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### **Academic Record/Education**

- DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 2008
- LCCE Lamaze Certification Childbirth Educator,  
Finch University, Chicago, Illinois 2003
- MSEd Specialty in Educational Technology  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 1998
- BSN Nursing, Magnum cum laude  
Lake Superior State University, Sault Saint Marie, Michigan 1976
- FNP Family Nurse Practitioner Certification  
Lake Superior State University, Sault Saint Marie, Michigan 1976
- ADN Nursing  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 1969

### **Certifications/Additional Preparation**

- RN License – State of Indiana
- Lamaze Certification – NCCA Accreditation
- Indiana State Department of Health Certified Smallpox Administrator
- Zenger-Miller Master-Certified Instructor in Corporate, Business, and Health Education
- CPR Certification

### **Professional Experience**

- Continuing Lecturer, Capstone Coordinator, Purdue University School of Nursing, 2009-present
- Special Appointment to the Graduate Faculty of Purdue University, 2009-present

- Representative Indianapolis Area hospitals Clinical Liaisons to Schools of Nursing (IAHCLSN) committee, 2010
- Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, Purdue University School of Nursing, 2005-2008
- Maternal Infant and Child Health Educator, Kathryn Weil Center, 1989 – present
- President’s Student Learning Community Faculty, Purdue University, 2008
- Director, Center for Nursing Education, Purdue University School of Nursing, 1995 - 2006
- Health Policy Summer Residency with Indiana State Representative – 2006
- Nursing Faculty, Special Projects for Business, Health and Industry, Ivy Tech Community College 1989 -1995
- Interim Personnel Director, Riverview Community Hospital, Noblesville, Indiana 1987-1989
- Maternal-Child Staff RN, Lafayette Home Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana 1984-1987
- Nursing Clinical Faculty, Ivy Tech Community College, ADRN and LPN programs, 1976-1984
- Registered Nurse, Hospital Staff Medical-Surgical Units, Public Health RN in United States and Canada, 1969-1976

**Honors, Special Awards, Fellowships**

School of Nursing Excellence in Teaching Award Freshman Level, 2009

*Manchester Who’s Who* Executives and Professionals VIP, 2007, 2008, 2009

*Manchester Who’s Who* Executives and Professionals, 2006

Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering Doctor of Nursing Practice Scholarship, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omicron Chapter Excellence Award, 2004

Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omicron Chapter Excellence Award, 2003

APSAC Achievement Recognition Award, 2003 for Distinguished Service

Enhancement Award, 1998 Purdue School of Nursing for Outstanding Contributions for  
Advancing the Goals and Objectives of the Academic Program

Shreve-Baird Scholarship Award, 1996, 1997, 1998 Home Hospital Academic  
Scholarship Award

### **Presentations**

“Childbirth Preparation: Lamaze Method of Childbirth Series,” Kathryn Weil Center,  
Lafayette, Indiana, 2012

“Childbirth Preparation: Lamaze Method of Childbirth Series,” Kathryn Weil Center,  
Lafayette, Indiana, 2011

“Childbirth Preparation: Lamaze Method of Childbirth Series,” Kathryn Weil Center,  
Lafayette, Indiana, 2010

“Childbirth Preparation: Lamaze Method of Childbirth Series,” Kathryn Weil Center,  
Lafayette, Indiana, 2009

“Knowledge, Satisfaction, and Confidence Levels of Simulation Education: Nursing  
Students’ Perception,” Purdue University, West Lafayette, 2008

“Obesity and Sleep Deprivation: Incorporating Principles of Epidemiology and  
Biostatistics Methods into Nursing Research,” Purdue University, West Lafayette, 2008

“Clinical Simulation in Nursing Education Where Lectures Come to Life,” teaching and  
Learning with Technology Conference, Purdue University, 2007

“Human Factors in Healthcare Engineering,” Helene Fuld Summer Institute, Purdue  
University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2007

“Simulation Learning in Patient Physical Assessment Clinical Lab,” WLF 18  
appearance, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Simulation Technology Presentation,” Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering,  
Purdue University, 2006

“Center for Nursing Education and Simulation Learning Demonstration,” FULD Grant  
Visit Presentation, Purdue University, 2006

