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EDUCATION

PhD	School of Nursing The University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas Dissertation: A capabilities approach to understanding health disparities Advisor: Tracie C. Harrison	2018
MSN	School of Nursing Concentration: Public Health Nursing The University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas	2007
BA	College of Liberal Arts Major: Spanish Minor: History The University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas	2001

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Postdoctoral Fellowship	College of Pharmacy, Health Outcomes Division The University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas Supervisor: Leticia R. Moczygemba	06/18-07/20
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CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURES

Registered Nurse, State of Texas – 2005-Present

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The University of Texas at Austin

School of Nursing

Assistant Professor
Family, Public Health Nursing, and Nursing Administration Division

2020 -

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Thurman, W, Moczygemba, L.R., Barner, J.C., Cooper, M., & Johnson, E. Priority community engagement strategies for pharmacists to advance cardiovascular health: a checklist for community pharmacists. (2020). *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2020.04.008>

Thurman, W., Moczygemba, L., Tormey, K., Hudzik, A., Welton, L.A., & Okoh, C. (2020). A scoping review of community paramedicine: Evidence and implications. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13561820.2020.1732312>

Thurman, W., Harrison, T., Garcia, AA., & Sage, WM. (2019). The social construction of disability and the capabilities approach: Implications for nursing. *Nursing Forum*, 54(4), 642-649.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nuf.12389>

Thurman, W. & Harrison, T. (2019). Reaching the 'hard-to-reach:' Sampling and recruitment of rural-dwelling adults with disabilities. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 31(2), 171-177.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1043659619856667>

Thurman, W., Harrison, T., Walker, V., & Garcia, A.A. (2019). Well-being among rural-dwelling adults with disabilities. *Qualitative Health Research*, 29(12), 1699-1710.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732319829153>

Thurman, W., Johnson, K.E., & Sumpter, D.F. (2019). Words matter: an integrative review of institutionalized racism in nursing literature. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 42(2).

Thurman, W., Johnson, K.E., Gonzalez, D., & Sales, A. (2018). Teacher support as a protective factor against sadness and hopelessness for adolescents experiencing parental incarceration: Findings from the 2015 Texas alternative school survey. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 88, 558-566.

<https://doi.org/10.1016.j.childyouth.2018.04.004>

Thurman, W. & Harrison, T. (2017). Social context and value-based care: a capabilities approach for addressing health disparities. *Policy, Politics, and Nursing Practice*, 18(1), 26-35.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1527154417698145>

Thurman, W., Harrison, T., Blozis, S., Dionne-Vahalik, M., & Mead, S. (2017). A capabilities approach to environmental impact on nursing home resident quality of life. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 10(4), 162-170.

<https://doi.org/10.3928/19404921-20170621-03>

Thurman, W. & Pfitzinger-Lippe, M. (2017). Returning to our roots: Social justice in nursing education for the 21st century. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 40(2), 184-193.

<https://doi.org/10.1097/ANS.000000000000140>

Rew, L., **Thurman, W.,** & McDonald, K. (2017). A review and critique of Advances in Nursing Science articles that focus on sexual health and sexual rights: A call to leadership and policy development.

Advances in Nursing Science, 40(1), 64-84. <https://doi.org/10.0197/ANS.000000000000140>

Journal Articles Under Review

Thurman, W., Moczygemba, L.R., Welton-Arndt, L., Kim, E., Hudzik, A., Corley, K., & Tormey, K. Faith-based health and social services for people experiencing homelessness in the United States: A scoping review of the literature. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

Zuniga, J., **Thurman, W.,** Garcia, A.A., Mercer, T., & Eun, D. Aging and psychological distress among people experiencing homelessness: findings from the National Health Interview Survey. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

International

Thurman, W., Harrison, T., & Walker, V. (2018, October). Rural wellbeing: not a contradiction in terms. Podium presentation at the 2018 Qualitative Health Research Conference. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

National

Moczygemba L.R., **Thurman, W.**, Tormey, K*, Hudzik, A*, Welton-Arndt L*, & Kim, E*. (2020, July). Feasibility of a GPS-enabled mHealth Intervention to Enhance Care Coordination among People Experiencing Homelessness. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting.

Thurman, W., Moczygemba, L.R., & Hilbelink, M. (2020, February) Smartphones and transportation as tools to meet the health and social needs of people experiencing homelessness. Poster presented at the 2020 AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference.

Zuniga, J., **Thurman, W.**, & Eun, D*. (2019, October). Multiple chronic conditions and accelerated aging in people experiencing homelessness. Podium presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's 71st Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, Texas.

Thurman, W. (2018, March). Wellbeing in rural Texas: recruitment of study participants with mobility or sensory impairments. Poster discussion at the Southern Nursing Research Society 2018 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Johnson, K.E., **Thurman, W.** Gonzalez, D.P., Sales, A. (2018). Mental health in alternative high school students with incarcerated parents. Podium presentation as part of symposium, Prevention of health risk behaviors during adolescence. Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Washington DC.

