

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Certificate	The Cyril H. Wecht Institute for Forensic Science and Law	2002
Post - Master's Certification	Duquesne University, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	1999
PhD	University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing	1998
MSN	University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing	1986
BSN	Duquesne University School of Nursing	1967
RN	Saint Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, Erie, PA	1964

Professional Experience

2011 – Present	Professor, School of Nursing, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
2004 - 2011	Tenured Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
1998-2004	Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
1999 – Present	Faculty Practice, Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Practice, Individual/Family Therapy
2004- 2011	Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA
1996 - 2000	Adjunct Professor, Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Department of Medicine and Nursing, Philadelphia, PA
1992 - 1998	Research Coordinator, Neurosciences Research Center, Allegheny–Singer Research Institute, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
1991 - 1992	Instructor - Psych/Mental Health, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, Pgh PA
1987 - 1991	Instructor - Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Citizens General Hospital School of Nursing, New Kensington, PA
1986	Clinical Instructor, Orthopedics, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Pgh PA
1965 - 1968	Staff Nurse, Emergency Room, Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
1965–1967	Staff (School) Nurse, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
1964 - 1965	Staff Nurse - Medical/Surgical Nursing, Bradford Hospital, Bradford, PA

Professional Licensures and Certification

1964 - Present	Professional Nurse, Pennsylvania
2000 - Present	Clinical Specialist in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

Grants –

Faculty Mentor	Three Year Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Scholars Program, Awardee: Alison M. Colbert, Awarded September 2010 (\$350,000).
Project Director	Three Year Continuation Program Grant: Department of Health and Human Services: <i>Enhancement of the Graduate Forensic Nursing Programs</i> . (\$912,421.00. Funding start date: July, 1, 2006).

Project Director	Three Year Program Grant: Department of Health and Human Services: <i>Enhancement of the Graduate Forensic Nursing Programs</i> . (\$820,428.00. Funding start date: Sept. 3, 2003).
Principal Investigator	Noble Dick Faculty Development Fund, Duquesne University: <i>Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Profile of Mood States (POMS) Inventory as a Tool to Measure Depression in a Population of Patients with Lung Cancer</i> , (Amount: \$3,427.00), Awarded: September 1999.
Research Experience	
Principle Investigator	<i>Variables in the Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases</i> (2010) (co-investigator: Colbert. A.)
Co-Investigator	<i>Healthcare needs and barriers for women immediately post-incarceration</i> (PI: Colbert. A. M.) April 2008
Co-Investigator	<i>Identification of Victims of Interpersonal Violence by Emergency Department Nurses</i> PI: Colbert. A. M.) School of Nursing Center for Nursing Research Grant, \$5,000. May 2009-April 2010.
Co-Investigator	<i>Exploring Safe Sleep and SIDS Risk Perception in a High-Risk Community</i> PI: Zoucha, R. Co-investigators: Colbert, A., Sekula, K. , Walters, C. (2011) \$4000.00 Sponsored by SIDS of PA and the Birmingham Foundation
Advisory Panel Member	<i>Perimenopausal Symptom Management with Acupuncture</i> , Agency: Donaghue Foundation. Principal Investigator: Susan M. Cohen, DSN, FNP. 2001 - 2008., University of Pittsburgh.
Consultant	Anonymous Foundation Donor, <i>The McKeesport Community Study of Aging and Alzheimer's Disease</i> . (Principal Investigator Robert T. Rubin), 1998 - 2007.
Dissertation Research	<i>Self - Reported Mood State and Plasma ACTH/Cortisol Levels in Major Depression</i> , University of Pittsburgh, 1998
Research Coordinator	Coordinated NIMH - Funded Research Project: <i>Hormone Rhythm: Metabolic Significance in Depression</i> , (Principal Investigator: Robert T. Rubin) 1992 – 1998, Allegheny General Hospital, Neurosciences Research Center.
Graduate Student	Collaborative Study - <i>Hospitalized Patients' Interest In and Knowledge of Advance Directives</i> . Allegheny General Hospital/Mercy Hospital, 1993 - 1994 (Project Director).
Graduate Student	Research Practicum: <i>NIH Funded: Suicide Postvention Study</i> , University of Pittsburgh, Principal Investigator: Rose E. Constantino PhD, RN, JD 1991 - 1993 (Project Director).
Graduate Student	Pilot Study: <i>Hospitalized Patients' Interest In and Knowledge of Advance Directives</i> . Mercy Hospital, 1993, (Project Director), University of Pittsburgh.
Graduate Student	Qualitative Study: <i>The Phenomenon of Decision Making in Patients Who Choose To Enter a Clinical Trial</i> , 1990, (Project Director), University of Pittsburgh.
Faculty Project	Systematic Evaluation Research Project: <i>Development of Leadership Skills in Student Nurses</i> , ANA Project, Citizens General Hospital School of Nursing, 1989 - 1990 (Project Director).
Graduate Student	Master's Thesis: Consultant, <i>Research in Selection of Color in Seclusion Rooms: Effects on Behavior of Psychiatric Patients</i> , Mayview State Hospital, 1988 (Consultant). University of Pittsburgh.
Graduate Student	Gerontology Project: <i>Informal Study Using Palmore's Facts on Aging Quiz: Studied Nursing Faculty and Student Attitudes toward the Elderly</i> , 1986 (Project Director), University of Pittsburgh.
Graduate Student	Master's Thesis - <i>Do Selected Colors Maintain Good Mood Following A Humorous Experience?</i> University of Pittsburgh, 1986, (Funding: PPG), University of Pittsburgh.
Consultant on Grant	Boston College School of Nursing, Department of Health and Human Services Program Grant: <i>Forensic Nursing Forensic Grant</i> , Awarded July, 2008.