“SimMan High-Fidelity Simulation and Critical Thinking,” Works In Progress, Purdue  
University, 2006

“A Model to Evaluate Evidence-Based Healthcare Practice with Learning,” Evidence-Based Practice Project, Arizona State University, 2005

“Metabolic Syndrome – Prevention and Treatment,” Purdue University, 2005

“Diabetes Diagnostic and Medical Management: Current Trends,” Purdue University, 2005

“Nursing Views in Patient Care Trends,” Purdue School of Nursing Leadership Class, 2005

“Preparation for Childbirth Lamaze Method,” five – 6 week series per year, SERH Kathryn Weil Center for Education, 1989 - present

“Time Management Skill Building in Healthcare,” GLHS Kathryn Weil Center for Education, 2004

“Promotion Physiological Health,” Benton Central High School Anatomy and Physiology Senior Students, 2002 & 2005

“Cardiovascular Health and Vital Signs Assessment,” Pharmacy D Clinical, Purdue University, 1998-2002

“Integrating Computer Technologies into Nursing Education: An Electronic Gateway to Knowledge,” Purdue University School of Education, 1999

“Designing an Effective Presentation Using Multimedia Technologies,” University of Southern Indiana, 1998

“Integrating Computer Technologies into Nursing Curriculum,” University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, 1997

“Train-the-Trainer,” Zenger-Miller QUEST Corporate 6-session seminar, Greater Lafayette Community Business, 1992-1995

“Team Problem-Solving,” Corporate 12-session seminar, Greater Lafayette Corporate Business, Industry and Hospitals, 1990-1994

“Developing Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors,” Culver Hospital, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1993

“Frontline Leadership,” 6-session seminar, Culver Hospital, Crawfordsville, Indiana 1992-1995

“Frontline Leadership Skill-Building,” 6-series seminar, Ivy Tech State College, 1992-1995

## **Conferences, Seminars, Presentations Attended**

“Data Driven Evidence to Inform Improvements in Healthcare Policy and Practice”, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, November, 2012

“From curriculum Revision to Curricular Innovation in Nursing”, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, January, 2012

“Increasing Breast Feeding in At-Risk Mothers”, Indiana Perinatal Network, Lafayette, Indiana, January 2012

“Smoking and Pregnancy”, Indiana March of Dimes Network, Lafayette, Indiana, January, 2012

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Perinatal Symposium: “The Baggage She Brings to the Door”, Lafayette, Indiana, January, 2012

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Perinatal Symposium: “The Golden Hours”, Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, Indiana, November, 2011

“Orchestrating A Career for Leadership”, West Lafayette, Indiana, August, 2011

“Developing Multiple Choice Exams to Assess Critical Thinking”, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, August, 2011

“National Simulation Initiatives: Standards, Research, and Unfolding Case Studies”, Audio/Web Seminar, National League for Nursing Program, West Lafayette, Indiana, November, 2010

“What faculty and peers are doing well in support of each other”, Purdue School of Nursing Faculty Development Session, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, November, 2010

Health IT Systems: Creating Meaningful Change in Practice, Education, and Research in the Context of “Meaningful Use”, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, October, 2010

“Optimizing mentor/mentee relationships/peer evaluations”, Purdue School of Nursing Faculty Development Session, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, October, 2010

“Planet Narnia”, Dr. Michael Ward, C.S. Lewis British scholar, West Lafayette, Indiana, September, 2010

“Sharing best practices of teaching”, Purdue School of Nursing Faculty Development Session, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, September 2010

“Bench to Bedside: The development and application of evidence-based guidelines”, Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, September, 2010

“Ladies and Gentleman, Start Your Engines: Getting on Track for Teaching Online”, Purdue University School of Nursing, West Lafayette, Indiana, May, 2010

“Transcultural Nursing Advocacy and Action within the Clinical Relationship”, Purdue University School of Nursing, West Lafayette, Indiana, May, 2010

Blackboard Users’ Group Meetings, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2010

“Healthy Planet 2010, Powered by Purdue,” Healthy Purdue Data Symposium, Purdue, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2010

