery. She uses a strengths-based approach to investigate and understand refugee displaced persons’ health, trauma, and coping. Based on the findings of her work, she and her interdisciplinary research team have designed, developed, implemented and evaluated the effectiveness of community-based interventions that support healthy coping and healing.

For the last decade Dr. Robertson served as the Central Africa lead for the USAID One Health Workforce program to support health sciences academic and workforce development in fragile states. Robertson also leads a multidisciplinary team of university scientists and young African scholars to study climate-driven conflict, displacement, and health at the human-animal-environment intersection in the Horn of Africa Arid Lands. This research builds on her scholarship and supports the Grand Challenges priority research agenda of the University of Minnesota.
Our faculty are conducting important research to inform and improve health care policy and practice—in the U.S. and abroad. We’re proud to share some highlights. To learn more, visit nursing.rutgers.edu/research

**Pamela B. de Cordova**
PhD, RN-BC
- Evaluates policies aimed at improving nurse staffing in New Jersey acute care facilities and nursing homes.
- Leading a funded state-wide study examining impact of nurse staffing, work environment, and personal protective equipment on nurses’ physical and emotional exhaustion during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Emilia Iwu**
PhD, RN, APNC, FWACN
- Leading a DFID-funded study of a new community midwifery program aimed at reducing maternal mortality in Nigeria. Working with the Nigerian Board of Nursing, she will examine challenges to midwifery practice in conflict-affected settings.
- Leading a CDC/PEP-FAR-supported service grant to provide evaluation and implementation science studies on HIV treatment and care programs for the Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria.

**Olga F. Jarrín Montaner**
PhD, RN
- Leading an NIH/NIA-funded R01 study, *Upstream Approaches to Improve Late Life Care for People Living with Dementia*, examining how home health care can impact disparities in palliative and end-of-life care.
- Leading a study, *Comparative Effectiveness of Home Care Environments for Diverse Elders’ Outcomes*, originally funded by an AHRQ/PCOR K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award.

**Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger**
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- Leading an NIH/NIMH-funded R01 study, *Building Mobile HIV Prevention and Mental Health Support in Low-Resource Settings*, a randomized, controlled trial with a large national sample that is testing an intervention targeting gay and bisexual men in Romania.
- Leading a NIH/FIC-funded R21 study, *Preparing for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Implementation in Central-Eastern European Countries with Low Access to Biomedical Prevention*. 
LIFE CHANGING

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Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk is Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, the Helene Fuld Health Trust Professor of Evidence-based Practice (EBP), and Dean of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University. She also is a professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at Ohio State's College of Medicine and Executive Director of the Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for EBP.

Dr. Melnyk received her Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University, her Master of Science degree as a pediatric nurse practitioner from the University of Pittsburgh, and her PhD in clinical research from the University of Rochester where she also completed her post-master's certificate as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She is an internationally recognized expert in EBP, intervention research, child and adolescent mental health, and wellness, and is a frequent keynote speaker at national and international conferences. Dr. Melnyk has consulted with hundreds of healthcare systems and colleges throughout the nation and globe on how to improve healthcare quality through EBP. Her record includes over 33 million dollars of sponsored funding from federal agencies and foundations as principal investigator and over 430 publications. Dr. Melnyk is an editor of seven books, including Evidence-based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare: A Guide to Best Practice (4th Ed), Evidence-Based Leadership, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in Nursing and Healthcare; and Intervention Research: Designing, Conducting, Analyzing and Funding.

Dr. Melnyk has received numerous awards, including the Audrey Hepburn Award, Mary Tolle Wright Leadership Award, and the International Nursing Researcher Hall of Fame Award from Sigma Theta Tau International, the Jessie Scott Award from the American Nurses Association, the Midwest Nursing Research Society Senior Scientist award, the NIH/National Institute of Nursing Research’s inaugural director’s lectureship award, the AANP Sharp Cutting Edge Award, and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been recognized as an Edge Runner three times by the American Academy of Nursing, most recently for her COPE Program for parents of critically ill children and preterm infants, and her COPE cognitive-behavioral skills building program for depressed and anxious children and youth, which is being implemented in 49 states with reimbursement and five countries.