Honors and Awards

- 2018 2018 Article of the Year Award, *Journal of Radiology Nursing*. Karakachian, A., Eichman, A., & **Sekula K.** (2017). Understanding the importance of radiology screening when suspecting child abuse, *Journal of Radiology Nursing*, 36(2), 70-78.
- 2016 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Awards –A practical guide to forensic nursing: Incorporating forensic principles into nursing practice. Amar, A. F. & **Sekula, L. K.**
1st Place - 2016 AJN Book of the Year Award in Critical Care- Emergency Nursing category.
3rd Place - 2016 AJN Book of the Year Award in the Medial-Surgical Nursing category.
- 2015 Nominated for the UPMC Legacy of Nursing Award
- 2011 Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing
- 2010 The Ellen Rudy Clore Excellence in Research Writing Award for 2010 from the Journal of Pediatric Health Care. Biddle, V. S., **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R. & Puskar, K. R. (2009). Identification of Suicide Risk among Rural Youth: Implications for the Use of HEADSS, *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 24, 152-16
- 2009 Selected to the Office of Research Hall of Fame, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007 The Virginia Lynch Pioneer in Forensic Nursing Award, International Association of Forensic Nurses, Annual Conference, Salt Lake City Utah
- 2002 Rita M. Carty Faculty Leadership Award (2001)
- 2000 Presidential Scholarship Award, Duquesne University, Assessment and Treatment of the Patient with Co - morbid Depression and Anxiety.
- 2000 Anonymous Donation to the School of Nursing, Duquesne University, in the name of L. Kathleen Sekula, PhD, RN, CS, to be awarded to a PhD student conducting research in the psychiatric mental health field
- 1998 Outstanding University Student, 1998 Honors Convocation, University of Pittsburgh
- 1997 Rose E. Constantino Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
- 1986 – Present Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Publications (refereed)

- Davis, K. & Sekula, L. K. (2018). Issues in forensic nursing: Stigmatization of overweight women during forensic examination, *Journal of Forensic Nursing*.
- Lyden, C., Sekula, L. K., Higgins, B., & Zoucha, R. (2018). Job satisfaction and empowerment of self-employed nurse practitioners: A mixed methods study, *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*, 30(2), 78-91.
- Karakachian, A., Eichman, A., & Sekula K. (2017). Understanding the importance of radiology screening when suspecting child abuse, *Journal of Radiology Nursing*, 36(2), 70-78.
- Vitko, H. A., Sekula, L. K., & Schreiber, M. A. (2017). Probiotics for trauma patients: Should we be taking a precautionary approach? *Journal of Trauma Nursing*, Jan/Feb;24(1): 46-52. doi: 10.1097/JTN.0000000000000263.
- Wright-Brown, S., Sekula, L. K. Gillespie, G. & Zoucha, R. (2016). The experiences of registered nurses who are injured by interpersonal violence while on duty in an emergency department, *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 12 (4), 189-197.
- Valentine, J., Sekula, L. K., Cook, L. J., Campbell, R., Colbert, A., & Weedn, V. W. (2016). Justice denied: Low submission rates of sexual assault kits and the predicting variables, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 1-27. DOI: 10.1177/0886260516681881.

- Amar, A. F., & Sekula, L. K. (2016). Nursing care for victims of violence: Forensic nursing techniques assist the most vulnerable patients. Advance Healthcare NETWORK. Retrieved from: <http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Nursing-Care-for-Victims-of-Violence.aspx>
- Colbert, A. M., Goshin, L., Durand, V., Zoucha, R., & Sekula, L. K., (2016). Women in Transition: Experiences of Health and Healthcare for Women Living in Community Corrections Facilities, *Research in Nursing and Health*, Epub ahead of print 2016, July 27, *Research in Nursing & Health*.
- Burgess, A. W., **Sekula, L. K.** & Carretta, C. M. (2015). Homicide-suicide and duty to warn. *Journal of Psychosomatic Psychiatry* 43(1). 67-90.
- Biddle, V. S., Kern, J., Brent, D. B., Thurkettle, M. A., Puskar, K. R. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2014). Student Assistance Program Outcomes for Adolescents at Risk for Suicide, *Journal of School Nursing*, 30:173 originally published online 18 March 2014, DOI: 10.1177/1059840514525968.
- Colbert, A.M., **Sekula, L.K.**, Zoucha, R., Cohen, S.M., (2013). Health care needs of women immediately post-incarceration: A Mixed Methods Study. *Public Health Nursing*, 30, 5, 409-19.
- Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. M., Zoucha, R., Amar, A. F., Williams, J. (2011). *Strengthening the science of forensic nursing through education and research*, *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 8(1), 1-2.
- McKibbin, A. E., **Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. M., Peltier, J.W. (2011). Assessing the learning needs of South Carolina nurses by exploring their perceived knowledge of emergency preparedness: Evaluation tool. *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*, Dec 42(12), 547-558. DOI: 10.3928/00220124-201111003-04.
- Shuster, M. H., **Sekula, L. K.**, Kern, J., & Vazquez, J. A. (2011). Measuring intra-bladder pressure with the head of the bed elevated 30°: Evidence to support a change in practice, *American Journal of Critical-Care*, July 20(4), 80-89, doi: 10.4037.
- Biddle, V. S., Sekula, L. K., Zoucha, R. & Puskar, K. R. (2010). Identification of suicide risk among rural youth: Implications for the use of HEADSS, *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 24, 152-167.
- Shuster, M. H., Haines, T., **Sekula, L. K.**, Kern, J., & Vazquez, J. A... (2010). Reliability of intra-bladder pressure measurement in intensive care, *American Journal of Critical Care*, 19(4) 29-39.
- Weiss, A. M. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2008). Mothers behind bars: A call for research. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 4(2), 97-99.
- Sekula, L. K.** (2006). World Health Organization rings global alarm bell to address and prevent violence (Invited Paper) *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 1(3), 131-132.
- Sekula, R. F., Jannetta, P.J., Casey, K. F., Marchan, E. M., **Sekula, L.K.**, & McCrady, C. S. (2005). Chiari malformation: Concerning a subgroup of patients without significant tonsillar descent. *Cerebrospinal Fluid Research*, 2(1):11-20.
- Sekula, L. K.** (2005). The advance practice forensic nurse in the emergency room setting, *Topics in Emergency Medicine*, 27(1), 5-14.
- Clements, P. T., **Sekula, L. K.** (2005). Toward advancement and evolution of forensic nursing: The interface and interplay of research, theory, and practice. (Invited Paper) *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 1(1), 35, 38.
- Sekula, L.K.**, DeSantis, J. & Giannetti, V. (2003). Considerations in the management of the patient with co morbid depression and anxiety. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners* 15(1), 23 - 33.
- Constantino, R. E., **Sekula, L. K.**, Lebish, J. & Buehner, E. (2002) Depression and behavioral manifestations of depression in female survivors of the suicide of their significant other and female survivors of abuse. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, 8(1), 27 - 32.
- Sekula, K.**, Holmes, D., Zoucha, R., DeSantis, J., Olshansky, E. (2001). Forensic psychiatric nursing: Discursive practices and the emergence of a specialty, *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, 39, 51 - 59.
- Constantino, R.E., **Sekula, L.K.**, Rubinstein, E. N. (2001) Group interventions for widowed survivors of suicide, *Journal of Suicide and Life - Threatening Behavior*, 31 (4), 428 - 441.

