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I. EDUCATION

Year	Degree	Institution	Clinical Major	Role Preparation
2003	PhD	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Newark, NJ	Nursing	Research
1996	MSN	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Newark, NJ	Community Health Nursing	Clinical Nurse Specialist
1983	BSN	Towson State University, Baltimore, MD	Nursing	

II. LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

RN Florida, RN 9205083

III. EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

08/10-Present **Assistant Professor**, University of Central Florida College of Nursing, Orlando, FL
08/05-08/10 **Professor**, St. Petersburg College, College of Nursing, St. Petersburg, FL
08/03-08/05 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of South Florida College of Nursing, Tampa, FL
09/02-05/03 **Adjunct Instructor**, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, Newark, NJ
09/98-05/02 **Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant**, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
Newark, NJ
01/97-05/97 **Adjunct Instructor**, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, Newark, NJ
09/96-05/99 **Research Assistant**, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
Newark, NJ

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS:

11/01-07/03 **Nurse Researcher**, Meridian Health System, Neptune, NJ
09/92-07/94 **Case Management Supervisor**, Coordinating Council for Independent Living, Wheeling,
WV
09/90-09/92 **Nurse Consultant**, Coordinating Council for Independent Living, Wheeling, WV
09/88-02/90 **Staff Nurse**, Wheeling Community Home Care and Hospice, Wheeling WV
07/86-07/87 **Staff Nurse (Oncology)**, St. Anthony's Medical Center, Columbus, OH
09/85-07/86 **Nurse/Activity Leader**, Wintergrowth Adult Day Care Center, Columbia, MD
07/83-06/85 **Staff Nurse (Oncology)**, Grant Medical Center, Columbus, OH

IV. PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS:

- Thielemann, P. and **Conner, N.** (2009). Social support as a mediator of depression in caregivers of patients with end-stage disease. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*, 11 (2), 82-90.
- Conner, N.** and Eller, L. (2004) Spiritual perspective, needs and nursing interventions in African Americans. *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 46, 624-632.
- Lev, E., Daley, K., **Conner, N.**, Reith, M., Fernandez, and Owen. (2001). An intervention to increase quality of life and self-care self-efficacy and decrease symptoms in breast cancer patients. *Scholarly Inquiry for Nursing Practice: An International Journal*, 15_(3), 277-94.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Lev, E., Daley, K., **Conner, N.**, Reith, M., Fernandez, and Owen. (2002). An intervention to increase quality of life and self-care self-efficacy and decrease symptoms in breast cancer patients. In E.R. Lenz & L. M. Shortridge-Baggett (Eds.), *Self-Efficacy in nursing: Research & measurement perspectives* (pp. 95-111). New York: Springer.

ABSTRACTS:

- Conner, N.** (2009). End-of-Life Informal Care-giving and Decision-making Experiences Among Blacks. *Proceedings of the Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Meeting*. Baltimore, MD.
- Conner, N.** and Canty-Mitchell, J. (2005) Innovative community-based service learning projects for underserved populations. *Proceedings from the 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association*. Philadelphia, PA.

V. RESEARCH AND GRANTS

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| 2005-2006 | East Tampa Asset Mapping and Service Learning (Principle Investigator)
Grant: University of South Florida Collaborative for Children and Families.(Peer-reviewed, Competitive, Internal Grant) |
| 2003-2005 | End-of-Life Informal Caregiving and Decision-making Experiences Among Blacks.
--(Principal Investigator)
Grant: University of South Florida New Researcher Grant (Peer-reviewed, Competitive, Internal Grant) |
| 2003 | An Innovative Process for Work Environment Enhancement (Co-investigator with Dr. Teri Wurmser Principal Investigator; Dr. Jane Bliss-Holtz Co-investigator)
Grant: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, New Jersey Initiatives Workforce Agenda (Peer Reviewed, Competitive) |

VI. PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL:

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| 02/09 | End-of-Life Informal Care-giving and Decision-making Experiences Among Blacks. (Paper). Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Meeting. Baltimore, MD. |
| 6/07 | End-of-Life Informal Caregiving and Decision-making Experiences Among Blacks. (Poster) Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, FL. |