“Connections Count,” Stopping Child Abuse Summit, Lafayette, Indiana, 2009

“How to Wear Your Genes: Family Influence on Life and Health,” Spirit of Women Program, Lafayette, Indiana, 2009

“Common Sleep Disorders: Sleep Apnea and Insomnia,” Spirit of Women Seminar, Lafayette, Indiana, 2009

“Keeping Your Children and Yourself Safe and Secure,” Mental Health Promotion, West Lafayette, 2005-2009

“Nursing Leadership,” Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2008

“Cancer Awareness,” Midwest Oncology Nursing Symposium, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2008

“Nursing History,” Symposium on Nursing History, Ethics, Human Rights, and Innovations, Purdue University, 2008

“Keeping Women and Children Tobacco Free,” Smoke Free Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2007

“Enhancing Knowledge Improving Care,” Midwest Oncology Nursing Symposium, Lafayette, Indiana, 2007

“Transforming Healthcare Delivery: Advancing Multidisciplinary Research,” Topics: Obesity, Mental Health, Health in the Workplace, Care Across the Lifespan, Patient/Clinician Interaction, Health Organizational Management, Health Economics, Purdue University, 2007

“Legacy of Nursing: confronting Challenges of Providing Care,” Conference on Nursing Ethics, History, Human Rights, and Innovations, Purdue University, 2007

“Healthcare and Justice,” Healthcare Engineering Presentation by Dr. Linda Chezem, Purdue, 2007

“Provider-Centered Resource Foraging and Data Collection,” Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering Presentation by Barrett Caldwell, Purdue University, 2007

“Cancer Care Engineering,” Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering Presentation by Dr. Joe Pekny, Purdue University, 2007

“Healthcare Technical Assistance Program,” Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering Presentation by Dr. David McKinnis, Purdue University, 2007

“Designing Instruction,” Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University, 2006

“Student-Teacher Relationships,” Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University, 2006

“Enhancing Knowledge Improving Care,” Midwest Oncology Nursing Symposium, Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Understanding Post Partum Depression,” AWHONN Presentation, Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Using Engineering Controls and Best Practices to Solve Healthcare Delivery Problems,” DNP Speaker Series Presentation by Dr. James McGlothlin, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Human Factors in Healthcare Safety,” DNP Speaker Series Presentation by Dr. Vincent Duffy, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Health Information Technology Applications in Support of Delivery of Care, Patient Education, and Patient Monitoring,” DNP Speaker Series Presentation by Dr. Khakid Moidu, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Visualization of Medical Data for Diagnosis, Training, and Surgery Planning,” DNP Speaker Series Presentation by Dr. David Ebert, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“A Summary of Interests in Healthcare Engineering,” DNP Speaker Series Presentation by Dr. Steve Witz, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2006

“Historical, Ethical, and Legal Dilemmas in the Face of Disaster,” Center for Nursing History, Ethical, and Human Rights, and Innovations, Fourth Annual Fall Symposium, Purdue University, 2006

“Putting Families at the Health of Relationship-Based Practice,” Infant and Toddler Specialists Institute Conference, Purdue University, 2006

“Promoting Health and Safety,” Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference, Purdue University, 2006

“Rebuilding Lives after Katrina and Rita,” Teleconference North Carolina State University, November 30, 2005

“History, Ethics, and Innovations in Nursing; Past, Present and Beyond,” Third Annual Fall Symposium, Purdue University, 2005

“The Steel Cocoon: Tales of the Nurses and Patients of the Iron Lung, 1928-1955,” Purdue University, 2005

“Voice vs. Loyalty: The Dilemma of Nurses,” Purdue University 2005

“Legal Implications of End of Life Care,” Purdue University 2005

“A Primer on Evidence-Based Practice,” Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference, 2004

The Impact of the Keep Your Child/Yourself Safe and Secure (KYSS) Campaign Walk, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Alpha & Beta School of Nursing CE Conferences, 2000-2009

“Cooperative Approaches to Healthcare in a Changing World,” Conference on Nursing History, Ethics, and Human Rights, 2004

Ethics and Human Rights Symposium, Purdue University, 2003

Purdue University Teaching Series, 2001, 2002, 2004

MIDC Seminars – Teaching and Learning with Technology Conferences 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Helen R. Johnson Leadership Conference, 2002-2007

