



Name: Karen Moss, PhD, RN, CNL
Current Title: Assistant Professor
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Candidate for: MNRS Nominating Committee



Personal Statement:

I have been an active member of Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) for the past 5 years serving on several interest groups, presenting poster and podium presentations, and helping to actively recruit new members. I believe my leadership, service, and professional experiences have provided me with requisite expertise to serve on the MNRS Nominating Committee. Specifically, my exposure to promising candidates for MNRS governance makes me especially well-suited for this leadership role. I completed a PhD in Nursing from the University of Virginia in 2016. In 2018, I completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Case Western Reserve University and then joined The Ohio State University College of Nursing as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. In 2019, I accepted a joint appointment in the Center for Health Outcomes, Research, Scholarship, and Service (HOMES) in the Division of General Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University. My program of research is focused on improving pain and advance care planning outcomes for older adults living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) and their family caregivers, with a specific focus on African Americans. My graduate and doctoral education were federally supported through the Department of Education’s Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship (GAANN). My dissertation research was funded by the Jonas Nurse Leader Scholarship Program, a University of Virginia School of Nursing Alumni Award, and a Skinner Scholarship Foundation Award. My post-doctoral fellowship was funded by a National Institutes of Nursing Research T32 Post-Doctoral Fellowship. I have a strong record of research and scholarship deliverables. To date, I have 22 peer reviewed publications; including publications in the Western Journal of Nursing Research and 25 local, 16 regional, 18 national, and 9 international presentations. Currently, my research is funded by the National Institutes of Health - National Institute on Aging, the MAYDAY Fund, and through the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University. Most recently, I was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Rising Star Award from the American Society for Pain Management Nursing. After relocating to the Midwest in 2016, I transferred from the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) to MNRS. Since then, I have

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remained a highly active member serving on several research and implementation interest groups (RIIGs). My service to the organization include roles as co-chair of the Decision-Making RIIG (2018-2019) and the Health of Diverse Populations RIIG (2019-2020). In addition, I have consistently presented my research at MNRS annual conferences (2017-present). My commitment to my program of research and to MNRS has been rewarded on several occasions. In 2017, I received the Gerontological Nursing Science RIIG PhD Dissertation Award, in 2018 I was the recipient of the Decision-Making RIIG Emerging Scholar Award, and most recently in 2021 I was selected as the Gerontological Nursing Science RIIG New Investigator Award recipient. I was invited to share my experiences as an early career scholar as a panelist for the MNRS Emerging Scholars Network Lunch and Learn Panel Discussion in 2019. In addition to my MNRS leadership, I am a leader in- and outside of the classroom. I continue to mentor nursing and other interdisciplinary undergraduate, masters, and doctorate students. I was selected to serve on the 2020-2022 Jonas Alumni Council for the National Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare Organization and have held leadership positions within the Gerontological Society of America serving as the Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization's representative to the Research, Education, and Practice Executive Committee and the Health Sciences Section. I am passionate and dedicated to community service through volunteerism to promote health equity for African Americans. Over the years, I have served in volunteer capacities for organizations such as the Hospice of the Piedmont, the national Alzheimer's Association, the local African American Alzheimer's and Wellness Association, and participate in health education opportunities such as health fairs at local churches. As an early-career nurse scientist who is passionate about research and advancing our profession, I believe my leadership and service experiences thus far have prepared me for a promising career as an outstanding nurse scientist. I am honored and humbled to be a candidate for the MNRS Nominating Committee to secure a slate of talented and qualified candidates to lead our prestigious organization in fulfilling our mission and vision of leading innovation to improve health for all people.

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