



ISPN Connections Fall 2017

This issue of *Connections* includes several moving reflections from ISPN leaders and members. Please enjoy these wonderful columns that challenge us all to think deeply and carefully about our world and its inhabitants.

Angela M. McNelis, Editor



From the President's Desk: Dr. Rene Love

Reflections and Dreams

As Hurricane Harvey swirled over Texas and Irma charged through Florida, I find myself reflecting on the devastation experienced from Hurricane Katrina. I am listening to similar stories of struggles, hardships, and death. We all know that while the physical devastation can be rebuilt, the mental health of the residents will take longer to return to a sense of normalcy and some may struggle for the rest of their lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of the world impacted by the natural disaster and all the first responders who are working tirelessly to support the residents. If you are part of a response team or have been affected, please let me know at relove@email.arizona.edu.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Margaret Trudeau and Suzanne Miyamoto

ISPN has signed two outstanding speakers to bookend its 20th Annual Conference and 11th Psychopharmacology Institute Preconference, April 10-14, 2018, at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center in Tempe, AZ. The [conference](#) theme is *Mental Health Care Amid Policy Crisis*.



Margaret Trudeau

Margaret Trudeau is a Canadian icon, celebrated both for her role in the public eye and as a respected mental-health issues advocate. From becoming a prime minister's wife at a young age, to the loss of both her son and her former husband, to living with bipolar disorder, Margaret tirelessly shares her personal stories to remind others of the importance of nurturing the body, mind, and spirit.

Margaret's Closing Keynote Address on Saturday, April 14, 2018, is the title of her bestselling book, "Changing My Mind," which charts her life's ups and downs. Her latest title, "The Time of Your Life," offers women an inspirational and practical approach to creating a healthy, happy, secure and satisfying future.

Margaret sits on the Executive Advisory Board of the UBC Mental Health Institute as a community advocate, and she is the former Honorary President of WaterAid, a charitable Canadian non-governmental agency that is dedicated to helping poor communities in developing countries build sustainable water-supply and sanitation services. She is also the proud mother to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN

Suzanne Miyamoto is Chief Policy Officer for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. With over a decade of policy experience, Dr. Miyamoto serves on the senior leadership team while overseeing and providing strategic guidance for the programmatic areas of health policy, higher education policy, government affairs, diversity and inclusion, strategic outreach as well as research and analytics. She also is the Executive Director for the Nursing Community Coalition that includes 64 national nursing organizations that collaborate on a wide spectrum of health policy issues.

Her Opening Keynote Address on Thursday, April 12, 2018, is "Turning Chaos Into Opportunity: Navigating the Political Waters."

The Preliminary Program will be released shortly. Check the ISPN website regularly for updated information, including the program, hotel accommodations, and registration.

Message from Catherine Kane:

Reflections on Charlottesville

The date, September 11, lives in infamy for Americans. Few other dates have such an impact. Now, however, for Charlottevillians, the date, August 12, 2017, is forever etched in our memories. As I reflect on the two tragedies, I feel... terribly disheartened. In 2001, the hate that erupted focused on country and religion, however the roots of that hatred extend back through the ages, representing a fear and mistrust of "the other." My friend and colleague, Ivora Hinton, PhD, posted on Facebook, paraphrasing another post, "It was not about bathrooms just like it was never about water fountains... and This Was Not About Statues.... The hate in Charlottesville focused on color and heritage..."

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Message from the Chair of the ISPN Foundation

Grants and Awards Committee: Evelyn Parrish

Mental Health and Wellness Grant Revised

The ISPN Foundation Board has revised the purpose and criteria for the [Mental Health and Wellness Grant](#) to better align with the constituents of ISPN. (Click [here](#) for Foundation research and travel award criteria. Application deadline is November 15, 2017.)

The purpose of this award is to recognize and support the contributions of a nursing research project or a clinical inquiry project for a graduate nursing student or junior faculty member that addresses the concerns related to mental health promotion and prevention, mental health policy development, community outreach, equity and social justice in nursing or health care for ethnic minority populations.

For example, the project can focus on the identification of mental illness, interventions, health education, or disease prevention on individuals within a community setting. The proposed research or clinical inquiry project can be qualitative or quantitative, and proposals for pilot and/or developmental research or clinical inquiry, may be submitted.

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Message from Our International Colleague:

Rachel Felmingham

Consultation Liaison Nursing Conference Review

From June 7-9, 2017, the 15th Consultation Liaison (CL) Special Interest Group (SIG) and 6th Perinatal & Infant Mental Health (PIMH) SIG Conference occurred this year in Melbourne, Australia. There was a great turnout from across Australia, including nurses from a variety of different fields such as consultation liaison, maternal child health, inpatient units and community based settings, as well as nurses from across the age span from perinatal through aged care. This year's theme was "Trauma, Resilience, Growth and Transformation: Trauma Does Not Discriminate."

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Reflections from a First-Time ISPN Conference Attendee:

Ann Roselle

I attended the annual ISPN conference as both a first-time attendee and speaker in March of this year. I found ISPN to be the **best conference** I have attended to date and a warm, welcoming organization for psychiatric nurses to network and connect. I enjoyed the small nature of the conference, which allows attendees to truly get to know one another. You cannot go to another organization and have the opportunity to personally develop relationships with the officers, the board, and seasoned members in the manner which ISPN affords nurses.

I personally have begun recommending membership to my peers, citing this "gem" of an organization which fosters everything I hold dear as a nurse: compassion, advocacy, policy, mentorship along with the ability to get involved with my profession in a meaningful manner.

Ann Roselle

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ISPN NEWS

Student Poster Abstracts: Deadline September 29, 2017

There's still time for students to submit abstracts for a poster at the 2018 ISPN Annual Conference, April 10-14, in Tempe, AZ.

The submission deadline for Student Posters is September 29, 2017, 12:00 midnight Pacific Time. Submission guidelines and instructions are available [here](#).

ISPN Members Inducted as Fellows

ISPN congratulates the following ISPN members for their induction as Fellows into the American Academy of Nursing. They will be recognized in October at the AAN Annual Conference in Washington, DC



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New ISPN Website: Coming Soon to a Screen Near You!

The ISPN Website Management Committee, chaired by Kristina Stevens, is working diligently on a completely new website for ISPN. The new website will be more user-friendly, mobile-friendly, interactive, and contemporary.

The new website is expected to launch by year's end—just in time to host all the news about the [20th Annual Conference and 11th Psychopharmacology Institute Preconference](#), April 10-14, 2018, in Tempe, AZ.



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