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# Welcome

## 2022: A year for rejoicing in our reunion and our resolve



*FNINR President*

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On behalf of the FNINR Board of Directors, we welcome you to our resurrected in-person NightinGala, the first since 2019. For the past two years, the Gala has been held virtually as our nation, and the world, responded to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and took aggressive measures to mitigate contagion. We are grateful tonight for successes achieved and to be back together, in person, to celebrate nursing science as a community of committed stakeholders and to raise up the importance of the work of NINR and its funded nurse scientists. We learned over the past two years that your commitment to supporting FNINR was not diminished by the virtual presence we were forced to assume. We have learned this year how staunchly your support continues and how eager you all are to reconnect. We feel the same!

The FNINR Board of Directors thanks you for your continued generous support of the NightinGala through event and table sponsorships, and for joining us in this evening of celebration. Funds raised through the NightinGala enable FNINR to continue its critical advocacy work to support NINR's efforts.

Over the past several years, we have witnessed social challenges beyond the pandemic and at many times have been forced to wonder how a world filled with humans could at times be so inhumane. The hostile and destructive politicization of science, the violence of structural racism, the profound catastrophe of social inequity on health and wellness, and the silent behavioral health pandemic have all taught us that our profession must continue to lead through discovery, education, and practice. No other discipline brings forward comprehensive holistic care more than nursing. The advances made through nursing research solidify our holistic practice, and our value to humanity.

Tonight is a celebration of our community and of the outstanding contributions made by nurse researchers in discoveries that improve lives and society. We honor them and their achievements as we commend the contributions of NINR in support of their scholarship. FNINR's advocacy

efforts at both local and national levels through our Advocacy Committee and our Ambassadors Program continue to call for increased federal funding for NINR. We are committed to this purpose and to raising awareness of the impact of nursing research to ensure it is known, recognized, and understood for its value, and its relevance to the health of our nation. It is a mission we hold dear and a responsibility we embrace.

The FNINR Board of Directors extends its thanks and recognition to AMR management services, and especially to our former Executive Director Liz Fossett. Without her leadership and the support of the entire AMR team, we would not be successful in our efforts. We welcome FNINR's new Executive Director Laura Singler, and look forward to working with her in the days and months ahead. We recognize also all of the caregivers who rose to the challenges of the pandemic, many at great personal sacrifice, and with the wounds of burnout and distress that live on. They too suffer from "long COVID" and need our support, empathy, and respect. We honor them tonight in our collective commitment to ensure that our science explores strategies that will prevent the extremes of suffering they have experienced.

Most especially, we thank all of you for joining us and we celebrate your excitement in reconnecting with your colleagues tonight. Let's be together in our joy and in the hopes we set for the future as we recognize and laud nurse researchers, nursing science, and the support of NINR in this work. We hope you will enjoy the evening and our time together. We have missed you!





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# Awards 2022

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The Faye Glenn Abdellah Leadership Award is named for this renowned nurse researcher. Faye Abdellah's vision has resulted in inestimable value created by nurse scientists over the years. This award will go 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.

## **ADA SUE HINSHAW AWARD**

The Ada Sue Hinshaw Award is considered the pre-eminent award given by FNINR named in honor of the first permanent Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research. Recipients have a substantive and sustained program of science that would afford her/him recognition as a prominent senior scientist.

## **WELCH/WOERNER PATH-PAVER AWARD**

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.

## **PROTÉGÉ AWARD**

The Protégé/Protégée Award is given to an evolving nurse scientist who shows great promise in advancing science and who is within the first 6 years of completing either the PhD or Post-Doctoral study.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

The President's Award is given based on a specific theme established by the President of FNINR, varies annually, and is awarded to a researcher with sustained contributions in the field. This year, the theme is "chronic disease" aimed at research that explores contributing factors, disparities, interventions, or evaluation of interventions.

# Preparing Visionary Nurse Leaders.



**Linda McCauley**

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Award**



**Deborah Watkins Bruner**

RN, PhD, FAAN

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Award**



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**The President's  
Award**



**Eun-Ok Im**

PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN

**Faye Glenn Abdellah  
Leadership Award**

We are proud to recognize our colleagues on this unprecedented, impressive recognition of their research accomplishments. Individually and collectively, they have made a significant impact on the health and well-being of all Americans, and they join the echelons of other FNINR award winners who have made a difference in nursing research. Congratulations!



