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Expertise Areas:

Transcultural Topics

- Cultural competence in the community
- Qualitative research methods
- Global Health
- On line teaching and learning
- Cultural competence in nursing education (undergraduate /graduate)

Cultural Groups

- Mexican American
- Nicaraguan (African)
- Refugee/Immigrants
- Mexican
- African American

Clinical Topics

- Psychiatric Mental Health
- Community Health
- Global Health

Research Methodology

- Ethnonursing Method
- Ethnography
- Action Research
- Phenomenology
- Mixed methods

Languages spoken, read/write*

- English
- Spanish read and speak intermediate

Select Publications

Journal Articles

Turk, T. M., Fapohunda, A., Zoucha, R., (2014). Using Photovoice to Explore Nigerian Immigrants' Eating and Physical Activity in the United States. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. Article first published online : 2 SEP 2014, DOI: 10.1111/jnu.12105

Wolf, K.M., Zoucha, R., McFarland, M., Salman, K., Dagne, A., Hashi, N., (2014). Somali immigrant perceptions of mental health, *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. Published online before print September 16, 2014, doi:10.1177/1043659614550487

Montenery, S., Jones, A., Perry, N., Ross, D., Zoucha, R., (2013). Cultural competence in nursing faculty: A journey, not a destination. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 29, (6), 51-57.

Book Chapters:

Zoucha, R., Gregg, K., (2013). Cultural Implications for Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. In M. B. Halter, E. Varcacolis, and (Eds.) *Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: A Clinical Approach*, (7th ed.) (2014) Elsevier: St. Louis.

Zoucha, R., & Turk, M., (2015). Using the Culture Care Theory as a Guide to Develop and Implement a Transcultural Global Health Course for Doctor of Nursing Practice Students in Italy. In Marilyn R. McFarland and Hiba B. Wehbe-Alamah (3rd. Ed.) *Leininger's Culture Care Diversity and Universality* (521-536). Jones and Bartlett.

1. What Sparked my Interest in Transcultural Nursing

In about 1988 or 1989 I was a doctoral student at Rush University in Chicago. In the theory and research classes I became introduced to the work of Leininger. I was interested in the cultural care needs of Mexican Americans so it was a good fit. During that same semester I saw a flyer that Dr. Leininger was presenting at the University of Illinois –Chicago. I attended the conference and I was hooked. After her presentation I went up to her to let her know how much I enjoyed her presentation. She, being the good ethnographer sized me up in about two minutes. She was interested in my work and offered encouragement that only a doctoral student could appreciate. The rest is history.

2. Present/Future Directions

I am presently involved in a collaboration between the Duquesne University School of Nursing and AJAPO (Acculturation for Justice, Access and Peace Outreach) in the Pittsburgh area. We were funded by CURE (Commonwealth Universal Research Program) for a PAR titled: *Promoting Health and Health Care Access in the African Refugee and Immigrant Community: A Participatory Action Research Study* We are in the second phase of the study, which includes an intervention focusing on collaboration and open dialogue between the African immigrant and refugee community and health care institutions and providers. I plan to continue to work with AJAPO and the school of nursing by seeking additional funding to promote health and health access in this community.

3. Favorite Transcultural Story

I have many favorite stories about my colleagues in the Transcultural Nursing Society, serving on the board and working in collaboration with people of many cultures. It would be hard to pinpoint just one favorite story. Overall I must say that I am so grateful that I was able to find a group of people with a shared vision of the significance of culture, nursing and health. Every year when I attend the Transcultural Nursing conference I am struck by the fact that I feel that I am coming home to a place that feels comfortable, with a sense of purpose and meaning. There is an unspoken connection between members of the group ranging from the charter members to new people attending for the first time. Dr. Leininger was ahead of her time and we are obligated to continue our collective work and focus. I guess in retrospect the last 25 years of my involvement with TCN has all been my favorite!