- Constantino, R.E., **Sekula, L.K.**, Rabin, B. & Stone, C. (2000). Negative life events, depression, and immune function in abused and non - abused women. *Biological Research in Nursing*, 1(3) 190 - 198.
- Rubin, R. T., **Sekula, L. K.**, O'Toole, S., Rhodes, M. E., Czamble, R.K. (1999). Pituitary-adrenal-cortical responses to low - dose physostigmine and arginine vasopressin administration in normal women and men. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 20, 433 - 446.
- Rubin, R. T., O'Toole, S., Rhodes, M. E., **Sekula, L. K.**, S., Czamble, R. K. (1999). Hypothalamo-pituitary-adrenal responses to low-dose physostigmine and arginine vasopressin administration: Sex differences between major depressives and matched control subjects. *Psychiatry Research*, 89, 1 - 20.
- Good, B. C., O'Toole, S. M., **Sekula, L. K.** (1997). Recruiting subjects into a research study on depression: Recruitment success and failure. *American Medical Writers Association Journal*, 12(3), 15 - 21.
- O'Toole, S.M., **Sekula, L.K.**, & Rubin, R.T. (1997). Pituitary-adrenal cortical axis measures as predictors of sustained remission in major depression. *Biological Psychiatry*. 42, 85 - 89.
- Sekula, L.K.**, Lucke, J.F., Heist, E.K., Czambel, R.K., & Rubin, R.T. (1997). Neuroendocrine aspects of primary endogenous depression XV: Mathematical modeling of nocturnal melatonin secretion in major depressives and normal controls. *Psychiatry Research*, 69(2, 3), 143 – 153.
- Lucke, J. F., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Rubin, R. T. (1995). A linear-Beta model of hormone secretion, *American Statistical Association: 1995. Proceedings of the Biometrics Section*, 107 - 111.

Book

- Amar, A. F. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2015). *A Practical Guide to Forensic Nursing: Incorporating Forensic Principles into Nursing Practice*, Indianapolis: Sigma Theta Tau Press.

Book Chapters

- Sekula, L. K. & Colbert, A. (2016). *Forensic Psychiatric Nursing*. In E. Varcarolis, and M. B. Halter (Eds.) *Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing*, pp. 598-610, (8th ed.). Elsevier: St. Louis.
- Sekula, L. K. & Colbert, A. (2013). *Forensic Psychiatric Nursing*. In E. Varcarolis, and M. B. Halter (Eds.) *Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing*, pp. 598-610, (7th ed.). Elsevier: St. Louis.
- Sekula, L. K. & Colbert, A. (2010). *Forensic Psychiatric Nursing*. In E. Varcarolis, and M. B. Halter (Eds.) *Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing* (6th ed.). Elsevier: St. Louis.
- Sekula, L. K. & Burgess, A. W. (2006). Forensic and legal nursing. In C. H. Wecht and J. T. Rago (Eds.), *Forensic Science and Law: Investigative Applications in Criminal, Civil, and Family Justice* (pps. 601-627), Boca Raton: CRC Press.
- Sekula, L. K. (2006) Forensic nursing in the 21st century. Supplemental issue: In C. H. Wecht (Ed.) *Forensic Sciences* (5th Ed.).

Submitted for Publication

- Biddle, V. S., Kern, J., Brent, D. B., Puskar, K. R. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2016). Student assistance program outcomes and referral reasons of students at risk for suicide, *Journal of School Nursing*,
- Malitas, M., **Sekula, L. K.**, Giarelli, E., & Goodfellow, L. (2015). Exploring variables that impact post-operative outcomes in patients undergoing cardiac surgery: A review and call for research (Submitted for publication to *Critical Care Nurse*).

Invited Publications

- Nursing Care for Victims of Violence* (2016). Amar, A. F. & Sekula, L. K. Advance Healthcare NETWORK for Nurses, July 11, 2016. <http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Nursing-Care-for-Victims-of-Violence.aspx>.
- Profile of Mood States*, Sekula, L. K., EdITS Research and Developments, Summer/Fall, 1997.

Publications (non - refereed)

DePalma J.A., **Sekula L.K.** (1994) Advance directives: A geriatric perspective. Focus on geriatric care and rehabilitation 7(8) *Aspen*, 1 - 8.

Acknowledgement - International Peer Reviewed Journal

Holmes, D. (2001). From iron gaze to nursing care: Mental health nursing in the era of panopticism. *International Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing*, 8, 7 - 15.

Editorial Board Member

Journal of Forensic Nursing Editorial Board 2004 -2013

Abstract Reviewer (conference)

Invited Abstract Reviewer, Greater Pittsburgh Nursing Research Consortium, 2001.

Invited Abstract Reviewer, Greater Pittsburgh Nursing Research Consortium, 1999.