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# THE Faye Glenn Abdellah LEADERSHIP AWARD



Eun-Ok Im

PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN

Dr. Eun-Ok Im is an internationally known methodologist and theorist in the field of global cross-cultural women's health research, addressing gender and ethnic differences in health/illness experience of midlife women, including cancer survivorship, menopausal symptoms, and physical activity. Dr. Im's most outstanding contribution to nursing is a research program that adopts Internet, computer, and mobile technologies to eliminate gender and ethnic disparities in midlife women's health issues. She is a pioneer who has taken the lead in this evolving field from the late 1990s, and her studies are among the first of their kind to use these technologies to build nursing knowledge. Over two decades, Dr. Im has successfully solicited NIH funding to support her research, including five R01 studies as PI, and has aggressively disseminated her findings, with over 400 publications (227 refereed journal articles). By developing the theoretical and methodological structures and frameworks for ethical and culturally sensitive research in the Digital Age, Dr. Im's studies have led and impacted over 200 students and researchers far beyond the scope of her own work and continuously impact advances in nursing science. Also, her leadership is reflected in her former and current national and international services, including her presidency of the Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association. She has numerous national and international awards including the 2014 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Award from the Sigma Theta Tau International, the 2020 Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) Outstanding Nurse Scientist Award, and the 2022 SNRS Distinguished Researcher Award. She was also one of the 2019 NINR Director's lecturers.



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# THE *Ada Sue Hinshaw* AWARD



*Linda A. McCauley*

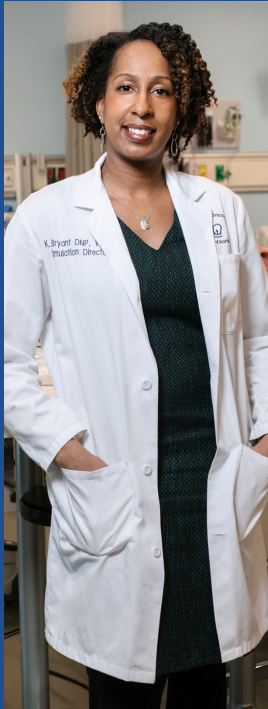
**PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN**

Linda A. McCauley, PhD, RN, began her appointment as Dean of Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing (NHWSN) in 2009, and has since developed and executed a comprehensive strategic plan to position NHWSN at the forefront of nursing research, education, and policy. The School's Innovation Initiative has enabled remarkable achievements such as the Emory Nursing Learning Center (ENLC), the Center for Data Science, and Project NeLL, and has been successful, in large part, because it emphasizes the potential of nurses and nursing students as leaders in healthcare innovation. Under Dean McCauley's leadership, the school has risen from its No. 26 ranking in 2011 to its current position as No. 2 in US News and World Report's "Best Graduate Nursing Schools" guide. This year, NHWSN's undergraduate also reached No. 2 in US News undergraduate nursing rankings.

Dean McCauley's own research—for which she has been consistently funded for over two decades—lies at the intersection of nursing and environmental and occupational health sciences. Her longstanding partnership with the Farmworkers Association of Florida involves collaborating with farmworkers to study the health impacts of heat stress (such as kidney disease) in agricultural settings.

Today, she and her team are partnering with communities, experts across disciplines, and organizations across sectors to implement and share children's environmental health research findings. This year, the National Institute of Environmental Health Science, awarded \$4 million to fund the Center for Children's Health Assessment, Research Translation, and Combating Environmental Racism (CHARTER) which is advancing the science of research translation.

Dean McCauley serves on the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM's) Governing Council and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC). In 2020, she was named an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing and, in 2016, she was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Hall of Fame. She is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Nursing and the American Academy of Occupational Health Nurses as well. Dean McCauley is thought of as an entrepreneurial leader and is a sought-after expert in nursing business and innovation.



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*Deborah Watkins Bruner*

PhD, RN, FAAN

Deborah Watkins Bruner, RN, PhD, FAAN, is Senior VP for Research at Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Dr. Bruner is also Professor and Robert W. Woodruff Chair in Nursing, Professor of Radiation Oncology, and a member of the Winship Cancer Institute. She is an internationally renowned researcher and clinical trialist with a focus on patient reported outcomes, symptom management, and comparative effectiveness of radiotherapy modalities. Her most current research is focused on the role of the human microbiome in carcinogenesis and cancer treatment outcomes. Dr. Bruner earned her PhD in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and has been continuously funded since 1998, culminating in her ranking among the top 5% of all NIH funded investigators in the world since 2012.



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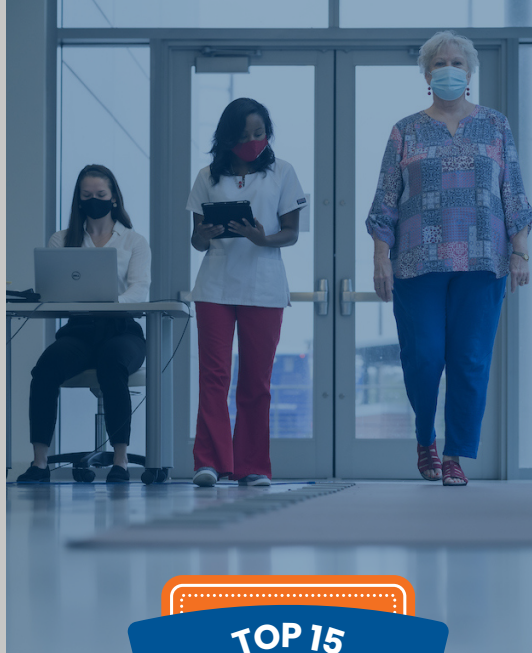


