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Happy New Year!

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Dr. Heather Laschinger

(1945-2016)

NRIG expresses our deepest sympathies at the passing of an esteemed colleague, a dedicated mentor, a distinguished professor, a strong leader in nursing research and scholarship, and long-standing NRIG member, Dr. Heather Laschinger.



Among a multitude of awards, Dr. Laschinger's contributions to the nursing profession exceeds a list of over 200 publications, including four books and the supervision of more than 100 graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. She pioneered research that explored theory-driven approaches to creating healthy nursing work environments. Her legacy was devoted to learning and scholarship that has helped advance the nursing profession. The nursing community has felt a great loss since her passing. NRIG would like to wish Dr. Laschinger's family, friends, colleagues and students our condolences.



• Chair Update •

Happy New Year! On behalf of the NRIG executive, I want to wish all NRIG members the very best for 2017. I hope you achieve your goals as you either start or continue your nursing research activities this year. Please keep in touch with your NRIG executive to let us know what you are doing – we are always willing to share nursing research stories from our members (including students!) in our newsletter. You can email your submissions to the NRIG Newsletter Communications Officer, Demelza Domingo at demelza.domingo@mail.utoronto.ca.

NRIG Executive Update

Since the AGM in September, 2016, I would like to update everyone on a few changes in the NRIG executive. Jennifer Innis (Chair-Elect) and Don Wildfong (Policy and Political Action Co-lead) stepped down from their positions because of work commitments. We want to thank Jennifer and Don for supporting NRIG and we wish them the very best in their future endeavors. Sheila Boamah, who shared the Policy and Political Action Co-lead role with Don, will now continue in the role as Policy and Political Action Officer.

Call for Nominations on the NRIG Executive

Join the NRIG team! We are seeking nominations for the following 2 positions on our executive:

1. **Chair-Elect (1-year term with the intention of continuing as Chair and Past-Chair)** – the member who assumes this role will support the

Chair, Past-Chair and other members of the NRIG executive as required. The Chair-Elect will participate in executive meetings (typically held by teleconference every 2 months) and the AGM in the fall.

2. **Member-At-Large - NRIG Board (2-year term)** - the member who assumes this role will participate in executive meetings (typically held by teleconference every 2 months) and the AGM in the fall.

For more information please feel free to email me at barbara.chyzyy@utoronto.ca.

Member Survey

On January 26, 2017, NRIG emailed a brief 5-minute survey to all NRIG members to obtain feedback from our members. NRIG will use this information to plan our 2017-2019 term. If you have not completed the survey yet, we encourage you to do so – it will help us understand how to better serve your needs and priorities. You may access the survey [here](#).

NRIG Membership Numbers

We are pleased to report that NRIG membership continues to grow! From September 23rd, 2016 to January 23rd, 2017 the number of RN members in NRIG increased from 504 to 700. Our student membership dropped slightly from 1111 to 998 student members but overall, our membership increased from 1615 to 1698 members. We will continue to engage lapsed members and encourage them to renew their NRIG membership.



Nursing Research Funding Opportunities

NRIG newsletters continue to highlight upcoming research funding opportunities available to nurse researchers in Ontario. In addition, please look at the [Environment Scan on Potential Sources of Funding and Support for Novice and other Nursing Researchers](#) document prepared by the RNAO Research Committee and NRIG. This document is not a comprehensive list, although it is extensive and includes information on potential sources of funding and support for nurse researchers in Ontario, particularly novice nurse researchers. I welcome your feedback on this Environmental Scan and ways we can improve the dissemination of nursing research funding opportunities to NRIG members – please email me your comments to barbara.chyzy@utoronto.ca

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Chyzy, NRIG Chair



• Policy and Political Action •

I am honored to serve as NRIG's Policy and Political Action Officer. I am excited to work closely with experts in the field of nursing research, education and leadership. I hope to contribute to NRIG's mission to promote the conduct and utilization of nursing research in Ontario by sharing my knowledge and expertise in programs to assist future scholars. As the Policy and Political Action Officer, I believe through collaborating, networking, educating and lobbying, we can improve the health of people in Ontario and beyond. I look forward to representing NRIG at the [17th Annual Queen's Park Day on February 23, 2017](#). I am particularly interested in the opportunity to engage with elected representatives in our collective bid to strengthen the science-policy dialogue. One of NRIG's main objectives is to raise awareness for the development of alternative funding models for novice nurse researchers/ scholars in both academic and non-academic settings. Nursing research is critical to the profession and is necessary for advancing daily practice and proficiency of high quality care. To learn more about Queen's Park Day, click [here](#).

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Boamah, NRIG Policy & Political Action Officer





• Research Webinars •

On November 23rd 2016, RNAO's Research Committee and NRIG jointly offered the webinar *Choosing a Research Topic and Refining Your Research Question* presented by Dr. Angela Cooper-Brathwaite. Dr. Cooper-Brathwaite is an adjunct professor at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and a researcher. She has conducted numerous publications and many intervention and qualitative studies in peer-reviewed journals. Her research interests include Culture, Cultural Competence, Maternal-Child and Diabetes. The webinar covered topics including: identifying researchable problems, formulating research questions and refining research questions. The archived webinar can be accessed [here](#). The webinar was very successful with the attendance of 86 participants!