Invited Reviewer (Peer Reviewed National Journal)

Journal of Forensic Nursing 2004 -Present

Journal of Professional Nursing, Publication: American Association of Colleges of Nursing. 2003- 2015

On - line Journal of (*Issues in Psychosocial Nursing*) www.duq.edu/nsg/issues 1998 - 2014

Invited Reviewer (Books)

Lynch, V. Proposed Forensic Nursing Text, Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins, Philadelphia, 2002.

Varcanolis, E.M., (2002). Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: A Clinical Approach. (4th Ed.). Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, May, 2003.

Presentations (Peer-reviewed National/International)

You as a Forensic Nurse: What Frames Your Practice, Education, and Research? (2017). Valentine, J., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Lynch, V., IAFN Annual Scientific Meeting, October 10-13, Toronto.

Curricular Innovation_ Required International Experience for PhD Students (2017). Turk, M., Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Kalarchian, M., AACN 2017 Doctoral Education Conference, January 17-21, Coronado, CA.

Crafting a Career in Forensic Nursing: Turning your Education, Skills & Experience into a Prized Career (2015). Colbert, A. M., Shane. D. & **Sekula. L. K.**, Horizons 2015 Conference, Pennsylvania ENA State Council, June 4-5, Wilkes-Barre PA.

Crafting a Career in Forensics-Turning Your Education and Expertise into a Prized Career (2014). Colbert, A. M., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Rakeeb, H. International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, October 22 – 25, 2014, Phoenix AZ.

Forensic Nursing: The New Healthcare System (2014). **Sekula, L.K.** & Shane, D., ENA 2014 Annual Conference: Safe Practice, Safe Care, Oct. 7 – 11, Indianapolis, IN.

The Roles of the Legal Nurse Consultant and the Nurse Expert in Forensic Investigations and Legal Proceedings, **Sekula, L. K.** (2012). Forensic Friday Presentations (CLE and CEU offering, 3 hours). The Cyril Wecht Institute for Forensic Science and Law. April 20, Pittsburgh PA.

Forensics and the Nurse Practitioner in Practice, **Sekula, L. K.**, Bailey, D., Stoffel, H. National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, 3½ hour Workshop Session. Copper Mountain Colorado, July 14-17, 2011.

Forensic Investigation of Sexual Assault Cases, (2011). **Sekula, L. K.**, Schreiber, V., Collins, M. & Hoffman, C. The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law First Fridays Continuing Education (Nursing and Law CEUs), May 14, 2011, Pittsburgh PA.

Variables in the Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases: The Impact of Sexual Assault Response Teams (Invited presentation of research objectives, goals and methodology). **Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. M., Necessary, J. University of Ottawa, Faculty and Student Presentation, Ottawa, Canada, March 12, 2010.

Collaboration among nursing faculty regarding incorporating forensic content into the curriculum, **L. K. Sekula**, William F. Connell School of Nursing, Boston College, Boston MA. October 15-16, 2009.

Is Your Nursing Unit a Crime Scene? **L. K. Sekula**, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Pittsburgh Chapter, November 6, 2009.

Forensic Graduate Program Development, **L. K. Sekula**, William F. Connell School of Nursing, Boston College, Boston MA. October 23-25, 2008

Forensic Nursing: A Collaboration for Victims, **L. K. Sekula**, Annual Continuing Education Conference, Wheeling Jesuit University, April 2, 2007.

Evidence Collection in the Healthcare Setting: Forensic Nursing Role, **L. K. Sekula**, Evidence Symposium, Albany State University Department of Criminal Justice Annual Conference: March 21-24, 2007, Albany, Georgia.

Transcultural Implications in Understanding and Preventing Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, 8TH Annual Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference, November 28 – 30, 2006, Lexington, Kentucky.

The New Roles of the Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse. Sekula, L. K. Pennsylvania Chapter, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Psychiatry in the 21st Century: Nurses Diverse Roles and Contribution, Pittsburgh, PA, March 25, 2006.

Assessment and Referral of Victims of Violence in a Rehabilitation Setting. (Invited Grand Rounds) **Sekula, L. K.** HEALTHSOUTH Harmarville, Pittsburgh, PA, January 19th, 2006.

Pre Hospital Forensic Care: Issues in Evidence Collection. (Invited Pre Conference) **Sekula, L. K.** StatMedevac Nursing Symposium. Pittsburgh, PA, October 7-8, 2005.

Assessment and Referral: Victims of Violence in the Physical Therapy Setting, (Invited Presentation) Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Quarterly Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. September 13, 2005.

Forensic Nursing and Healthcare, **Sekula, L. K.** Pennsylvania State Nurses Association Annual Meeting, District 6. Pittsburgh, PA, May 13, 2005

Forging a New Forensic Role in Nursing: Education, Research, and Clinical Issues, **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R., Crane, P., Brown, K. Keystone Chapter International Association of Forensic Nurses, State College, PA, April 22-23, 2005

Utilization of the Advance Practice Forensic Nurse in Clinical Settings, Sekula, **L. K.** (Invited Presentation) PA State Nurses' Association, District 6 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. May 13, 2005.

Research in the Clinical Setting, West Penn-Allegheny Health Systems, Annual Nursing Research Conference, December 5, 2003. Pittsburgh, PA

Forensic Nursing in the Critical Care Setting, **L. K. Sekula**, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, October 20 – 21, 2003.

Forensic Nursing, Pennsylvania Governor's School for Health Care, (Invited Presentation) University of Pittsburgh, July 16, 2003.

The Emerging Field of Forensic Nursing, **Sekula, L. K.** Career Day 2003, Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, April 17, 2003.

Forensic Nursing, Pennsylvania Governor's School for Health Care, University of Pittsburgh, July 19, 2002.

Group Therapy Theory and Certification, (Invited Presentation) University of Pittsburgh Graduate Nursing Program, October 21, 1999.

Stress and Coping Research, Summer Session Workshop Outcomes, **L. Kathleen Sekula**, MSN, RN, Stress and Coping Research Section of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Chicago, IL, March 31, 1996.