*Edwin Aroke*

PhD, CRNA, FAANA, FAAN

Dr. Edwin Aroke is an Associate Professor and the Director of the Ph.D. Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. Dr. Aroke graduated from the Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 2016. His program of research, funded by the NIH, examines the role of epigenomic changes on chronic pain and racial pain disparities. Dr. Aroke has received numerous prestigious awards, including, Researcher of the Year by the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) Foundation, Didactic Faculty of the Year by the AANA, and Mitchell Max Award for Research Excellence from the NIH. Dr. Aroke doubles as a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.





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# THE *Protege* AWARD



*Ruth Masterson Creber*

PhD, MSc, RN, FAHA, FAAN

Dr. Ruth Masterson Creber is a professor at Columbia University School of Nursing. Dr. Masterson Creber's research focuses on improving quality of life for patients with cardiac conditions across the disease continuum and pioneering innovative interventions for the delivery of health care. Her interprofessional program of research is grounded in nursing science, epidemiology, and health informatics and is rapidly growing and having an impact on advancing health quality for vulnerable patients across the lifespan and around the world. She has developed digital health tools to support symptom monitoring for patients with heart failure to provide real-time personal health information back to patients. She is also leading the evaluation of a mobile integrated health intervention for patients with heart failure to provide evidence to support a novel healthcare delivery service using community paramedics and facilitated telemedicine with emergency medicine teams. Dr. Masterson Creber is also leading global, pragmatic, cardiac clinical trials across over seventy hospitals in Europe, Asia, North and South America and Australia to evaluate the impact of coronary bypass graft surgery on patient's quality of life, symptoms and cognition. The results from these trials will provide evidence about whether the arterial or venous graft vessels for CABG surgery make a difference to long-term symptom relief and cognitive function.

Dr. Masterson Creber received her BA and BSN from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and School of Arts and Sciences, an MSc from The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, and her Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Columbia University School of Nursing. Prior to joining Columbia University, she served as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Population Health Sciences in the Division of Health Informatics, and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine (2018-2022). Since completing her training, her program of research has been funded by multiple federal agencies including PCORI, NINR, NHLBI, NINDS, NIA, NICHD and Fogarty Institute. Dr. Masterson Creber has also published over 90 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters.





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# THE President's AWARD



*Sandra B. Dunbar*

**PhD, RN, FAAN, FAHA, FPCNA**

Sandra B. Dunbar, RN, PhD, FAAN, FAHA, FPCNA, Charles Howard Candler Professor at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing of Emory University, is a cardiovascular nurse researcher and educator whose research focuses on psychosocial responses to serious cardiac illness, such as heart failure (HF) and arrhythmia with treatment by implantable technology. Studies of patient and family responses have led to the development and testing of interventions to improve both physical, psychosocial, and health resource use outcomes. Dunbar has developed and tested interventions for HF patients who also have co-morbid diabetes to improve integrated self-care. She was the principal investigator of an NIH funded study focused on caregiver stress for those assisting family members who have heart failure. Her family-focused interventions have improved outcomes for patients with chronic heart failure and high-risk arrhythmia treated with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD).

Dunbar has led interdisciplinary teams in research studies funded by NIH, NINR, the American Heart Association, and NHLBI and foundation grants. She has led program grants for the PhD program funded by HRSA and a T32 Training grant focused on improving outcomes in chronic conditions. She is currently the Pilot Core Director of the NINR-funded P30 center on Symptoms and Metabolomics in Black Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions and is the Pilot Core Director of the NIDDK funded Georgia Diabetes Translational Research Center. She has disseminated her work widely in print and presentation form with interdisciplinary colleagues and trainees.

Dunbar is an active volunteer leader and has served as the chair of the AHA Council of Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, President of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, chair of the Nursing Committee of the Heart Failure Society of America, and President of the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association. She is a member of the editorial board of several major nursing journals including Heart and Lung, and Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing (emeritus). She was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurses and the American Heart Association and has received the prestigious Katherine A. Lembright award, the Kathleen Dracup Mentorship Award, and Healthcare Volunteer of the Year from the American Heart Association for her contributions to cardiovascular nursing research. She received the 2003 Georgia Nurse Researcher Award, was named the 2005 Distinguished Research Lecturer by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and recently named as one of the top 10 cardiovascular nursing scientists of the American Heart Association. Dunbar was named the 2010 Distinguished Nurse Researcher by the Southern Nurses Research Society and the Council for Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS). She was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in 2013. This year she was the Hugh Davis Lecturer at the School of Nursing, Emory University.



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