Dr. Melnyk is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academies of Practice, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She served a four-year term on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the NIH National Advisory Council for Nursing Research and was a board member of the National Guideline Clearinghouse and the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse. She just completed service on the National Quality Forum’s Behavioral Health Standing Committee. Dr. Melnyk serves as editor of the journal Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience as well as an elected board member for the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention. She also is founder and current president of the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities.
Dr. Christine Miaskowski is a Professor in the Departments of Physiological Nursing and Anesthesiology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She holds the Sharon Lamb Endowed Chair in Symptom Management Research and was the first nurse to be named an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor. Dr. Miaskowski received her Bachelor’s degree from Molloy College, her Master’s degree in Nursing from Adelphi University, and her PhD in Physiology from St. John’s University – all in New York. She did her postdoctoral training as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Nurse Scholar at UCSF. Dr. Miaskowski has held leadership positions in a number of professional organizations including the Oncology Nursing Society, the International Association for the Study of Pain, and was the first nurse to serve as President of the American Pain Society. Dr. Miaskowski’s program of research focuses on: an evaluation of symptom burden experienced by oncology patients and family caregivers (FCs) across the continuum of cancer care; the identification of phenotypic and molecular characteristics that place patients and (FCs) at increased risk for a higher symptom burden; and the development and testing of novel symptom management interventions. With her transdisciplinary colleagues, some of Dr. Miaskowski’s most salient contributions to symptom science include: the development of the field of symptom cluster research; the use of person-centered analytic approaches to identify patients and FCs at increased risk for a higher symptom burden; the identification of potential underlying mechanisms for common symptoms associated with cancer and its treatment; and the demonstration of the efficacy of the PRO-SELF® Pain Control Program to increase patients’ knowledge of cancer pain management and decrease pain and interference with function. Her successful research career, that spans over 30, was supported by continuous funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research and the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Miaskowski has disseminated her research team’s findings through presentations and over 550 data-based publications. This level of dissemination was made possible through the efforts of all her collaborators both at home and abroad and the countless number of trainees that she has mentored throughout her academic career.
Dr. Schnall is a nurse scientist and informatician who has committed to mentoring the next generation of nurse scientists. She leads an independent research program focused on understanding the information needs of vulnerable patient populations and developing informatics tools to promote health and prevent disease. The fundamental question underlying her program of research is “How do we capture information and deliver it to consumers from underserved communities so that they can access it and make informed decisions about their health?” Dr. Schnall’s program of research has focused on understanding the information needs of vulnerable patient populations and developing informatics tools to reduce health disparities for persons from underserved communities. Dr. Schnall’s work reduces health disparities for persons from underserved communities and more specifically those living with and at risk for HIV. These mixed methods studies have resulted in a greater understanding of the information needs of consumers/patients, serving as the foundation for design of web-based and mobile applications with demonstrated impact. Dr. Schnall’s research focuses on translating evidence-based approaches for self-management into informatics tools, such as mobile health (mHealth) applications, that can be used by consumers to improve the quality of their everyday lives. Importantly, the development of these tools has relevance to the international HIV epidemic, which affects more than 36 million people around the world, since mobile technology is nearly ubiquitous even in the most resource poor countries. In addition, her research has impact on healthy policy, as the consumer health informatics tools that she develops and evaluates have high potential to enable more streamlined efficient health care on a wide scale and in the most underserved communities. In addition to her research efforts, Dr. Schnall mentors all levels of students at Columbia Nursing as well as master’s in public health students, epidemiology post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty in nursing, public health and medicine. Through her extensive mentoring activities, she is helping to develop the next generation of nursing leaders.
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CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES

Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing congratulates the honorees at the 2020 NightinGala and supports the efforts of Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research to advance nursing research’s benefits to patients, families, the community and delivery of healthcare.

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Ana Maria Linares, DNS, RN, IBCLC, has both state and global research programs focused on health disparities with an emphasis on the promotion of breastfeeding and prenatal care.
J. Nicholas Dionne-Odom, PhD, RN, ACHPN, FPCN is a pioneering nurse scientist, innovator, and thought leader in the area of early telehealth palliative care support for family caregivers of persons with advanced cancer and heart failure living in the underserved Southern U.S. He is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Co-Director of Caregiver and Bereavement Support Services in the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, and Associate Chair of the NINR-funded Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group Caregiver Core. He earned his BSN from Florida State University, an MA in Philosophy and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an MS and PhD in Nursing from the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College. Dr. Dionne-Odom is board-certified in hospice and palliative care advanced practice nursing with over 10 years clinical experience in critical care and 8 years in telehealth palliative care coaching. Having led or participated in over 25 federally- and foundationally-funded grants to date, his program of research is focused on the development, clinical trials testing, and implementation of early, telehealth, lay coach-led palliative care interventions for African-American/Black and rural-dwelling family caregivers of persons with advanced cancer and heart failure using the multiphase optimization strategy. Dr. Dionne-Odom is also interested in decision psychology and the role families play in partnering with patients in health-related decision-making, from diagnosis to end of life. His research funding has totaled over $5.1 million from the National Institute of Nursing Research, the National Cancer Institute, the National Palliative Care Research Center, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the American Association of Critical Care Nursing. He is also an Inaugural Fellow of the Betty Irene Moore Fellowships for Nurse Leaders and Innovators.
Margaret (“Peggy”) Rosenzweig is a long-time nurse, nurse practitioner, educator and community advocate. She is a tenured Distinguished Service Professor of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Professor of Medicine, Associate Director for Catchment Area Research at the Hillman Cancer Center and Vice Chair of Research in the School of Nursing’s Department of Acute & Tertiary Care. Dr. Rosenzweig’s 20-year program of externally funded research is directed toward better understanding the impact of the patient’s life stress and social determinates of health on their experience during cancer illness and treatment in order to ensure optimum and equitable care. Dr. Rosenzweig is the Associate Director for Catchment Area Research at the Hillman Cancer Center, responsible for the engagement of research to address identified cancer care burdens, particularly for vulnerable populations. Dr. Rosenzweig leads community efforts in breast cancer education and support through the Allegheny County Breast Consortium, in which she holds a leadership role. Dr. Rosenzweig is active clinically as a nurse practitioner/researcher through a partnership at the UPMC/Magee Womens Cancer Center. In this clinical setting she leads a multi-disciplinary team of clinicians and researchers to better understand and care for women with metastatic breast cancer. To address the unmet educational needs of advanced practice providers, Dr. Rosenzweig developed the Advanced Practice Provider Web Education Resource (ONc-PoWer and now AP-POWER), an R25 funded cancer education project. The AP-POWER curriculum has been nationally disseminated and is used for the onboarding of APPs in cancer care.

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