Presentations (International/National – Peer Reviewed Research/Clinical Paper Presentation)

Acupuncture and Menopausal Memory Changes in Women with Breast Cancer (2015). Collins, E. C., Sekula, L. K., Cohen, S. M. 43rd Biennial Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 7-11.

Crafting a Career in Forensics-Turning Your Education and Expertise into a Prized Career (2014). Colbert, A. M., Sekula, L. K., & Rakeeb, H. International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, October 22 – 25, 2014, Phoenix AZ.

Forensic Nursing: The New Healthcare System (2014). Sekula, L.K. & Shane, D., ENA 2014 Annual Conference: Safe Practice, Safe Care, Oct. 7 – 11, Indianapolis, IN.

Predictors of Health Promoting Lifestyles in Baccalaureate Nursing Students (2013). Grund, F., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Fridline, M. Building Healthy Academic Communities National Summit, The Ohio State University, April 22-23, Columbus, Ohio.

Forensic Nurse Collaboration with the Legal Team, **Sekula, L. K.**, Williams, J. (2013). American Academy of Forensic Sciences 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, February 18-23, Washington, DC.

Transformation: Leading Change, and the Roles of the Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse (2013). **Sekula, L. K.** & Williams, J. (2013). American Academy of Forensic Sciences 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, February 18-23, Washington, DC.

Creating a Center for Nursing Research to Support DNP and PhD Collaboration, **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R, Dean, B. & Goodfellow, L. (2013). American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Doctoral Conference: Innovations and Challenges in Doctoral Nursing Education, January 23-26, San Diego CA.

Strengthening the Science of Forensic Nursing through Education and Research, (2011). **Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. M., Zoucha, R., Angela Frederick Amar, A. F., Williams, J. International Association of Forensic Nursing Annual Scientific Assembly, October 19-22, Montreal CA.

Healthcare Needs and Priorities of Women Immediately Post-Incarceration: A Qualitative Study. Colbert, A., Sekula, L.K., Zoucha, R., Hughes, T., Cohen, S.M. Durand, V. Eastern Nursing Research Society, March 2012, New Haven, CT

Healthcare Needs of Women Immediately Post-Incarceration, (2011). Colbert, A., Sekula, L.K., Zoucha, R., Hughes, T., & Cohen, S.M. American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, November 2011.

Identification of Victims of Intimate Partner Violence by Emergency Department Nurses: A Pilot Study (2011). Colbert, A., Sekula, L.K., Dadura, C., Shreiber, V. International Association of Forensic Nursing Annual Scientific Assembly, Montreal, ON, October 2011.

Final Presentation of Findings: Variables in the Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases (2010). Colbert, A. M., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Necessary, J. International Association of Forensic Nursing 18th Annual Scientific Assembly: Ending Violence: Leading the Health Care Response, October 27-30, Pittsburgh, PA.

Infant and Fetal Abductions, Burgess, A. W., Nairney, C. & **Sekula, L. K.** International Association of Forensic Nurses, IAFN 18th Annual Scientific Assembly, October 30, 2010, Pittsburgh, PA.

Designing the Study: Variables in the Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases: The Impact of Sexual Assault Response Teams (Presentation of the research design) **Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. M., & Necessary, J. Invited Presentation: University of Ottawa Faculty and Student Body. Ottawa Canada, March 12, 2010.

Women's Health Needs Immediately Post-Incarceration: A Feasibility Study, Colbert, A. M., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Zoucha, R. (2010) Eastern Nursing Research Conference, 22nd Annual Scientific Conference, Providence RI, March 24-26, 2010.

Healthcare Needs and History of Interpersonal Violence in Women Immediately Post-Incarceration. (2008). Colbert, A., Cohen, S, Zoucha, R. **Sekula, L.K.** International Association of Forensic Nursing Scientific Assembly. Dallas, TX. September, 2008.

Expert Witness: Frye versus Daubert, Flynn, J., **Sekula, L.K.**, (2007) International Association of Forensic Nurses 15th Annual Scientific Assembly, Salt Lake City Utah, October 15-21, 2007.

Cultural Issues in Forensic Practice Addressed within a PhD Program, Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, Colbert, A. Annual Conference of the International Society of Transcultural Nursing, Bournemouth, UK. September 19-21, 2007.

Building an On-line Community of Scholars in a Small Research Intensive University, Goodfellow, L., Thurkettle, M. A., Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, Henderson, W., Schumacher, G., 19th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, Providence RI, April 12-14, 2007.

Mastering Research Skills in an Online PhD Program, Zoucha, R., Thurkettle, M. A., Simko, L., Goodfellow, L., Sekula, L. K. 2007 Doctoral Education Conference: Doctoral Study: Developing Nurse Leaders for the Future, January 24-27, 2007, Captiva, FL.

Global Access to Advance Practice Nursing Education. Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, ICN International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing (INP/APN) Network Conference in Sandton, South Africa on 28-30 June 2006.

Global Access in Advances Practice Nursing Education through Technology. Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L. K.**, 24TH Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference, Toronto, July 28-31, 2006.

New Roles of the Advance Practice Forensic Nurse in Hospital and Community Settings (refereed) **Sekula, L.K.**, Finnie, H.M. International Association of Forensic Nurses 13th Annual Scientific Assembly, Arlington, VA, September 21 – 25, 2005.

Invited Pre-Conference Workshop: *Promoting Cultural Competence in Forensic Nursing: Theory and Practice*. **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R., Crane, P., Brown, K. International Association of Forensic Nurses, 13th Annual Scientific Assembly, Forging Partnerships for the Future. Washington, DC, Sept. 20-25, 2005.

Cultural Implications for Forensic Nursing: Theory and Practice, (refereed). **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R., & Crane, P. 12th Annual Scientific Assembly, Winds of Change: Forensic Nursing Movement Leaps Forward, Chicago, IL, October 20-24, 2004.