Join us for our second webinar—*Interprofessional Research Teams*—on **March 7th, 2017 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm**. The webinar will be presented by CIHR/Schlegel Industrial Research Chair for Colleges in Seniors, Dr. Veronique Boscart.

Respectfully submitted, Demelza Domingo, NRIG Communications Officer, Newsletter



• Student Corner •

Happy new year to all our students! We hope that you had a wonderful winter break and a chance to get away from your books. This year, some of you may be graduating, pursuing further education, or just starting your degree. Regardless of where you are in your nursing career, NRIG is pleased to host its first student event for you this spring!

NRIG has organized an event to provide you with information and resources on nursing careers in research, tips on how to get involved in research projects and of course, free food! We understand that as students, you may have many questions about nursing research. To support you, a guest speaker will share their path to nursing research and answer any questions you may have. To find out more about research and our surprise guest speaker, make sure to join us! In the coming weeks, we will send confirmation of the date and location, so stay tuned. NRIG welcomes any members wishing to help with the event and thanks those who have contacted us. If you have questions or are interested in helping NRIG with the event, email me at amanveer_deol@hotmail.com. Join us and enjoy free information and free food! We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Respectfully submitted, Amanveer Deol, Student Representative





• Scholarships and Awards •



The Nursing Research Interest Group offers financial support in the form of a competitive scholarships and research grants program to members engaging in research. This year we are very pleased to continue to be able to support ongoing research and scholarship of NRIG members. A total of five scholarships and research grants will be available to NRIG members. The application process will open on February 6th, 2017. For more information and access to application documents, please see the NRIG website: <http://nrig.rnao.ca>

Deadline is March 31st, 2017

• Spotlight NRIG Winner •



SHEILA BOAMAH was a recipient of one of NRIG's 2016 Graduate Scholarships. Sheila is a doctoral candidate in Nursing at Western University was under the supervision of the late Dr. Heather Laschinger. Her research interests include leadership, healthcare quality, human resource management, and health policy. Sheila's doctoral research focuses on understanding how healthcare leadership influences the nursing work environment in promoting efficiency of care delivery and the quality of work-life of nurses. Through research, Sheila aims to shape policies that will make significant improvements in the lives of the most vulnerable populations in society. Besides research Sheila is passionate about public service, patient safety and mentoring the next generation of nurses in becoming health leaders. NRIG also welcomes Sheila as one of our newest executive members as she takes on the role of NRIG's Policy and Political Action Officer.



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• Upcoming Grants Opportunities •

The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation

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Sponsoring the Jack Boan Student Essay Competition since 2008, offers students the opportunity to win one of three prizes awarded for the best essay at the undergraduate, master and PhD level. For more information please click [here](#).



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Please click on [here](#) to access the following upcoming Grant opportunities:

April 1st, 2017 Grant Application Deadline:

- [Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Grant](#)
- [Association of perioperative Registered Nurses Grant](#)
- [Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant](#)
- [Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Grant](#)
- [Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant](#)



International Awards for Nursing Excellence

Call for Nominations

1 November 2016 - 1 March 2017

The International Awards for Nursing Excellence are based on STTI's dedication to fostering high professional nursing standards, recognizing superior achievement, developing leadership, and encouraging creative work. Awards are conferred to nurses, chapters, and institutions each biennium for contributions in the fields of technology, media, chapter excellence, research, leadership, and practice.

All awards will be presented at STTI's 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, 28 October - 1 November 2017.

To view a list of available awards, criteria and eligibility, click [here](#).



International Association for the Study of Pain

The IASP Early Career Research Grant facilitates the development of young researchers just starting their careers as independent investigators. They offer multiple grants at US\$20,000 in the Early Career Research Grants Program for IASP members. The application deadline January 26, 2017. For more information, please [here](#).



The Nursing Leadership Network of Ontario

Each year the Nursing Leadership Network of Ontario (NLN.ON) awards up to \$8500.00 in research scholarships and nursing undergraduate and graduate education bursaries. We encourage all nurse leaders involved in research, or contemplating education to consider applying. (NLN.ON Education Awards are only available for members). For more information please click [here](#). Applications are due February 10th, 2017.



The Canadian Nurses Foundation

The Canadian Nurses Foundation offers more than 50 scholarships in support of nursing scholarship. They are available for the following categories and amounts:

- Baccalaureate: \$3,000
- Masters and Nurse Practitioner: \$1,000 to \$5,000
- Doctoral: \$1,800 to \$10,000
- TD Aboriginal Nursing Fund at all levels: \$1,500 to \$5,000
- RBC Diversity in Nursing Awards for internationally educated nurses

Please click [here](#) to view the list of available awards, criteria and eligibility.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Canadian Doctoral Nursing Network Conference



The Faculty of Nursing is proud to once again host Canada's Doctoral Nursing Network Conference on:

Dates:

June 14th, 15th & 16th, 2017

Location:

University of Regina
Research & Innovation Center (RIC) 119
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Goals:

To bring together students engaged in doctoral research, for networking, scholarly discussions and learning opportunities. To provide doctoral students the opportunity to submit an abstract and present. To provide support, encouragement and mentoring of doctoral students.

Intended Audience:

Students at any stage of their doctoral work from any discipline.

For more information click [here](#).



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• 2016-2017 NRIG Executive Members •

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