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Expertise Areas:

Transcultural Topics

- Refugees & Immigrants
- Children and family

Cultural Groups

- Asian Indian
- Bhutanese

Clinical Topics

- Child Health
- Adult Health
- Community
- Leadership
- Global Health

Research Methodology

- Ethnography
- Phenomenology
- Case study
- Descriptive methods
- Historical

Languages spoken, read/write*

- English
- Urdu
- Spoken Pushto
- Spoken Punjabi

Select Publications:

Book

Basuray, J. M. (2014).
*Culture and Health:
Concept and Practice.* (2nd
Ed). Linus Publishers, Inc.

Book chapters

Basuray, J. (2007). Cultural
Competency and Diversity.
In S. B. Buchbinder & N.
Shanks., (Eds), *Introduction
to Health Care
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Bartlett, Inc.

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Culture in Health Care and
Healing. In K. H. Kavanagh
& V. Knowlden (Eds),
*Interpretive Studies in
Health care and Human
Sciences; Vol 3 .*University
of Wisconsin Press.

Basuray, J. (2002). India:
Transcultural Nursing and
Health Care. In M.
Leininger's *Transcultural
Nursing: Concepts,
Theories, Research and
Practice* (3rd Ed). Published
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1. What Sparked my Interest in Transcultural Nursing:

As an immigrant, I became very interested in learning about other cultures, their religions and traditions. Early on during my undergraduate-nursing program, I began focusing on learning about the native American cultures in Oklahoma and continued my non-formal and formal education when I lived in North Dakota for 10 years. In 1980, my interest in transcultural care practice and teaching deepened and inspiration came from meeting nurses at the annual Transcultural conferences and Dr. Leininger as my role model. I continued to develop my self towards understanding culture care through my doctoral dissertation on seeking the meaning of caring in nurse educators and designing transcultural courses that are being taught at the university of North Dakota and Towson University, Maryland. In the community, I provide free health screening and education to targeted immigrant populations.

2. Present/Future Directions

I present and write on the transcultural health care issues for nurses and other health professionals. I am currently developing a handbook on immigrants for health professional. I would like to continue to reach the uninsured and immigrant populations, seek funding, do research and involve students into these projects.

3. Favorite Transcultural Story

There are numerous stories. One I am about to recall is from my early days as a nurse. The realization or awakening moment occurred during my practice as an ER nurse. One wintery, icy night, a local young policeman accompanied a middle aged, slight built, slender man into the ER. I was asked to check for a break on the victim's arm since his hand appeared cyanotic (bluish hue). The policeman was concerned that since during the arrest, the victim slipped on ice and could have injured his arm. He was walking on an icy path, drunk; thus unsafe. When I removed the outer clothing and the victim's shirt for an assessment and x-ray, I discovered a bandana scarf, twisted and tightly knotted on his right upper arm. The tourniquet effect was causing lack of circulation and numbness to his hand. When asked why he has it there. He answered that he was shot during his tour in the Vietnam war and since then gets muscle cramping and pain for which his sister always places the scarf to "cut the pain". The victim was from a nearby Indian reservation in the Fort Totten, ND area, a Sioux who would travel during the weekends to the nearby town (where the hospital was located) to visit his sister and her family.