The New Role of the Forensic Nurse, **Sekula, K.**, (Invited Presentation) American Psychiatric Nurses Association Quarterly Meeting, September 21, 2004, Pittsburgh PA.

Transcultural Approaches in Forensic Nursing, **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R., Crane, P. 30th Annual Transcultural Nursing Society Conference, Alacante, Spain, June 11 – 17th, 2004.

With just a click of the mouse! Goodfellow, L.M., Husted, G., **Sekula, L.K.** 2004 ANA Biennial Convention “Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life,” American Nurses Association, Blind Review, Paper Presented by E. Zungolo, June 20, 2004, Minneapolis, MN.

Education and Certification Issues: Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing, Sekula, L. K., International Society of Psychiatric - Mental Health Nursing Annual Conference: Advancing Advanced Practice, Charleston, SC, April 23-26, 2003.

Meeting the Challenges of Education and Certification for the Forensic Nurse, **Sekula, L. K.**, Zoucha, R., International Association of Forensic Nurses 2002 Scientific Assembly, Minneapolis, MN, October 9-13, 2002.

Utilizing cultural competence in supervision of psychiatric nurses in individual, family, and group training, **Sekula, L. K.** 27th Annual Conference of the Transcultural Nursing Society, Pittsburgh, PA, October 10 - 13, 2001.

The promise, process, and problems of an on-line PhD program in nursing, Gaberson, K.B., **Sekula, L.K.**, Zoucha, R., NLN Education Summit 2001, Baltimore, MD, September 2, 2001.

The promise, process, and problems of an on-line PhD program in nursing, Zoucha, R., **Sekula, L.K.**, Gaberson, K.B. Eighteenth Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference, July 9 - 11, Washington, DC. July 2000.

Depression, negative life events, and immune function in abused and non - abused women, Constantino, R. E., **Sekula, L. K.**, Symonds, H. 1999 American Psychiatric Nurses Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, October 27 - 30, 1999.

Receiver Operator Characteristic analysis of the Profile of Mood States inventory in identifying depressive symptomatology. (Presenter: **Sekula, L. K.**) 11th Annual Eastern Nursing Research Conference, New York, NY April 9 - 11, 1999.

Qualitative and Quantitative Research Perspectives, (Research Forum Presentation - **L.K. Sekula** and E. Olshansky). (Invited Presentation) Greater Pittsburgh Tenth Annual Nursing Research Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 12 - 13, 1998.

Self - reported dimensions of mood state and plasma ACTH/cortisol levels in major depression, **Sekula, L.K.**, & Rubin, R.T. (Presenter: **Sekula, L. K**) Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA, April 13-15, 1997.

A quasi - Beta model of hormone production, Joseph F. Lucke, PhD, **L. Kathleen Sekula MSN**, and Robert T. Rubin, MD, PhD, (Presenter: J. F. Lucke), American Statistical Association, Raleigh, NC, August, 1995.

Decision making in patients who choose to enter clinical trials, Qualitative Nursing Research: Substance and Form, **L. K. Sekula**, Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 12, 1993.

Presentations (International/National - poster presentations of collaborative work)

Lyden, C. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2018). *Job satisfaction and empowerment of self-employed nurse practitioners: A mixed methods study*, American Association of Nurse Practitioners National Conference, Denver. CO, June 26–July 1.

Karakachian, A., Eichman, A., & **Sekula K.** (2017). *Understanding the importance of radiology screening when suspecting child abuse*, Children's Hospital Research Symposium, October 25, 2017.

Kramer, N. & **Sekula, L. K.** (2017). *Parents of children who had hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy*, Society of Pediatric Nurses 27th Annual Conference, SPN: A Bright Future for Pediatric Care, West Palm Beach, April 6-9.

Collins, E. C., Sekula, L. K. & Cohen, S. M. (2015) *Acupuncture and Menopausal Memory Changes in Women with Breast Cancer*, Sigma Theta Tau 43rd Biennial Convention, November 7-11, 2015, Las Vegas.

Kramer, N., Sekula, L. K., Kronk, R., Zoucha, R. & Imaizumi, S. (2012) *Evaluation of Parents of Children Who Have had Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy at Birth: A Mixed Methods Study*, Eastern Nursing Research Society. 24th Annual Scientific Sessions, New Haven, CT, March 28-30.

Zoucha, R, **Sekula, L. K.**, Goodfellow, L. (2011). *Restructuring the PhD Curriculum for the Future Nurse Scientist*, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Doctoral Conference: Innovations and Challenges in Doctoral Nursing Education, January 26-29, San Diego CA.

Colbert, A., Hughes, T., Durand, V., Zoucha, R., Cohen, S., Sekula, LK. (2012). *Patient Engagement in Women Offenders: An Intervention for Engaging Women in Healthcare Upon Release from Incarceration*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. October, 2012.

Colbert, A., Cohen, S., **Sekula, L. K.**, & Zoucha, R. (2009). *Health Need and History of Interpersonal Violence in Women Immediately Post-Incarceration*. Eastern Nursing Research Society. 21st Annual Scientific Sessions. Boston, MA. March 19-21.

The Continuing Evolution of an Online PhD Program, R. Zoucha, M. A. Thurkettle, & **L.K. Sekula**, AACN Doctoral Conference: Preparing the Next Generation of Doctoral Faculty, Evolving Approaches to Doctoral Education, January 25th, 2006, San Diego, CA.

Meeting the online challenges of graduate education for the forensic nurse, **L.K. Sekula**, & R. Zoucha. (Poster Presentation) National League for Nursing Education Summit 2003, San Antonio, TX, September 20 - 21, 2003.

A Combined Low - Dose Physostigmine and AVP Challenge in Major Depression, R.T. Rubin, **L. K. Sekula**, S. O'Toole, K. Czambel. (Abstract Presentation by Robert T. Rubin, MD, PhD) Society for Neuroscience, 1996.

Recruiting Subjects into a Research Study on Depression, Good, B.C., O'Toole, S.M., & **Sekula, L.K.**, (Presenter: Barbara Good, PhD) American Medical Writers Association - Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, October 27, 1995.

