Purpose
The Health of Diverse Populations RIG (HDPRIG) provides an opportunity for nurses engaged in research, practice, policy development, administration, education, and theory development in the rapidly expanding focal areas of cultural diversity and marginalized populations to come together for scholarly exchange. The focal areas of interest include an emphasis on race, ethnicity, health disparities, gender, socioeconomic class, spiritual preferences, immigration, international nursing, and/or how cultural influences impact the provision of health care.

The HDPRIG provides forums enabling interdisciplinary collaboration through a variety of mechanisms, including online networking and an annual conference, to produce and disseminate reports of research that is in progress or has been completed. The HDPRS seeks to improve knowledge and health through research discoveries that are translated into practical applications.

Who Should Join?
- Any MNRS members interested in networking and collaborating with other researchers engaged in research focusing on the health of diverse populations.

Overall/Long Term Goals
- The ultimate goal of this RIG is to improve the health and well-being of marginalized and vulnerable populations. The section recognizes excellence at various stages of research careers with annual awards including Outstanding Dissertations, New Investigators, and Senior Researchers.

2016 Goals
(I = Immediate; F = Future/3 years – this can include RIG Awards and/or Guaranteed/Competitive symposia planned)

1. **I** – Submit for competitive symposium at the 2017 annual conference. A committee for planning the competitive symposium was formed. Members include:
   - Said Abusalem, PhD, RN
   - Fawwaz Alaloul, PhD, RN
   - Natalya Rosenberg, PhD, RN
   - Kamal Eldeirawi, PhD, RN

2. **I** - Continue to offer the following current awards: New Investigator, Senior Investigator, Dissertation Award, DNP Award, and Certificate of Appreciation/Acknowledgment of Students. In addition, a Mid-career Investigator Award has been added.

3. **I** – Submit a proposal for a pre-conference workshop for the 2017 annual conference.

4. **F** - Host a guaranteed symposium at the 2018 annual conference. A committee for planning the guaranteed symposium was formed. Members include:
   - Said Abusalem, PhD, RN
   - Natalya Rosenberg, PhD, RN
   - Fawwaz Alaloul, PhD, RN
   - Kamal Eldeirawi, PhD, RN
1. **HDPRIG Awards Recipients:**
   a. **Senior Investigator Award Recipient:** Kamal Eldeirawi, PhD, RN, University of Illinois at Chicago, Associate Professor, Dr. Eldeirawi gave a brief presentation on her research trajectory.

   b. **New Investigator Award Recipient:** Natalya Rosenberg, PhD, RN, University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr. Rosenberg gave a brief presentation on her research focus.

2. **Selected Presentations:**


   Eldeirawi, K., Steffen, A., & Rosenberg, N. (2015, April). Utilization of publically available data: An opportunity to advance national research on diverse population. Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN; Pre-conference Workshop Podium presentation


September 2013.


Perez, A. (2014, October). Health literacy, acculturation, and health behaviors in Hispanic college students. Sigma Theta Tau International Greater St. Louis Regional Research Consortium, Edwardsville, IL; Poster presentation

Robinson, N. S. (2015, April). Correspondence between African American women’s perceptions of cardiovascular disease risk and their Framingham Risk scores. Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN; Poster presentation


3. **Selected Publications:**


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### 2015-2016 RIG Awards to be Offered

*(below were your 2015 awards… if you are unsure of your 2016 awards, leave blank.)*

- New Investigator Award
- Senior Investigator Award
- Dissertation Award
- DNP Award
- Certificate of Appreciation / Acknowledgement of Students (will be revising name and criteria of this award for this year)
- Mid-career Investigator Award will be added (currently working on criteria for award)

In addition, the HDPRIG will be revising the criteria for the Certificate of appreciation for students and change the name to include the word award to be consistent with the other awards. In addition, a Mid-career Investigator Award will be added. Criteria for this award will be developed and sent to members for feedback.

### 2015 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes

**Attendance:** 21

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Conference *(click here)*

*(please attach minutes if taken)*

All of the information noted above in this document includes the information noted on the minutes of the HDPRIG meeting.
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**RIG Listserv**

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