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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., 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. (In press). *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved*.

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.chilyouth.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

Moczygemba, L.R., **Thurman, W.**, Tormey, K., Hudzik, A., Welton-Arndt, L., & Kim, E. GPS mHealth intervention among people experiencing homelessness: A feasibility study. *Manuscript submitted for publication*.

Thurman, W., Semwal, M., Moczygemba, L.R., & Hilbelink, M. "It gave me a little more freedom." Smartphone technology to empower people experiencing homelessness: a qualitative investigation. *Manuscript submitted for publication*.

Thurman, W., Moczygemba, L.R., & Baffoe, J. "Without my medication, I'm a wreck": Photo-elicitation to explore medication use among people experiencing homelessness. *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., & Johnson, K.E. (2021, March 8). Exhausted nurses ask Abbott to reconsider mask mandate. Op Ed published online in *Houston Chronicle*:
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Opinion-Exhausted-nurses-ask-Abbott-to-16002963.php> (first published in Dallas Morning News)

Thurman, W., & Johnson, K.E. (2021, March 7). Gov. Abbott failed Texas, first with blackouts, now with COVID-19. Op Ed published in print and online in *Dallas Morning News*:
<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2021/03/07/gov-abbott-failed-texas-first-with-blackouts-now-with-covid-19/>

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

Current:

Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Brown, C (PI) 2/01/2021-1/31/2022
Development of the Medication Access Screening Tool (RxMAST) in Patients with Chronic Diseases.

Goal: To develop an assess a brief medication access screening tool that is grounded in social determinants of health that drive suboptimal medication use.

Role: Co-Investigator

Completed

St. David's Center for Health Promotion Research Moczygemba, LR (PI) 01/01/2020-12/31/2020
Integration of an mHealth Intervention with Community Navigation Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

Goal: To decrease hospital and emergency department visits among people experiencing homelessness by integrating mobile health technology in a community setting in order to connect people experiencing homelessness with health and social services.

Role: Co-Investigator

CDC-RFA-DP18-1817 Barner, JL and Moczygemba LR (MPI) 9/1/2018-9/1/2020
Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke CDC-RFA-DP18-1817

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.

Role: Subcontract Co-investigator

Southern Nursing Research Society Thurman, W (PI) 6/1/2017-5/30/2018
A Grounded Theory Study of Adults with Disabilities in Rural Communities

Goal: To investigate how working-age adults with mobility and sensory disabilities living in rural counties define and pursue well-being.

Not Funded

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

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.

Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant
Disentangling Disability Among People Experiencing Homelessness

Role: Principal Investigator

Period: 1/15/2020 – 1/15/2021

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

Public Interest Technology University Network Social Justice Informatics Faculty Fellow, UT Austin	2021
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

<i>Undergraduate Honors Student</i> <i>School of Nursing</i> Faculty Mentor	Ivan Dolotina	2020-2021
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<i>MS Student, College of Pharmacy</i> Committee Member	Chinyere Okoh Project Title: Community Paramedics' Perceptions of Professional Roles	2018-2020
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<i>Undergraduate Student</i> <i>School of Nursing</i>	Niki Pham Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate Internship	2016-2017
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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 <i>Student Debate Team Member</i>	2017
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National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence <i>2016 Leadership Conference – Pre-doctoral attendee</i>	2016
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PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE

Texas Association of Community Health Centers Austin, Texas

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

Texas Department of State Health Services Austin, Texas

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

Applied Materials, Inc. Austin, Texas

<i>Occupational Health Nurse Intern</i>	09/06-05/07
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Brackenridge Hospital Austin, Texas

<i>Registered Nurse II – Medical/Surgical Trauma Unit</i>	09/05-09/06
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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, <i>Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities</i>	2020
Peer Reviewer, <i>Qualitative Health Research</i>	2020
Peer Reviewer, <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>	2019
Peer Reviewer, <i>Public Health Nursing</i>	2019
Peer Reviewer, <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>	2019
Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of Rural Health</i>	2019
Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved</i>	2018, 2019, 2020
Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of Nursing Scholarship</i>	2018
Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association, 2020 Annual Conference <i>Homelessness Caucus</i>	2020
Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association, 2019 Annual Conference <i>Homelessness Caucus</i>	2019
Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth, 2018 Annual Research Meeting <i>Aging, Disability, and End-of-Life theme</i>	2018
Abstract Reviewer, Texas Public Health Association	2011

School/University

Student Advisory Committee Member, Services for Students with Disabilities University of Texas at Austin	2017-2018
Unit Coordinator, University of Texas Medical Reserve Corps University of Texas at Austin	2012-2015

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