

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| 2009-2013 | University of San Francisco, School of Education
Department of Organization and Leadership
Education Doctorate |
| 2004-2006 | Dominican University of California, Department of Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Integrative Health Practices |
| 1993-1999 | Regents College, New York State BS Nursing |
| 1993-1996 | University of New Mexico BSN Prerequisites |
| 1986-1988 | Northern New Mexico Community College Associate of Nursing Science <i>Cum Lauda</i> |
| 1983-1985 | Northern New Mexico Community College Practical Nurse Certificate |

TEACHING

- August 2013 – Present** Assistant Professor, Nursing, Tenure-track
Dominican University of California
- August 2009 - 2013** Assistant Professor, Nursing, Dominican University of California
- March 2009 – Aug 2009** Adjunct Faculty, Nursing, Dominican University of California

Supervisory work

2007-2015 As Faculty of Record, I was responsible for writing the syllabus for both theory and clinical. I assisted the Chair with hiring, provided orientation and mentoring to new faculty and supported the clinical instruction for the course. In collaboration with clinical instructors and, if necessary, the Chair, I managed student issues and problems, encouraging learning and growth of faculty as well as students. I provided formative as well as summative evaluations for clinical faculty and made recommendations to the Chair for rehire.

Program Development

2011 – Present. Responding to several departmental challenges, I initiated, organized and supported student peer-mentoring for nursing students within the department. This began as an activity for first semester sophomore students who were entering their first nursing classes. The program was evaluated and found to be initially successful in supporting student learning, socialization of students to the nursing role, and cultivation of confidence and leadership skills in the students serving as mentors. It grew through student demand and engagement to provide mentoring to students for each semester of the nursing curriculum and included alumni who would return to support seniors through the process of challenging Boards and finding jobs.

Designed and taught curriculum for:

Fundamentals of Nursing 2 Introduction to fundamental nursing concepts and skills. 2 units of lecture and one unit of lab. Designed as part of a curriculum revision in 2011.

Disaster Nursing Care, a one unit class taught as lecture and field exercise. Explored the dynamics of disaster response and the role of the nurse during preparation, response and resolution of a disaster. Fall 2009.

Holistic Health: Political and Social Policy, Explored the history of complementary and alternative medicine in the United States and the theory and rationale behind major alternative approaches to health care such as herbal remedies, nutrition, energy therapies, and others. This was part of a senior colloquium. Spring of 2008

Other courses developed and taught:

Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Introduction to the concepts and theory of Medical Surgical Nursing, with emphasis on application within the acute care environment. Consists of 3 units of theory and 2.5 units of clinical instruction.

Fundamentals of Nursing Introduction to fundamental nursing concepts and skills. 2 units of lecture and one unit of lab.

Pharmacology 1 The first of a series of three one unit classes on pharmacology that introduces students to the principals of pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, medication administration, medication safety and patient education.

Nursing Technologies, a one unit, laboratory sophomore nursing skills class, including simulation. Taught since Fall of 2006, served as Faculty of Record since Spring, 2007 supervising all sections and supporting adjunct faculty who taught the other sections.

Nursing Concepts, a one unit introductory course for sophomores covering fundamental nursing concepts and the nursing process. Taught in Fall of 2009 and Spring of 2010. Served as Faculty of Record the second semester.

Directed Research, a two- semester senior capstone project where seniors are guided to conduct their own research or health teaching projects. Taught fall, 2008, spring 2009, fall 2009 and spring 2010, for a total of total of three groups of students, and thirty research projects.

Basic Patient Care Clinical, a five- unit class introducing students to the acute care setting. Includes basic patient management, application of basic pathophysiology and nursing skills, and care plans.

Community health clinical, Community-based experience with senior nursing students in which we collaborated with an independent living community to provide health screening, health education, and assistance to seniors. 2005/2006.