Thurman, W., Harrison, T., Blozis, S., Dionne-Vahalik, M., & Mead, S. (2017, February). Well-being among nursing home residents in Texas. Poster presented at the Southern Nursing Research Society 31st Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Thurman, W. & Harrison, T. (2017, February). Perceptions of quality and outcomes among people with disabilities after Medicaid Managed Care expansion in Texas. Poster presented at the Southern Nursing Research Society 31st Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Harrison, T. & **Thurman, W.** (2016, November). A policy analysis of electronic health records in nursing homes. Podium presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's 69th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

State/Regional

Thurman, W., Kohler, A., & Crisp, K. (2019, October). Leveraging Faith Communities for Maternal Health Advocacy. Panel presentation at 2019 Healthier Texas Summit, Austin, TX.

Thurman, W. & Harrison, T. (2017, March). Does functional ability or health vary by geographic location among middle-aged women with mobility limitations? Poster session at the Center for Health Promotion Research 2017 Annual Conference, Austin, TX. (Graduate Student Poster Award, 1st place)

Thurman, W. & Pfitzinger-Lippe, M. (2016, April). Returning to our roots: Social justice in nursing education for the 21st century. Poster presented at Sigma Theta Tau Regional Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Thurman, W. & Johnson, K. (2016, March). Relationship between parental incarceration and mental health in alternative high school students. Poster session presented at the Center for Health Promotion Research 2016 Annual Conference, Austin, TX. (Graduate Student Poster Award, 1st place)

Invited Presentations

Thurman, W., & Baffoe, J.* (2020, November). Meeting health and social needs within the context of homelessness. St. David's Center for Health Promotion Research Colloquium Series, virtual presentation.

Thurman, W. & Bordie, P. (2020, July). Social Determinants of Health among People Aging with Disabilities and Complex Multiple Morbidity. Presentation at Quality in Long-Term Care Virtual Conference.

Thurman, W. & Morales, A.S. (2017, August). Aging and functional mobility among long-term care residents. Podium presentation at Texas Taking the Next Step: 2017 Geriatric Symposium, Austin, TX.

Thurman, W. (2016, August). School nurse disaster preparedness and pediatric emergencies. Invited lecture presented at the Pflugerville Independent School District: Continuing Education Conference, Pflugerville, TX.

Harrison, T. & **Thurman, W.** (2016, August). The policy overlap in aging, disability, and IDD services: Combining, Subtracting, and Energizing. Podium presentation at Texas Taking the Next Step: 2016 Geriatric Symposium, Round Rock, TX.

*Student

Contributions to professional forums and media

Thurman, W., & Moss, E. (2020, May 26). Mental health needs for communities of color during COVID-19. Texas Nurses Association: <https://www.texasnurses.org/news/509556/Mental-Health-Needs-for-Communities-of-Color-during-COVID-19.htm>

Thurman, W., & Moss, E. (2020, May 19). Practice tip of the week: COVID-19 shines a light on racial inequalities. Texas Nurses Association: <https://www.texasnurses.org/news/508119/Practice-Tip-of-the-Week-COVID-19-Shines-a-Light-on-Racial-Inequalities.htm>

Garcia, A.A., Johnson, K.E., Thurman, W. (2020, April 9). Get healthcare workers protective gear now. Op Ed published in *San Antonio Express News*: https://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Commentary-Get-health-care-workers-protective-15190636.php?fbclid=IwAR2KQ24o7WYBZxfj6YDncPQ6_U-TCwP0jebk_MGebF-JXcw7QKmq5KjhG1M&utm_campaign=CMS+Sharing+Tools+%28Desktop%29&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=referral

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Ongoing

1. Texas Department of State Health Services
"Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke CDC-RFA-DP18-1817"
Role: Subcontract Co-investigator
Period: 9/1/2018 – 8/31/21
Award Amount: \$330,500
Goal: Promote the adoption of medication therapy management between community pharmacists and physicians for the purpose of managing high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and lifestyle modification.

Completed

1. Southern Nursing Research Society Dissertation Research Award
 “A Grounded Theory Study of Adults with Disabilities in Rural Communities”
 Role: Principal Investigator (2017-2018)
 Award Amount: \$5,000
 Goal: To investigate how working-age adults with mobility and sensory disabilities living in rural counties define and pursue well-being.

