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Expertise Areas:

Transcultural Topics

- Diverse healthcare workforce
- Culturally competent organization
- Cultural aspects of pain

Cultural Groups

- Nurses
- Healthcare workforce

Clinical Topics

- Adult Health
- Acute Care
- Population Health
- Continuum of Care

Research Methodology

- Assorted qualitative and quantitative methodologies

Other

- Quality improvement
- High reliability organizations
- Magnet designation

Languages spoken, read/write\*

- English

Select Publications

Books and Book Chapters

Andrews, M.M. & Ludwig-Beymer, P. (2012). Cultural diversity in the health care workforce. In M.M. Andrews & J.S. Boyle, *Transcultural Concepts in Nursing Care*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (pp.316-348), Philadelphia: Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

Ludwig-Beymer, P. (2012). Creating culturally competent organizations. In M.M. Andrews & J.S. Boyle, *Transcultural Concepts in Nursing Care*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (pp.211-242), Philadelphia: Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

Journal Articles

Harvey, J., Vlases, F., Vlases, P., Ludwig-Beymer, P., Hackbarth, D. (2014). The effect of animal-assisted therapy on pain medication use after joint replacement, *Anthrozoos*, 27(3), 361-369.

Ludwig-Beymer, P. (2014). Health care reform and the transcultural nurse, *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 25(4), 323-324.

Destree, L., Ludwig-Beymer, P., Vercellino, M., Rowe, A. (2013). Effects of education on nurse confidence and cardiac surgical glycemic control. *AACN Advanced Critical Care*, 24(4), 362-369.

Ludwig-Beymer, P., Williams, P., & Stimac, E. (2012). Comparing Portable Computers with Bedside Computers when Administering Medications using Bedside Medication Verification. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*, 27 (4), 288-298.

### **1. What Sparked my Interest in Transcultural Nursing**

As a new graduate from a diploma school, I realized that my interactions with and the teaching I provided for patients and their families were not always effective. One of the first classes I took when I returned to school was anthropology, and the missing link clicked for me. Shortly after, I attended a conference where Dr. Madeleine Leininger provided the key note address. I was thrilled to see how she blended anthropology and nursing, and I've been hooked ever since.

### **2. Present/Future Directions**

The sky is the limit for nurses prepared in transcultural nursing. Practice, education, administration, and research are all fertile grounds. Creating culturally-competent organizations has never been more important.

### **3. Favorite Transcultural Story**

My first "up close" interaction with Dr. Leininger was at a Transcultural Nursing Society Conference in Arizona. By that time, I was a doctoral student at University of Utah. Dr. Leininger invited all of the doctoral students (about six of us) to her suite after dinner. We sat around on the floor, and she asked us to tell her about our research interests. Then she regaled us with stories of her research and theory development. We didn't leave until nearly 2 AM. I had not realized she was such a night owl.