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**Candidate for:** MNRS Nominating Committee



### **Personal Statement:**

I have benefitted greatly from this organization and will continually strive to follow in the footsteps of exceptional MNRS nurse leaders. My research is dedicated to tackling the pressing and complex health issue of preterm birth, which affects 1 in 10 U.S. pregnancies and is the primary cause of death and a significant cause of life-long morbidity among neonates. Over the past 16 years, I have advanced from a student, to an undergraduate research assistant (NSF SES-0453302), registered nurse, graduate research associate (NIH UL1TR001070; NIH R21HD067670), individual pre-doctoral fellow (NIH F31NR014605), post-doctoral researcher (CANS/ANF funded), assistant professor (MNRS funded), and mentored patient-oriented research award recipient (NIH K23NR017902). As detailed in my CV, I have and will continue to pursue excellence in every aspect of my work and seek out opportunities for growth.

My most notable accomplishments to date include an MNRS Graduate Research Grant, MNRS Seed Grant, MNRS Women's Health and Childbearing (WHC) Research Interest Group (RIG) Graduate Research Award, MNRS WHC RIG New Investigator Award, and MNRS RIG WHC Research Publication Award. I look forward to continuing to pursue my passion, launching as Principal Investigator the Precision Pregnancy Research Program in 2017. Research through this program aims to promote the health of every mom and every baby by developing biologically-informed screening tools that bring precision health to the prenatal clinic.

I believe that my passion for excellence in innovation is also appreciable through my work as a developing nurse leader within MNRS. I first attended the MNRS conference and WHC RIG meeting in 2012. I have had the honor of serving two terms as the chair of the WHC RIG, helping to standardize the RIG's symposia and awards solicitation and review process. I then served on the MNRS Emerging Scholars Network as their RIG Advisory Committee representative and, as a result, was invited to chair the newly established MNRS Communications & Engagement Committee. In our first two years, we have produced a new RIG report submission, retention, and review process, which has considerably reduced RIG chair burden. We have also

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launched several new initiatives to enhance communication, including a “Heart of Nursing Science” social media series that highlights the individuals that make MNRS a special professional home.

In sum, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be considered for the Nominating Committee. It would be a true honor to be voted into this position among the outstanding members of MNRS.

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