Mathematical Modeling of Nocturnal Melatonin Secretion in Major Depressives and Normal Controls: Start, Peak, and Duration of Secretion, Robert T Rubin, MD, PhD, **L. Kathleen Sekula, RN, MSN**, E. Kevin Heist, BS, Joseph F. Lucke, PhD, and R. Kenneth Czambel, BS (Poster Presentation by Robert T. Rubin, MD, PhD) American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, December 12 - 14, 1994.

Invited Presentations

Homicide, Suicide, and the Duty to Warn, **Sekula, L. K.**, Burgess, A. W. & Carretta, C. M. (2016). The Cyril H. Wecht Annual Conference: From out of the Shadows, Illuminating the Intersection of Mental Health and the Law, October 20-21, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Roles of the Legal Nurse Consultant and the Nurse Expert in Forensic Investigations and Legal Proceedings, (2012). Forensic Friday Presentations (CLE and CEU offering, 3 hours). The Cyril Wecht Institute for Forensic Science and Law. April 20, Pittsburgh PA.

Forensic Investigation of Sexual Assault Cases, **Sekula, L. K.**, Schreiber, V., Collins, M. & Hoffman, C. The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law First Fridays Continuing Education (Nursing and Law CEUs), Pittsburgh PA, May 14, 2010.

Current Issues with Elder Abuse Detection by Nurses, **L.K. Sekula**, Sexual Assault Response Team Allegheny County Continuing Education, Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Pittsburgh, PA, October 14, 2008.

Endnote Computer Software for Publishing, Faculty Development Workshop, Duquesne University of Nursing Faculty and Graduate Students, April 16, 1999 and PhD Residential Weeks (2001, 2002, 2003).

Test Anxiety Workshop - NCLEX Review, Fourth Year Students, Duquesne University School of Nursing, April 16, 1999.

Roles of Nurses in Research, Greater Pittsburgh Research Conference, Sheraton, Pittsburgh, PA, November 13, 1997.

Advance Directives in Health Care, Professional Nursing Forum, Research Presentation, Allegheny General Hospital, April 19, 1993.

Water Intoxication in the Schizophrenic Patient: Warren State Hospital, Warren, PA, Sponsored by Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA, 1992.

Decision Making in Patients Who Choose To Enter Clinical Trials, Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Multi disciplinary Treatment Team, 1991.

Physical Assessment of the Medical Patient, Supervised Education of Nursing Staff - Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, PA, 1988 - 1990.

Assessment for Alcohol and Drug Abuse during the Medical Admission Process. Multi - disciplinary Team Members, Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, PA, 1988 - 1990.

Master's Thesis: Do Selected Colors Maintain Good Mood Following a Humorous Experience? University of Pittsburgh Faculty, School of Nursing, 1990.

Assessment for Depression in the Medical Patient - Nursing Staff, Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, PA, 1990.

Nursing Attitudes in Care of the Elderly, Faculty Members, Citizens General Hospital, New Kensington, PA, 1989.

Presentations (Local)

Master's Thesis: Do Selected Colors Maintain Good Mood Following a Humorous Experience? University of Pittsburgh Research Day - March 27, 1987.

Professional Societies (Years of Membership)

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Associate	2005 – Present
Transcultural Nursing Society	2001 – 2015
International Association of Forensic Nurses	2001 – Present
Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science CANS (Founding Member)	2000 - Present
International Society of Psychiatric - Mental Health Nurses	1998 - Present
Society for Education and Research in Psychiatric - Mental Health Nursing	1997 - 1999

Eastern Nursing Research Society	1995 - Present
Association for Health Services Research	1994 - Present
American Nurses Association/Pennsylvania Nurses Association	1991 - Present
Midwest Nursing Research Society	1991 - Present
Tri State Nursing Computer Network	1991 - Present
Ethics Consortium, University of Pittsburgh	1991 - Present
American Psychiatric Nurses Association	1987 - Present
Pennsylvania Nurses in Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Practice	1987 - 1993
Sigma Theta Tau - ETA Chapter, University of Pittsburgh	1986 - Present
North American Nursing Diagnosis Association	1986 - Present
School of Nursing Service	
Ethics Position Search Committee	Spring 2013
Associate Dean for Research Search Committee	Spring 2013
Search Committee (Faculty positions)	2012-2014
Peer Review Process Revision Committee	2008
Steering Committee Member (elected by peers)	2003-2005
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Accrediting Committee	2001
University Institutional Review Board, School of Nursing Representative	
Student Standing Committee, Duquesne University School of Nursing	1999 – 2003
PhD Admissions Committee, Duquesne University School of Nursing,	1998 - Present
University Service	
University Tenure and Promotion Committee	2016 - Present
Title IX Task Force – Addressing the Incidence of Sexual Assaults on Campus	2014 - Present
Faculty Senate Representative	2012 - Present
Grievance Committee	2012 - Present
Reviewer for Presidential Scholarship Committee Awards	2002
President’s Advisory Council, Duquesne University	2001 - 2002
Cyril Wecht Forensic Institute, Duquesne University School of Law, Board Member	2001 – Present
Institutional Review Board Member, Duquesne University	1999 - Present
Professional Service (Institutional)	
Pro Bono Psychiatric MH faculty practice	2000 - Present
American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Membership Reviewer	2015-Present
Member, Board of Directors, International Association of Forensic Nurses	2015-Present
President, Board of Directors, International Association of Forensic Nurses, Certification Board	2008-2012
Member, Board of Directors, International Association of Forensic Nurses, Certification Board	2005-2008
Journal of Forensic Nursing Editorial Board	2004 – 2013
Reviewer, Journal of Forensic Nursing	2004 - Present

Educational Task Force for Forensic Nursing Curriculum Development, (IAFN)	2003
Resource Consultant, Sexual Harassment Committee, Allegheny General Hospital	1996 - 1998
Conceptual Framework/Philosophy Task Force, Allegheny General Hospital	1995 - 1997
Research Council, Shared Governance Councils, Allegheny General Hospital	1994 - 1997
Task Force on Advance Directives, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA	1994 - 1996
Associate, Center for Medical Ethics, University of Pittsburgh	1993 - 1997