SCHOLARSHIP

Published Articles

A Critical Hermeneutic Analysis of Presence in Nursing Practice
Humanities 2015, 4(4), 958-976; doi:[10.3390/h4040958](https://doi.org/10.3390/h4040958)

Rorry Zahourek, Alicia Bright “Results of survey of AHNA
conference attendees at the 2006 and 2007 conferences” *Beginnings*, May
2008

Presentations

June 2015 *Teaching Presence in Nursing* Presented at the Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, School of Nursing, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

June 2015 *Presence in Nursing Practice: A Critical Hermeneutic Analysis* Presented at the Institute for Hermeneutic Phenomenology, School of Nursing, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

- Nov. 2014 *Near Peer mentoring structured into a traditional BSN Program* Podium Presentation at the Second Annual Nurse Mentoring Institute Conference, Atlantic City, NJ
- Nov. 2012 *Nursing Student Peer Mentoring Program: A collaboration between the Nursing Department and the TLC* For Dominican University of California faculty and staff
- June 2007 *The decision making process of American and Canadian cancer patients receiving treatment in Mexican cancer clinics.* Podium presentation, Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention

Research Projects

- 2011 to pres. Student peer mentoring in nursing education. Program development and evaluation of the experience of Students being mentored as well as the experience of the mentors.
- Dec. 2012 *Presence in Nursing Practice: A Critical Hermeneutic Analysis* Doctoral Dissertation, The University of San Francisco Arch Bishop Alemany Library
- Fall 2005 Preventive Medicine Research Institute (PMRI)- Preceptorship, Assisted with data analysis for ongoing research in diet and lifestyle changes as therapy for coronary artery disease by Dr. Dean Ornish. Also assisted with literature review for research that PMRI has done and published on the effect of diet and lifestyle changes on genetic expression and prostate cancer.
- 2005- 2006 Institute of Noetic Sciences- Research Internship. Assisted with qualitative analysis of video data, including thematic analysis and summary for the book project "Living Deeply; The art and science of transformation in every day life."

Grant Work:

- 2012 Dominican University of California Strategic Initiative Grant to organize peer mentoring in the undergraduate nursing program. This was in response to several challenges faced by the department at the time. The program was initiated in the summer of 2011, continued with grant funding for a year, but continued successfully with no funding since then due to student enthusiasm.
- 2009 Song- Brown Grant, reaching out to nursing students of color. Facilitated a focus group and participated in recruitment efforts

- 2005 Betty Irene Moore Nursing Grant, Assistant to the Director of Graduate Nursing at Dominican University. Published a newsletter, assisted with organizing various events, with recruiting and various projects. Attended faculty and committee meetings and took minutes.

NURSING PRACTICE

- 2005-2007 Assistant to the Graduate Nursing Department Director
Dominican University of California
Assisted with recruitment efforts, wrote and published a departmental newsletter, developed and organized the following continuing education seminars on complementary and alternative therapies, geriatric care, substance abuse, and disaster nursing.
- 2005-2006 Heart of Humanity, Home Care
Novato California
Staff Nurse
- 2002 to 2003 University of New Mexico Hospital
Albuquerque, NM
Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit
Staff Nurse
- 2000-2002 Nursefinders
Cupertino, CA
Staff Nurse
Provided staff relief for post anesthesia units at day surgery centers and hospitals, provided immunization clinics in communities throughout the Bay Area
- 2000 to 2008 Legendary Pharmaceuticals, Aging Research Foundation
Consultant
Provided clinical perspective to biological theorists and assisted with development of data collection procedures. Also assisted with synthetic organic chemistry lab research
- 1998 to 2001 Stanford Medical Center
Palo Alto, CA
Staff Nurse
Transplant and General Surgery Unit.
Provided staff level bedside clinical consultation and education in the initiation of telemetry to a medical surgical unit
- 1996-1998 Lovelace Medical Center

Albuquerque, NM
Staff Nurse
Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Telephone Triage

1994-1996 Olsten-Kimberly Health Care
Medically Fragile Pediatric Program
Albuquerque, NM
Staff Nurse
Provided in-home care to medically fragile pediatric patients and their families including home ventilator and other complex care situations