Sigma Theta Tau International Research Day, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007



Purdue School of Nursing Ruby Jubilee – “Celebrating 40 Years-Leadership Conference,” 1999

IUPUI – North American Conference in Nursing Learning Resources for Life Long Learning, 1996

ICS for FrontLine/Quest Leadership facilitation certification, 1992

ICS Master Facilitator (train-the-trainer corporate certification), 1992

Zenger/Miller Corporate Leadership Program, 1990

“America, the Contra Hearings and our President,” Co-participant with Sam Donaldson, 1989

Rutgers 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Computer and Technology Conferences, 1999, 2000

“Effective Presentation Design Using Multimedia,” Purdue School of Nursing Gala Week Conference: “A Lesson in Leadership”, 1999

IUPUI – North American Conference in Nursing Learning Resources Center, 1998

### **Grants/Gifts-In-Kind**

- 2007 – 2 Hill-Rom beds \$5,500
- 2005 – Corporate gifts, Hospira/Abbott Labs \$21,454; Bard Medical \$428
- 2004 – Corporate gifts, \$4,000
- Professional Development Grant, \$401
- 2003 – Corporate gifts, Hill-Rom, \$37,600; ROCHE, \$700
- 2002 – Corporate gifts, Abbott Labs, \$2,600
- 2001 – Hill-Rom, \$6,000
- 2000 – Corporate gifts, Abbott Labs, \$3,000
- 1999 – Co-recipient Technology Transfer Corporate Grant
- PAM Cardiac Monitor, \$2,000
- Professional Development Grant, \$500
- 1998 – Hewlett-Packard University Grant, \$106,489

- 1995 – 2005 Purdue President’s Fund Grant Writing Team Member  
\$24,000 average annual award

### **Professional Engagement Service**

Faculty Advisor Nurses’ Christian Fellowship Organization – Purdue University 2003 – present

Appointment to Purdue University Graduate Faculty

Graduate Admission Committee 2012-present

Purdue University President’s Council Member, 2004-present

Purdue School of Nursing Faculty Affairs Committee, 2008-2012

*Alpha Chi* University Academic Excellence and Exemplary Character Honorary

*Alpha Lambda*, Nursing Academic Achievement Honorary

*Kappa Delta Pi*, Education Academic Achievement Honorary

*Sigma Theta Tau* Nursing Honorary, Treasurer 2002-2003; Vice President 2003-2004

Purdue University Alumni Association – Life Member

Lake Superior State University Alumni Association – Life Member

Indiana State Nurses Association member

Inaugural Purdue AcademyHealth National Society Co-President 2007, 2008

Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives

Center for the Advancement of Evidence-Based Practice (CAEP) National Mentor

Lafayette Leadership Graduate Membership

Member, Board of Directors, Nursing History, Ethics, and Human Rights Center

Trained Counselor/Advisor TOUCH-Smoking Cessation Initiative

Advisory Board Member I/O Medical Systems, Inc. 2000-2002

Purdue School of Nursing Committee Chair for “Celebrate Nursing 2000” Gala, 2000

School of Nursing Instructional Support Committee, 1995-2008

APSAC representative appointment by the University President for College of Pharmacy, Nursing, Health Science, and College of Technology, 2002-2003

APSAC representative appointment by the University President for College of Pharmacy, Nursing, Health Science, 1999-2003

Anti-Harassment Representative for Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences, 1999-2002

Purdue Search and Screen Committee for School of Nursing Development Office and Head's position, Purdue University, 2003

*Zenger-Miller International* Education and Economic Development

Speaker, Mentor and Resource for Teachers in State of Indiana

### **Teaching Assignments/Learning**

2008-present	NUR 409 Senior Capstone Course	3 Credit Hours	Course Coordinator
2008-2009	NUR 102 Dynamics Nursing	3 Credit Hours	Course Coordinator
	NUR 409 Senior Capstone	3 Credit Hours	Course Coordinator
2007-2008	NUR 207 Health Assessment Clinical	2 Credit Hours	
	NUR 409 Senior Capstone	3 Credit Hours	Course Coordinator
2006-2007	NUR 207 Health Assessment Clinical	2 Credit Hours	