



**Name:** Julie Vignato, PhD, RN, CNE  
**Current Title:** Assistant Professor  
**Affiliation:** University of Iowa  
**Candidate for:** MNRS Board Member-at-Large



**Personal Statement:**

My primary qualifications to serve on the MNRS Board of Directors include my experiences as Co-Chair of the Engagement Committee, Vice Chair of the MNRS Communications and Engagement Committee, and as a Past Co-Chair of the Women’s Health and Childbearing RIG. As a member of these committees, I have worked to promote the long-term diverse membership, engagement, marketing visibility of MNRS while promoting fiscal responsibility. My main role was to support the RIGs in all questions, awards and symposia. However, with our management company and other passionate MNRS members, I worked to evaluate and implement Groupsite (our new communication platform), RIG engagement throughout the year, the increased recruitment of diverse members, and other charges of the Membership and Marketing Workgroups within the Engagement committee. My career growth and research have directly benefitted from these committee experiences, and I desire to share my appreciation for MNRS with others. I will continue to promote these opportunities as reflected in our MNRS strategic goals 1-3. In addition, I will work to recruit and retain nurse scientists at all stages of their career in order to sustain MNRS.

Consistent with the MNRS mission and vision, my program of research advances the nursing science of perinatal women experiencing depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, reproductive pain, preeclampsia, and the perinatal biomarkers/ biological mechanisms that link these conditions. I am an early stage principal investigator pilot funded by the University of Iowa’s NINR funded P20 Center for Advancing Multimorbidity Science in a study to 1) develop a clinical predictive model of preeclampsia based on longitudinally collected information on Multiple Chronic Conditions (i.e. perinatal depression symptoms, obesity, headaches, and hypertension) using machine learning and 2) further our understanding of the biological mechanisms that may be able to serve as early biomarkers for preeclampsia. In addition, I have received two national grants from the National Association of Neonatal Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau International in addition to other grants highlighting innovative methods in online recruitment in order to obtain diverse population samples.

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It is an honor to serve, work with, and network with such esteemed colleagues that advance nursing science, transform practice, and enhance careers. My experience with the RIGs and Engagement Committees have provided me with a foundation for this work. I look forward to continuing to represent MNRS members as we work together to sustain and grow this wonderful organization.

**Years involved in Nursing Research:** 7 years

**Years of MNRS Membership:** 4 years

**Previous experience within MNRS:**

- Engagement Committee Co-Chair, 2019-2021
- Communications and Engagement Committee Vice-Chair: 2018-2019
- Women's Health & Childbearing RIG, Co-Chair: 2019-2020
- Women's Health & Childbearing RIG New Investigator Award: 2019
- MNRS Presentations: 2018-2020
- Reviewer for MNRS awards: 2020
- Member of the Women's Health & Childbearing RIG: 2017-present
- Member of the Symptom Science RIG: 2017-present

**Previous experience with other Organizations:**

- STTI Gamma Gamma Chapter, President (experience with strategic planning) 2015-2017
- STTI Gamma Gamma Chapter, Vice President 2014-2015

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