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Candidate for: MNRS Nominating Committee



Personal Statement:

I am interested in securing a position as a member of the Nominating Committee of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS). I completed my PhD at the University of Minnesota and postdoctoral fellowship at Case Western Reserve University. I am currently an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Nursing and the Critical Care Nurse Scientist for Nebraska Medicine. My novel program of research focuses on designing and testing technologically driven integrative health interventions that reduce symptom burden and promote patient and family engagement in care in the intensive care unit.

My doctoral and postdoctoral work was federally supported by the National Institutes of Nursing Research. My contributions to nursing and steadfast dedication to enhance the science and practice of critical care are illustrated by my record of dissemination which includes 19 publications and 25 presentations since completing my PhD in 2015. My work garnered a New Inventor Award in 2018 by my university's technology transfer office, UNeMed. In 2019, I was asked to provide the Nursing Year in Review presentation at the American Thoracic Society (ATS) conference in Dallas, TX, and have been invited to give the keynote address for 2021 Building Bridges to Research Based Nursing Practice conference in Milwaukee, WI.

As an MNRS member since 2010, I have served in a variety of leadership positions as an early career scholar. From 2012-2014, I was appointed as the first Emerging Scholars Network (ESN) representative to the MNRS Board of Directors. Through this experience, I gained valuable knowledge and understanding of the mission, values, and inner workings of the organization. I continued my leadership development by serving as the ESN Co-Chair from 2014-2017. In collaboration with fellow MNRS leaders, I recently published a manuscript in the Western Journal of Nursing Researcher titled, "The Emerging Scholars' Network within MNRS: from Acorns to Oaks", which detailed the development and implementation of the ESN into MNRS. I was also the chair the Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan Research Interest Group from 2018-2019.

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In addition to my service to MNRS, I am a founding member and co-chair of the Early Career Special Interest Group for the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, and I have served in leadership capacities at Sigma Theta Tau International and the American Thoracic Society. Most recently, I was selected to participate on NINR's Training Pathways Working Group. I have a tremendous passion for leadership as well as service and very much look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the members of MNRS. In regards to the current MNRS Strategic Plan, as a member of the Nominating Committee, I aim to bolster membership and engagement with critical attention to our robust cohort of early career scientists. I appreciate your consideration of my bid for the MNRS Nominating Committee.

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