



VICE PRESIDENT RESEARCH AND COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Major Responsibilities of Current Position:

As the Leadership Program Director, I am responsible for graduate programs (MS and DNP) in organizational leadership, nursing education, public health nursing, and health informatics. Responsibilities include marketing and image-building; strategic planning, developing, and implementing program initiatives; evaluation of programs; collaborating to plan faculty teaching assignments; oversight of preceptor and site contracting; CCNE accreditation of leadership programs; and assisting with faculty recruitment, on boarding, development, and performance evaluations.

As an assistant professor on a tenure track, I am developing a program of research focused on nursing leadership and implementation science. I use qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods to study organizational change, nursing practice environment, quality and safety, rural healthcare delivery, and end-of-life. I am a core member of the University of Kansas School of Nursing Center for Healthcare Quality Research and Data Science.

Past and Present Professional Experiences Relevant to Office Being Sought:

I have been involved in ALSN research since 2016 including:

- 2016 and 2019 ALSN Conference Best Poster Award recipient
- Member of the research committee since 2017 - 2 terms
- Co-I on current ALSN/AONL Delphi study
- Recipient of the ALSN 2017 Early Career Research Grant

I have a wide range of experience with federal research grants, contracts, and program development grants including:

- Co-Investigator on 3 NIH and 1 PCORI R01-level grants
- Co-Investigator for the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators
- Evaluation Coordinator on HRSA-funded program development grant for a DNP post-doctoral fellowship program in rural and underserved primary care settings.

I have been the ALSN JONA Column Editor since 2018. I have authored 21 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 15 in the field of nursing leadership science, and over 40 peer-reviewed and invited presentations.

Bio and Statement of Reasons For Running for an ALSN office:

ALSN has been my professional home since 2013. Shortly after completing my PhD, ALSN was the first to recognize my dissertation work with the 2016 ALSN (formerly CGEAN) Conference Best Poster Award. In 2017, I received the Early Career Research Grant, which was my first external funding award. Since then, I have served ALSN in a number of capacities including Journal of Nursing Administration (JONA) Column Editor, 2 terms as member of the research committee, and co-Investigator on the current ALSN/AONL Delphi study. I am the Leadership Program Director and assistant professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing where I am responsible for graduate programs in organizational leadership, nursing education, public health nursing, and health informatics. I have a wide range of research experience, including NIH and PCORI R01 grants, HRSA program development grants, and National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators and CMS contract grants. I have authored 21 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 15 in the field of nursing leadership science, and over 40 peer-reviewed and invited presentations. Nursing leadership research, education, and practice are my passion. That's why I am passionate about ALSN. I want to continue to grow the association by building strong partnerships, supporting MSN, DNP, and PhD prepared nurses and students in their scholarship, and through dissemination of our members' research, quality improvement, and evidence-based practice projects. ALSN was the first organization to award me with extramural research funding and the first to recognize my research with an award. I am grateful for the strong foundation this organization has provided me and have a strong desire to pay it forward. I would be honored to serve as your Vice President of Research and Committee Chair.