1991-1993 Holy Cross Hospital
Taos New Mexico
Intensive Care and float in a 28 bed community hospital

1987-1997 University of New Mexico Hospital
Albuquerque, NM

Charge Nurse
Pediatric Emergency Department- Innovated ways to improve delivery of care to Pediatric patients in the Emergency Department, facilitated inter-professional multi level staff meetings, developed rapid response processes for pediatric emergencies.
1995-1997

Staff Nurse
Orthopedics, Urology, and Plastic Surgery Unit, Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care, Medical Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care, Emergency Department and Life Guard Air Transport Unit, utilizing both fixed wing and helicopter transport. 1987 to 1995

Professional Memberships

2006 to Present Sigma Theta Tau, Rho Alpha Chapter Past President,
2008 to Present: Bamboo Bridge Community
2008 to Present: Marin Medical Reserve Corps
2000 to Present: American Holistic Nurses Association, served on Research Committee from 2005 to 2007
2006 to Present: Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
1990 to 1997 New Mexico Disaster Medical Assistance Team

Professional Certifications

Advanced Holistic Nurse- Board Certified 2007

Holistic Massage Therapy Certificate 2001
 Holistic Health Counseling 2000
 Trauma Nurse Specialist 1991
 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (instructor) 1990- 1993
 Advanced Cardiac Life Support 1989-2005
 2007 to Pres. Advanced Holistic Nurse- Board Certified
 2001 Holistic Massage Therapy Certified
 2000 Holistic Health Counseling
 1991 Trauma Nurse Specialist
 1989 to 2005 Advanced Cardiac Life Support
 1990 to 1993 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (instructor)

SERVICE

Mentoring

Dominican University: In addition to initiating the peer mentoring program for undergraduates I also mentored graduate nursing students and adjunct faculty.

Loma Linda University: Mentoring a doctoral student working on interpretive analysis of the experience of Black/ African-American nursing students in nursing school

Professional

Sigma Theta Tau, International: Served as Rho Alpha Chapter President, 2006-2007, expanded membership, held regular seminars and revised governing processes. Served again as Chapter President from 2012 to 2014. Engaged senior nursing students in the governing process of the Chapter and strongly increased active student and alumni participation in the Chapter and also in the International meetings.

American Holistic Nurses Association: served on Research Committee 2006-2008, contributed items to national Advanced Holistic Nurse certification Exam.

Community:

Oct. 2009 Tiburon Medical Reserve Corps: Organized, coordinated and presented materiel on a specific community plan for disaster response

2006-2008 Organized the following CEU events at Dominican University of California:

02/01/2008 *Understanding Chemical Dependence*, Dominican University of California 4 CEUs

08/01/2007 *TLC for Nurses Workshop* (2), Dominican University of California 6 CEUs. Cosponsored by Republic of Tea, STTI Rho Alpha, and Elephant Pharmacy

07/22/2007 *Delirium and Dementia Workshop* (2), Dominican University
6 CEUs Cosponsored by Kaiser Permanente and STTI Rho Alpha

02/17/2007 *Nursing Education Today*, Dominican University of
California: 3 CEUs Cosponsored by Holy Names University, Republic of
Tea, and STTI Rho Alpha

06/16/2006 *Delirium and Dementia Workshop*, Dominican University of
California: 3 CEU's, Cosponsored by Republic of Tea and STTI Rho
Alpha

01/23/2006 *TLC Workshop for Nurses*, Dominican University of
California: 3 CEUs Cosponsored by Clover Dairy, Republic of Tea, and
STTI Rho Alpha

1991-1996 New Mexico Disaster Medical Reserve Corps: Participated in
quarterly drills for. Designated Team leader for two deployments:
Hurricane Iniki, Hawaii (1992) and the Northridge Earthquake
(1994). At the Northridge event, I collaborated with an IT specialist
to convert record keeping to digital formats that facilitated
datamining and timely submission of reports to FEMA.