- 12/05 **Innovative community-based service learning projects for underserved populations.**
(Paper) The 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, PA. (With J. Canty-Mitchell)
- 6/04 **Hospice Use Among Blacks: Health Beliefs, Spirituality and Social Relationships as Predictive Factors.** (Poster presentation) Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 5/04 **E-Home Health for COPD Patients and Their Caregivers.** *Jo Telemedicine and e-Health*, 10: S-36. Moody, L. (Paper) American Telemedicine Association, Tampa, FL. (For L. Moody)
- 2003 **Initiating NICHE Across a Health Care System.** (Poster) NICHE Users Conference, New York, NY. (Co-Presenters: Wurmser, T., Barrington, E., Clanton, F., Corbisiero, C., Henn, J., Kim, T., Reece, M., Saitta, P. and Sullivan, K.)
- 2002 **A Culturally Attuned Exercise Intervention for Hypertensive Minority Women.** (Poster) ANA annual meeting Washington, D.C. (Co-presenters: Stevenson, J.S., Redeker, N., D'Alonzo, K., and Musanti, R.)
- 2002 **Hospice Use Among Blacks: Health Beliefs, Spirituality and Social Relationships as Predictive Factors.** (Doctoral Poster) Eastern Nursing Research Society, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- 2001 **A Culturally Attuned Exercise Intervention for Hypertensive Minority Women.** (Poster) Eastern Nursing Research Society, New York, New York. (Co-presenters: Stevenson, J.S., Redeker, N., D'Alonzo, K., Conner, N., and Musanti, R.)

INVITED (NON-REFEREED) REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL PAPERS:

- 09/09 **End-of-Life Informal Care-giving and Decision-making Experiences Among Blacks.**
(Paper) Florida Nurses Association Centennial Convention Sigma Theta Tau Luncheon. St. Petersburg, FL.
- 10/08 **Genetic Testing in the workplace.** (Presentation) Annual Florida Nursing Students Association Convention Daytona Beach, FL.
- 10/07 **Service Learning.** Presentation at the Consultant Workshop and Luncheon, Florida Nursing Students Association Annual Convention Orlando, FL. (With M. VanCott)
- 04/04 **Faculty Panel: What Makes Partnerships work?** USF Collaborative for Children, Families & Communities Research Day, Tampa, Florida. (faculty Panel with Best, E., Briscoe, R., Green, T., Jones, R., Keller, H. and Perrin, K.)
- 11/03 **Hospice use among Blacks: Health beliefs, spirituality and social relationships as predictive factors.** (Paper) Charting the Course in End-of-Life Care: From Research to Policy and Practice, Tampa, Florida.
- 09/03 **Hospice use among Blacks: Health beliefs, spirituality and social relationships as predictive factors.** (Paper) Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Studies, University of South Florida.

VII. AWARDS

2002	Dorothy Demaio Award , Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
1997-1999	Rutgers Excellence Fellowship for doctoral study , Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
1979-1983	Forty and Eight Nursing Scholarship
1979-1983	AAL Nursing Scholarship
1979	National Merit Scholarship

VIII. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2009-present	American Nurses' Association. Florida Nurses' Association
2008-present	Southern Nursing Research Society
2005-present	American Public Health Association
2004-present	Academy Health
1999-present	Eastern Nursing Research Society
1983-present	Sigma Theta Tau International

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2008-2010	Statewide Course Numbering Nursing (NUR) Discipline Committee: Florida Department of Education
2007	Post Katrina Hurricane Relief Mission
2006-2007	Florida-Bahamas Synod ELCA Campus Ministry Committee
2005-2010	Bayfront Medical Center Nursing Research Committee
2004-2005	Advisory Board Healthy Families of Hillsborough County
1996-1999	Board Member, Eger Health Care Center, Staten Island, NY
1994-1998	Parish Health Ministries Association of Staten Island
1994-1998	Parish Health Task Force Zion Lutheran Church, Staten Island, NY

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: (Past 3 years)

2010-Present	College Committee(s): Undergraduate Curriculum
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