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**Current Title:** Associate Professor and  
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**Candidate for:** MNRS Board Member at Large



**Personal Statement:**

I would be honored to serve as a Member-At-Large on the Midwest Nursing Research Society's Board of Directors. My qualifications, skills, and commitment to service at local, regional, and national/international professional organizations make me uniquely suited for this position. I am confident I will be able to make significant contributions to the mission, vision, and objectives of MNRS.

I am an associate professor at the University of Illinois' College of Nursing with a master's degree in nursing education and a PhD in Epidemiology. My research focuses on modifiable multilevel risk factors for asthma and respiratory conditions, especially in children from underserved and vulnerable populations. I am actively engaged with community as well as professional organizations and have received several prestigious awards. For example, in 2013 I received a three-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar Award. Furthermore, I am very committed to educating the future generation of nurse scientists and mentoring students, junior faculty, and international scholars.

My overarching goals of advancing science on risk/preventive factors linked with asthma and facilitating the development of the future generation of nurse scientists in the United States and globally are closely aligned with the mission of MNRS. This is why I am very dedicated to efforts aimed at advancing the mission and vision of MNRS. I have contributed to MNRS at different capacities in the last several years serving as the chair the Health of Diverse Populations research section in 2014-2015, reviewing grant applications as well as conference abstracts, and co-leading a preconference workshop in 2015.

If I am elected to the Board of Directors of MNRS, I plan to advocate for active recruitment of nurse scientists to grow the membership. In addition, I will work toward expanding collaboration and networking opportunities for members and improving mentorship of advanced students as well as junior faculty. In addition, I aspire to work with colleagues to establish a weekly or monthly electronic bulletin highlighting nursing research as well as researchers.

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