



## Summer 2022 Newsletter

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### **Greetings**

Welcome everyone! We are excited to send out our first newsletter for this 2022-2023 year. As we reflect on the past academic year, we are very humbled by the tenacity and resilience of colleagues and communities. Some of us succeeded in the maintenance of scholarship teaching and service trajectory during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are beyond proud of this group and are honored to be the incoming co-chairs for the 2022-2023 academic year. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Drs. Koszalinski and Rosemberg for their strong leadership as the Co-Chairs of HDP RIIG for the year 2021-2022.

We are hoping for a productive and exciting year together! Please know your RIIG leadership is here to support you and hear more about you and your successes.

Wishing you all happy and safe summer!

*Drs. Nadia Charania & Manju Daniel*

RIIG Co-Chairs

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### **Leadership Team**

#### **Co-Chairs:**

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**Targeted goals/Milestones for 2022-2023 (More details to follow)**

- **Newsletters** (Summer, Fall, and Winter)
- **Manuscript collaborations** (anyone is welcome)
- **Regular Meetings**
  - To be determined (TBD)
- **Webinar**
  - TBD
- **Conference 2023**
  - We are happy to share that our HDP RIIG will be applying for the Competitive Symposium, more details to follow so stay tuned 😊.
- **Boost social media presence by 25%**
- **Increase member engagement by 25%**

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**2023 MNRS Competitive Symposium**

Our RIIG may have a competitive symposium for the 2023 MNRS conference.

**Symposium title:** TBD

**Presenters:** TBD

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**2022 MNRS conference highlights**

Thank you for joining us for the 46th Annual Research Conference this year. Hope you found this hybrid conference helpful in meeting the conference learning outcomes as follows:

- Exploring diversity to foster equity, inclusion, and belonging through nursing research, practice and scholarship.
- Discussing integrating patient and community engagement strategies to ensure a collaborative approach to nursing research and practice.
- Investigating the spectrum of structural racism affecting patients, families, care providers, and communities and develop solutions to improve patient outcomes and provider relationships.

- Ensuring delivery of culturally sensitive and relevant Care Delivery Models acknowledging accessibility, desirability, and affordability.

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## 2022 MNRS Conference alignment with the HDP RIIG

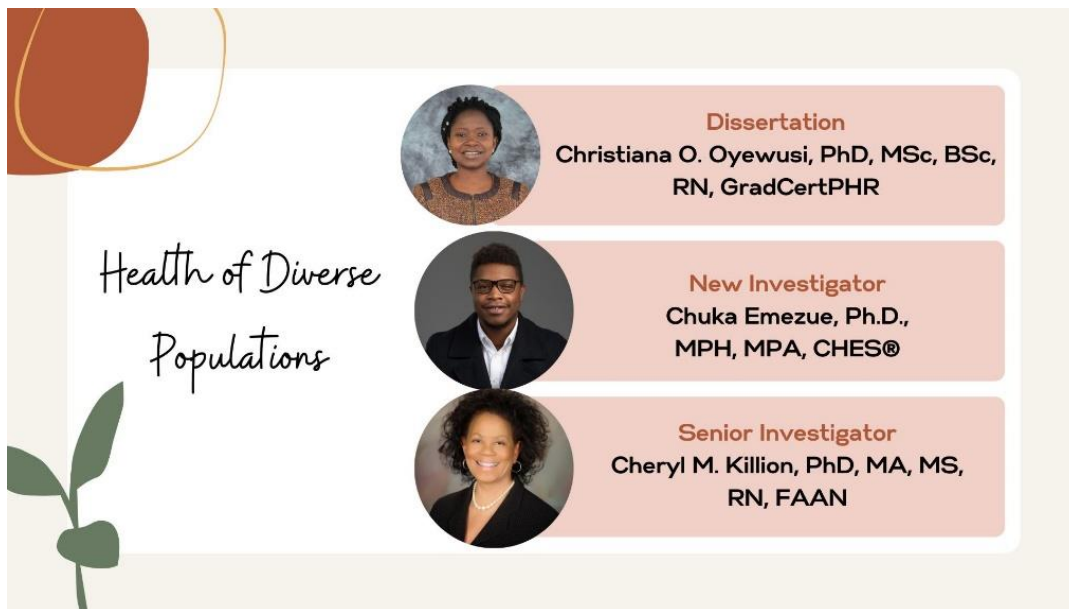
The conference learning outcomes are well aligned with this RIIG's mission below:

*The Health of Diverse Populations RIIG (HDPRIIG) provides an opportunity for nurses engaged in research, practice, policy development, administration, education, and theory development in the rapidly expanding focal areas of cultural diversity and marginalized populations to come together for scholarly exchange.*

*The focal areas of interest include an emphasis on race, ethnicity, health disparities, gender, socioeconomic class, spiritual preferences, immigration, international nursing, and/or how cultural influences impact the provision of health care.*

*The HDP RIIG provides forums enabling interdisciplinary collaboration through a variety of mechanisms, including online networking and an annual conference, to produce and disseminate reports of research that is in progress or has been completed. The HDPRIIG seeks to improve knowledge and health through research discoveries that are translated into practical applications.*

### ❖ Congratulations again to the 2022 Health of Diverse Population RIG Award recipients!



## RIIG Member Spotlight



Dr. Julia O'Brien is a nurse scientist focused on factors that contribute to self-care and health outcomes among patients living with sickle cell disease and other vulnerable populations managing chronic illnesses. Her dissertation research focused on self-efficacy and self-care among adults with SCD, and how these skills may mediate the relationship between social determinants of health and health-related quality of life in patients with SCD. She was honored to receive the 2021 Midwest Nursing Research Society Health of Diverse Populations Research Interest Group Dissertation Award. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 2021 and currently is a postdoctoral scholar from the Technology: Research in Chronic and Critical Illness (T32 NR008857) program in the School of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh. As a postdoctoral scholar, she has continued to expand her program of research to examine communication skills and patient-provider communication as additional factors that influence self-efficacy, self-care, and health outcomes among patients with sickle cell disease, while taking advantage of the opportunities the Technology T32 provides to learn how to create digital health interventions for patients with chronic illnesses. Additionally, Dr. O'Brien is the developer of the toolkit for educators that accompanies the Equity Design Thinking Educational Series, a supplement to the T32 which aims to build knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure design justice such that health technologies are equitable, inclusive, and co-created by the communities of interest. Dr. O'Brien initially joined the Midwest Nursing Research Society in 2013 as a BSN student. She is extremely grateful for all the wonderful opportunities for education, networking, and scholarly discussion MNRS has provided, and looks forward to giving back as chair-elect for the Health of Diverse Populations RIIG in 2023-2024.

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### Member Resources

- [MNRS Board of Director](#)
- [RIG Site](#)

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## What you can do right now!

### ❖ Sign up to become RIIG Co-chair for 2023-2024

**Co-Chair Elect** – This individual will work along with current the leadership team in preparation for assuming the RIIG co-chair position beginning at our Annual Conference in April 2023. Please contact RIIG co-chairs if you are interested in serving in this position.

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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 to recommend to be featured in our member spotlight or if you would like to be featured, please email HDP RIG co-chairs, Dr. Nadia Charania ([charania@umich.edu](mailto:charania@umich.edu)) or Dr. Manju Daniel ([Manju N Daniel@rush.edu](mailto:Manju_N_Daniel@rush.edu))*

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*Thank you and here is to WONDERFUL Summer!*