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Expertise Areas

Transcultural Topics

- Indigenous/Generic/Folk Care
- Cultural Competence
- Cultural Assessment
- Use of technology and creative pedagogical tools in academia and transcultural education

Cultural Groups

- Middle Eastern /Arab/Muslims
- Korean
- Taiwanese
- African American

Clinical Topics

- Women's health issues
- Childhood obesity
- Primary care
- Mental Health

Research Methodology

- Ethnonursing
- Content Analysis
- Phenomenology
- Ethnography

Languages spoken, read/write*

- English
- French
- Arabic Fusha (Modern Standard Classical Arabic)
- Colloquial Levantine Arabic dialect
- Colloquial Egyptian Arabic dialect
- Colloquial Gulf Arabic dialect

Select Publications:

Books

McFarland, M. R., and Wehbe-Alamah, B. H. (2015). *Leininger's Culture Care Diversity and Universality: A Worldwide Nursing Theory* (3rd ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Learning

Journal Articles

Wehbe-Alamah, H., and Fry, D. (2014). Creating a Culturally Sensitive and Welcoming Academic Environment for Diverse Health Care Students: A Model Exemplified with Muslim Physical Therapist Students. *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*, 28(1), 5-15.

McFarland, M., Mixer, S., Wehbe-Alamah, H., and Burk, R. (2012). Ethnonursing: A Qualitative Research Method for All Disciplines. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 11 (3), 259-279. 2.

Wehbe-Alamah, H. (2011). The use of Culture Care Theory with Syrian Muslims in the Mid-western United States. *Online Journal of Cultural Competence in Nursing and Healthcare*, 1(3), 1-12.
[http://www.cultural-competence-project.org/ojccnh/1\(3\).shtml](http://www.cultural-competence-project.org/ojccnh/1(3).shtml)

Wehbe-Alamah, H., McFarland, M., Macklin, J., & Riggs, N. (2011). The lived experiences of African American women receiving care from nurse practitioners in a nurse-managed clinic in an urban context. *Online Journal of Cultural Competence in Nursing and Healthcare*, 1(1), 15-26.

Farmer, M., Wehbe-Alamah, H., McFarland, M., Tower, A., Jones, M., Shah, V., El-Hayek, J. (2010). Development of an Extensible Game Architecture for Teaching Transcultural Nursing. Published online at www.midwesthealthgames.org and accessible via:

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1. What Sparked my Interest in Transcultural Nursing

In 1997, I was fortunate to attend a presentation by Dr Marilyn McFarland who was relaying her doctoral dissertation study at a Sigma Theta Tau event. She presented an ethnourning study conceptualized within Dr Leininger's Culture Care theory. I was suddenly in love with the discipline of transcultural nursing and could envision my calling in life, research, and academia. Shortly afterwards, under the mentorship of Dr McFarland, and later, Dr Rick Zoucha, I conducted an ethnourning research for my master's program and later for my doctoral studies. I had completely embraced transcultural nursing as a way of living, and a way of spreading peace, tolerance, understanding, harmony, and social justice ...

2. Present/Future Directions

I am currently heavily invested in scholarship and academia. My colleague, mentor, and friend, Dr Marilyn McFarland and I are editing newer editions of Dr Leininger's books with Jones & Bartlett and McGraw-Hill. I am also heavily invested in teaching and role modeling transcultural nursing to future generations of nurses and health care providers and enjoy my service with the Transcultural Nursing Society.

3. Favorite Transcultural Story

The very first time I met Dr Leininger, I did not realize who she was. I was a nursing student in the BSN program attending a local conference where Dr Leininger was a keynote. During the break, I proceeded to point out some "*mistakes*" in her presentation regarding Arab culture. Of course, I knew nothing of transcultural nursing back then... she smiled at me and listened to all my comments ... Years later, I finally realized who she was and what I had done and more years later, I was trusted by her to continue the legacy of her work. I stand in awe of a gentle yet fierce giant who dedicated all of her life to the discipline of transcultural nursing....