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### Greetings

Welcome Winter and Happy new year! We are hopeful that you all had a productive fall semester and that you had the chance to rest and relax with family and friends over the holiday break. As we flourish through yet another season of grant proposals and publications we deserve to bask in every success!

Please know your RIG leadership is listening and exciting to hear more about and meet your needs.

Wishing you all Happy New Year and a productive Semester!

*Drs. Rebecca Koszalinski & Marie-Anne Rosemberg*

RIG Co-Chairs

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### Meeting Minutes

Our RIG had a meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We were elated to connect with the RIG members! We discussed the following:

- Most Engaged member competition – Winner to be announced during our RIG meet at the MNRS conference 2022
  - This current newsletter
  - Next RIG meeting- Which will take place in January
  - Webinar- We will open our proposed webinars to the larger MNRS membership
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## Working on our Targeted goals for 2021-2022

### Mini-Writing Retreats

One of our goals is to foster connection and networking between our RIG members while encouraging productivity. We will be hosting bi-weekly three-hour block mini writing retreats this winter up until the MNRS conference!

We will have the writing groups times morning and evening. Join on which ever block works best for you. You can bring your individual projects, seek expert knowledge from your peers, and/or work together on collaboratively authored manuscripts. We will also program a few minutes of movement, chair yoga, and moment of spontaneous dance. Whatever helps you creatively think and enjoy writing is possible! Also, remember that a regularly scheduled writing group can be added to your tenure dossier or annual review to demonstrate collaboration and productivity. *We hope to have our first writing group starting in February.*

Please follow the [link](#) to share your best days and times.

### Upcoming Webinar

You asked...we listened! Per membership request, we are hosting our first webinar on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Presenters:** Dr. Kathy D. Wright, PhD, RN, APRN-CNS, PMHCNS-BC; Karen Rose; Karen Moss ; Jie Hu

**Webinar title:** *"Pearls and challenges for engaging 'unheard' populations in research"*

**Date:** Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> , 2022

**Time:** 4- 5 pm (EST)

Zoom link to join webinar: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/95633247451>

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## 2022 MNRS Symposium

Our RIG will have a symposium for the 2022 MNRS conference.

**Symposium title:** Healing and Equity among Diverse populations: Journey toward the Future

**Presenters:**

- Jessica LeClair
    - *Critical Environmental Justice Nursing for Planetary Health: A Guiding Framework*
  - Julia O'Brien
    - *Psychometric Properties of the Sickle Cell Self-Efficacy Scale in an Online Cohort*
  - Olumayowa Odemuyiwa
    - *A Pilot Church-Based Glaucoma Education Program in a Population of African-Americans Living in Alabama*
  - Ellen Chiocca
    - *Attitudes and Beliefs regarding Corporal Punishment among Parents Living in a Homeless Shelter*
  - Yuanlu Sun
    - *Lymphedema Self-Management during return-To-Work: The Journey of urban, rural, Hispanic/Latina, and Ghanaian Breast Cancer Survivors*
  - Cindy Hadenfeldt
    - *Health Care Service Gaps Post-Hospitalization for Adults Experiencing Homelessness*
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## RIG Member Spotlight

### Jessica LeClaire



**Jessica LeClaire, MPH, RN, Ph.D. Student**

Jessica LeClaire, MPH, RN, is a clinical faculty member and PhD student at University of Wisconsin (UW) –Madison School of Nursing and an MPH program faculty member at the School of Medicine and Public Health, with affiliated appointments at the Global Health Institute and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Past experiences include working as a public health nurse for Public Health Madison and Dane County, and as a community health nurse for the Ho-Chunk Nation. As a public health nurse, she became concerned with local health effects of climate change, such as increased frequency and severity of flooding events. This led her to pursue an MPH that focused on climate justice, where she developed new partnerships, planned, and implemented a Native Nations’ climate preparedness assessment with the Wisconsin Tribal Director Association, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Climate and Health Program, and the Office of Tribal Affairs. She subsequently led her local health department’s first Climate and Health Report. She has co-chaired the Wisconsin Public Health Association’s Climate and Health Section, the Global Nurses Climate Change Committee with the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, and the Sustainable Madison Committee. She joined UW-Madison in 2018 to empower future nurses to address climate justice and other planetary health issues. As a PhD student in nursing, she has completed a scoping review on nursing strategies for environmental justice, collaborated with a task force of the Planetary Health Alliance in the creation of the Planetary Health Education Framework, and partnered with other critical nurse theorists to develop a Critical Environmental Justice Nursing for Planetary Health Framework to help guide nursing inquiry into global environmental justice issues. Her long-term goal is to build a program of research that identifies and facilitates effective public health practices that advance climate justice and population health.

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## What you can do right now!

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❖ **Complete the poll for the writing group!**

Register [here](#).

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❖ **Attend our Webinar schedule for Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm EST!**

Zoom link to join webinar: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/95633247451>

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❖ **Sign up to become RIG Co-chair for 2022-2023**

**Co-Chair Elect** – This individual will work along with current the leadership team in preparation for assuming the RIG co-chair position beginning at our Annual Conference in April 2022. Please contact RIG co-chairs if you are interested in serving in this position.

❖ **Answer these riddles (You will be entered in the “Most Engaged” member competition). The winner will be announced at the MNRS conference.**

1. What is our Twitter media handle?
2. When was our first RIG meeting?
3. Who was highlighted in our first newsletter (Summer of 2021)?

Submit your answers [here](#)

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❖ **Register for the MNRS conference!**

Register [here](#).

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*If you either know of someone that you would like recommend to be featured in our member spotlight or if you would like to featured, please email HDP RIG co-chairs, Dr. Rebecca Koszalinski ([Rebecca-Koszalinski@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Rebecca-Koszalinski@ouhsc.edu)) or Dr. Marie-Anne Rosemberg ([sanon@umich.edu](mailto:sanon@umich.edu))*

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***Thank you and here is to a beautiful new year!***