

Updates from MNRS 2019 Conference

We have much to celebrate!

The MNRS Conference was a great success for our Palliative and End-of-Life Care RIG. We welcomed new orientees and recruited members, launched our first-ever networking event, added structure for our RIG at the Annual Meeting including co-chairs and student reps, had the inaugural PEOLC Competitive Symposium, and celebrated the career contributions of a distinguished member of our RIG!

Leadership team for 2018-2019: Rebecca Lehto, Incoming RIG Chair; Chris Fortney, Outgoing Past Chair, Renee Kumpula, Outgoing Chair.



Meet our new Co-Chairs elect: Maryellen Potts, Faculty, University of Kansas, and Megan Flannigan, PhD student, Michigan State University



Meet our new student representative group: Josh Hardin, PhD student, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Erica McClure, BSN student, University of Oklahoma; Lindsey Obarzanek, PhD student Wayne State University



RIG Award recipients at the Annual Meeting: Rebecca Lehto, Mid-Career Investigator; Chris Fortney, New Investigator; Mandy Kirkpatrick, Dissertation Award; Jessica Spruit, DNP Project Award; and Renee Kumpula, PEOLC RIG Chair



Our First PEOLC Competitive Symposium: “Emerging Trends in the Palliative and End of Life Care of Patients and Families” (program attached) with; Susan O’Connor Von at podium. Other speakers left to right: Chris Fortney, Rebecca Lehto, Stephanie Gilbertson White, and Verna Hendricks-Ferguson.



The finale: Margaret Campbell received the Distinguished Contribution Award from MNRS! It was a privilege to applaud her career achievements with all of the MNRS membership for her research presentation and the Awards Ceremony.

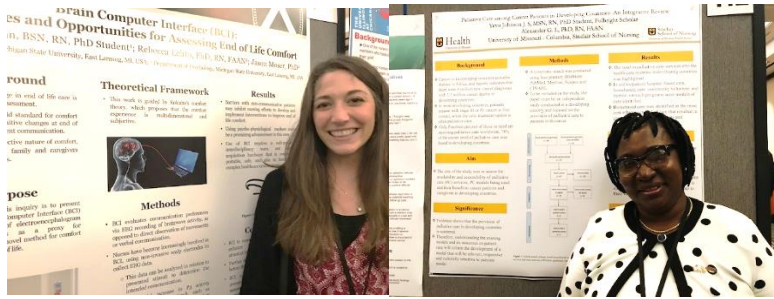


Thank you to RIG volunteers and everyone for contributing to the shared vision for the PEOLC RIG!

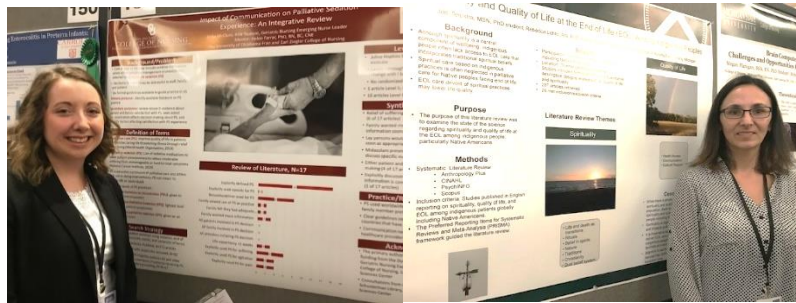
- Special thanks to RIG volunteer reviewers for abstracts and awards throughout the past year
- Thank you to conference volunteers at our sessions

More highlights from the conference....

PEOLC members with Poster Presentations



Megan Flannigan, PhD Student Justina Yeve Johnson, PhD Student



Erika McClure, BSN Student Jodi Terpstra, PhD Student



Masako Mayahara, Rush Faculty with Renee Kumpula, Chair Chris Fortney, Past Chair with Student Poster

Special thanks to Chris Fortney, our outgoing Past Chair for her sustained contributions, and to Rebecca Lehto, our incoming Chair for 2019-2020, who will keep us moving forward!

Happy Spring everyone!

Best regards,

Renee Kumpula, PEOLC Chair for 2018-2019