Professional Service (Community) Related to Area of Expertise

RTI International, Organizing and Transferring SANE/SAFE/SART Knowledge and Best Practices Taskforce, Forensic Technology Center of Excellence, NIJ Institute of Justice Project	January – November 2014
Scholarship Committee Member, The Sigrid and Cyril Wecht Forensic Science Scholarship Fund	2010
President, Board of Directors, Sexual Assault Response Team Allegheny County (SARTAC)	2005-2012
Consultant, Parish Grief Counseling Services, St. Joseph’s Parish, New Kensington	2002 - Present
Member, Board of Directors, Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center	2001 - Present
Faculty Practice, Individual and Family Therapy	2001 - Present
Pro Bono Faculty Practice, Adult	2000 - Present
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic	1999 - 2001
Health Care for the Homeless Program Provider, Alma Illery Medical Center	1997 - 2001
Trial Court Nominating Commission for Westmoreland County Commonwealth Court, Appointment by Thomas Ridge, Governor	1996
Co - founder, Light of Life Ministries Medical Clinic, North Side, Pittsburgh	1994
Volunteer, Nurse, Light of Life Ministries Medical Clinic	1994 - 2004
Volunteer, Development Committee, Light of Life Ministries, Medical Clinic	1993 - 1995
Member, Research Awards Committee, Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Chapter	1993 – 1998
Trial Court Nominating Commission for Westmoreland County Commonwealth Court, Appointment by Robert P. Casey, Governor	1994

Chair: Doctoral Dissertations (Successfully Defended):

1. Anderson, Donna, *The Impact of Case Management on the Elderly in a Managed Care Environment: Member Understanding and Plausible Benefit*, 2002
2. Bellow, Aaron, *A Comparative Analysis of Two Low-Acuity Flow Processes in the Emergency Department*, Defended February 24, 2015
3. Biddle Sue Virginia, *Student Assistance Program Outcomes of Students at Risk for Suicide*, Defended March, 2008
4. Bischof , Janet Revay, *A Comparison of the Adult Patient with Heart Failure’s Quality of Life When Managed in Different Medical Settings: A Heart Failure Clinic and a Physician Practice*, 2006
5. Bitar, Patricia Murphy, *The Self-perceptions of Adolescents with ADHD*, March 16, 2004
6. Collins, Elizabeth - *Effects of Acupuncture on Memory in Post Menopausal Women Post Cancer Treatment*, March 19, 2012
7. Evanina, Kathleen - *The Effect of Education on Elder Abuse*, Defended April 4, 2014
8. Halter, Margaret Jordan, *The Influence of Stigma on Help Seeking Attitudes for Depression*, Defended January 27, 2003

9. Hastings, Debra Pilling, *The Effects of Women's Health and Life Experiences on Surgical Intervention*, Defended 2006
10. Finnie, Halana - *The Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach with Traumatized Children: Its Effectiveness in the Reduction of Locked Seclusion and Restraints in an Inpatient Psychiatric Setting*, Defended May 2013.
11. Grund, Faye - *Predictors of Health Promoting Lifestyles in Baccalaureate Nursing Students*, Defended 2013.
12. Kuhn, Suzanne Kandlbinder, *The Process of Parental Bereavement Following the Violent Death of a Child*, Defended March 31, 2008.
13. Kramer, Natalene - *Parents of Children Who Had Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy: A Mixed-Methods, Exploratory Study*, Defended November, 2017.
14. Lyden, Catherine, *Job Satisfaction and Empowerment of Self-Employed Nurse Practitioners: A Mixed Methods Study*, Defended March 29, 2017.
15. Malitas, M., Exploring variables that impact post-operative outcomes in patients undergoing cardiac surgery, Defended: November 15, 2016.
16. Mckibbin, Anne E., *Assessing the Learning Needs of South Carolina Nurses by Exploring Their Perceived Knowledge of Emergency Preparedness*. Defended May 2010
17. McMahon, Patricia Pasky, *Assessing College Students Readiness To Change Alcohol Use Behavior Related to Perceptions of Alcohol Effects on Sexual Assault*, Defended November 6, 2008
18. Pearsall, Catherine, *Detection and Management of Elder Abuse: Nurse Practitioner Self-Perceptions of Barriers and Strategies*, Defended 2006
19. Radzvin, Linda Clerici, *The Occurrence Of Moral Distress In Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists*, Defended May 6, 2008.
20. Robinson, Wendy, *The Role of Forensic Nurses in Communities Experiencing Environmental Contamination*, Defended January 18, 2012
21. Shuster, Melanie Horbel, *Reliability of Urinary Bladder Pressure Measurement in Critical Care*, Defended March, 2008
22. Soeda, Etsuko, *Organ Donation in Japan: A Longitudinal Study of Quality of Life of Living Donors*, Defended June, 2010
23. Valentine, Julie – *Justice Denied: Submission Rates of Sexual Assault Kits in Utah and the Predicting Variables*, Defended: March 27, 2016
 - a. Awarded – International Association of Forensic Nurses, Annual Research Award.
 - b. Awarded – AACN the Certificate of Honorable Mention by AACN for her dissertation submitted for the Excellence in Advancing Nursing Science Award for 2016-2017.
24. Weiss, Annette M., *Mothers Behind Bars: The Lived Experience*, Defended July 19, 2010
25. Wilson, Margaret Chaney, *Health Practices of Homeless Women*, Defended 2003.
26. Wright-Brown, Salena, *The Experiences of Registered Nurses who are injured by violence while on duty in an Emergency Department*, Defended March 20, 2017.

Chair: Completed DNP Projects:

1. Sara Jennings, To Test or Not to Test, that is the Question. July 2016
2. Khara Breeden, To Test or Not to Test, that is the Question. July 2016