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**Current Title:** Associate Professor

**Affiliation:** University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

**Candidate for:** MNRS Board of Directors, Nominating Committee

Dear Members of the MNRS Nominating Committee,

I am writing to formally submit my self-nomination for a position on the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Nominating Committee. As a long-standing member of MNRS and a dedicated nursing scholar, I am deeply committed to advancing the mission of MNRS: to generate knowledge, translate evidence into practice, and enhance careers. I believe my background in research, leadership, mentorship, and service aligns strongly with the responsibilities and goals of the Nominating Committee.

### **Personal Statement**

My professional journey has been shaped by a commitment to equity, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration. As an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I have led and contributed to numerous research initiatives focused on creativity, art, and technology with autistic adolescents and young adults, behavioral health integration, digital health, human-centered design, and informatics. My scholarship has been widely disseminated through peer-reviewed publications and national presentations, many of which were presented at MNRS Annual Research Conferences.

I am passionate about mentoring emerging scholars and fostering inclusive academic environments. My work with PhD, DNP, and undergraduate students reflects a dedication to cultivating future nurse leaders who are equipped to address complex health challenges. I have also co-designed and delivered innovation and design thinking workshops to graduate students and frontline nurses, demonstrating my commitment to creative problem-solving in nursing education and practice.

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## **Qualifications and Alignment with Nominating Committee Responsibilities**

The MNRS Nominating Committee is charged with securing and presenting a slate of qualified, diverse candidates for leadership roles within the organization. This requires a deep understanding of MNRS's mission, strategic priorities, and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB).

My qualifications include:

- Leadership Experience: Co-Chair of the MNRS Membership Committee (2025–2026), Co-Chair of the Health Systems, Policy, & Informatics RIIG (2022–2024), and past President of Metro Milwaukee Nurse Practitioners (2015–2023).
- Service to MNRS: Leadership Academy Fellow (2023–2024), frequent presenter at MNRS conferences, and active participant in MNRS committees and RIIGs.
- Commitment to DEIB: Member of the UWM SON DEI Taskforce and advisor to projects focused on underserved populations, including autistic adolescents and young adults and culturally responsive care for uninsured individuals.
- Mentorship and Academic Leadership: Chair of multiple university and SON committees, advisor to PhD and DNP students, and recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty.

These experiences have equipped me with the insight and networks necessary to identify and support candidates who reflect the diversity and excellence MNRS strives to uphold.

## **Goals and Initiatives**

If selected to serve on the Nominating Committee, I will:

- Promote Inclusive Leadership: Advocate for candidates from underrepresented backgrounds and diverse research and practice areas.
- Support Strategic Growth: Align nominations with MNRS's strategic plan to expand membership and enhance engagement across career stages.
- Foster Transparency and Integrity: Uphold confidentiality and fairness throughout the nomination process, ensuring a slate of candidates who embody MNRS's values.

## **Conclusion**

I am honored to be considered for this opportunity to contribute to MNRS in a meaningful way. I bring a collaborative spirit, a strong record of service, and a deep commitment to advancing nursing research, practice, and leadership. Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.

Sincerely,  
Jeana M. Holt, Ph.D., DNP, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

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