Not Funded

1. Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts
 “Low-barrier Medication Assisted Treatment for People Experiencing Homelessness with Opioid Use Disorder”
 Role: Co-Investigator
 Period: 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021
 Award Amount: \$586,351.00
 Goal: To incorporate a medication first, low-barrier medication-assisted treatment program into a community-based navigation center that connects people experiencing homelessness to healthcare and social services.
2. Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant
 “Disentangling Disability Among People Experiencing Homelessness”
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Period: 1/15/2020 – 1/15/2021
 Award Amount: \$7,500
 Goal: To establish the prevalence of intellectual/developmental disability among people experiencing homelessness and to understand characteristics and predictors of instrumental functioning in this population.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Academy of Nursing/Jonas Philanthropies Jonas Policy Scholar	2019-2021
National Association of County and City Health Officials Health & Disability Fellow - \$5,000	2017-2018
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholar - \$75,000	2015-2018
The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing Scholar Fellowship - \$45,000	2015-2018
Lee Hage Jamail Endowed Excellence Fund in Nursing Fellowship - \$9,000	2015-2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Poster Award – 1st Place St. David’s Center for Health Promotion Research 2017 Annual Conference	Spring 2017
Kuhn Family Intellectual Entrepreneurship Award - \$1,000	Fall 2016

Graduate Student Poster Award – 1st Place
St. David's Center for Health Promotion Research 2016 Annual Conference

Spring 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing Austin, Texas

Faculty of record

N287Q Public Health Nursing Theory Fall 2020

Guest Lecturer:

Social Determinants of Disability, N382 Sociocultural Influences on Health Fall 2020

Grounded Theory Methodology, N397M, Qualitative Research Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Instructor of Clinical Nursing: 06/11-08/15

Public Health Nursing Theory, Public Health Nursing Practicum, Integration of Nursing Knowledge

Teaching Assistant: 1/06-05/07

N287 Synthesis of Nursing Knowledge, N275 Public Health Nursing, N392E Research Methods

Austin Independent School District Austin, Texas

Teacher, 6th Grade English as a Second Language, Language Arts 08/01-07/03

Teacher, Adult English as a Second Language 08/03-12/03

Dropout Prevention and Reduction Coordinator 08/03-05/04

MENTORSHIP

The University of Texas at Austin

Undergraduate Honors Student Ivan Dolotina 2020-2021

School of Nursing

Faculty Mentor

MS Student, College of Pharmacy Chinyere Okoh 2018-2020

Committee Member
Project Title: Community Paramedics' Perceptions of Professional Roles

Undergraduate Student Niki Pham 2016-2017

School of Nursing Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate Internship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing Austin, Texas

Graduate Research Assistant – Center for Excellence in Aging Services & Long-Term Care 09/16-01/18

Research Assistant - SPORT Intervention 05/14-08/14

Research Assistant - Enhancing Psychological Capital in Homeless Adolescent Females 04/13-12/13

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting, Disability Section Chair's Forum 2017

Student Debate Team Member

National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence 2016

2016 Leadership Conference – Pre-doctoral attendee

PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE

Texas Association of Community Health Centers Austin, Texas

Director of Clinical Affairs 07/09-5/11
Clinical Care Coordinator 01/08-07/09

Texas Department of State Health Services Austin, Texas

Nurse IV – Strategic Preparedness Group 07/07-01/08
Nurse Intern – Strategic Preparedness Group 08/05-06/07

Applied Materials, Inc. Austin, Texas

Occupational Health Nurse Intern 09/06-05/07

Brackenridge Hospital Austin, Texas

Registered Nurse II – Medical/Surgical Trauma Unit 09/05-09/06

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AcademyHealth
American Association on Health and Disability
American Nurses Association
American Public Health Association
Gerontological Society of America
Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing – Epsilon Theta Chapter
Southern Nursing Research Society
Texas Nurses Association

SERVICE

Professional

Member, Planning Committee, National Hartford Center on Gerontological Nursing Excellence Leadership Conference 2019

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities* 2020
Peer Reviewer, *Qualitative Health Research* 2020
Peer Reviewer, *Children and Youth Services Review* 2019
Peer Reviewer, *Public Health Nursing* 2019
Peer Reviewer, *Social Science & Medicine* 2019
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Rural Health* 2019
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved* 2018, 2019, 2020
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* 2018

Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association, 2020 Annual Conference
Homelessness Caucus 2020

Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association, 2019 Annual Conference
Homelessness Caucus 2019

Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth, 2018 Annual Research Meeting
Ageing, Disability, and End-of-Life theme 2018
Abstract Reviewer, Texas Public Health Association 2011

School/University

Student Advisory Committee Member, Services for Students with Disabilities 2017-2018

University of Texas at Austin

Unit Coordinator, University of Texas Medical Reserve Corps 2012-2015
University of Texas at Austin

Community

Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, First United Methodist Church of Austin 2019-2022
Policy & Outreach Coordinator, Circle Up: United Methodist Women for Moms 2018-current
Co-chair, Mercy & Justice Team, First United Methodist Church of Austin 2011-2015
Member, Healthcare Committee, League of Women Voters 2012-2015
Volunteer Driver, Meals on Wheels and More 2011-2013
Member, School Health Advisory Committee, Austin Independent School District 2012-2013
Member, Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council 2007-2008
Volunteer Nurse, Volunteer Healthcare Clinic 2005-2013
AmeriCorps Volunteer, AmeriCorps for Community Engagement and Education 2000-2001