



UCSF Nursing Centennial

Wall of Fame



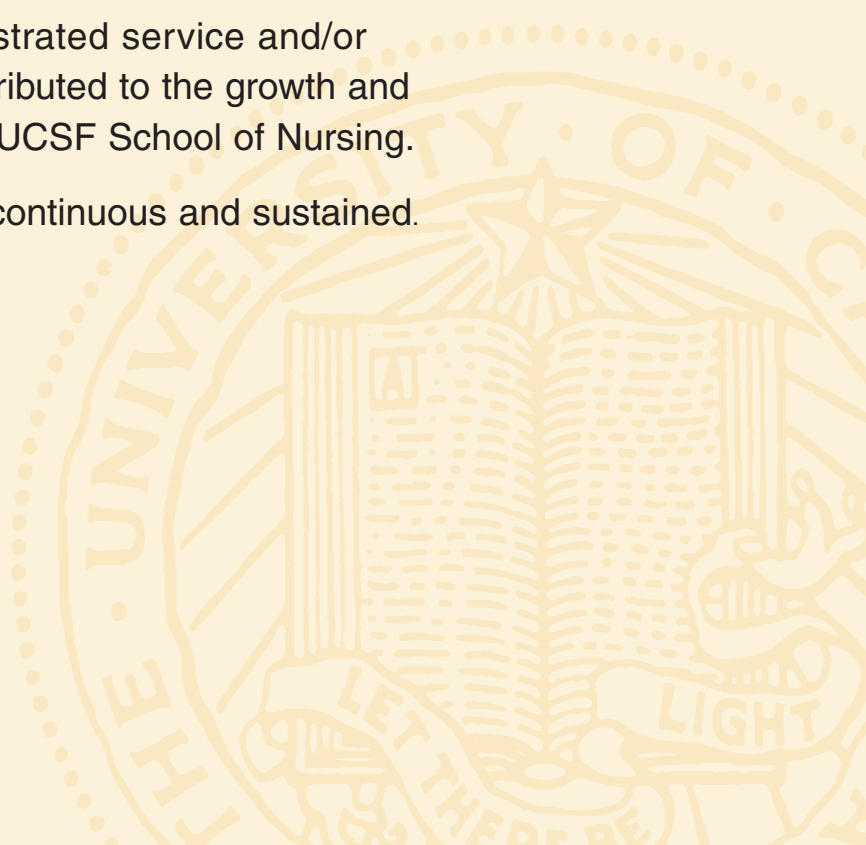
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The UCSF School of Nursing and the Nursing Alumni Association Board commemorate the UCSF Nursing Centennial by establishing a “Wall of Fame”, recognizing these 100 outstanding alumni and faculty. The Wall will be displayed at Alumni Day, at the School, and at other Centennial events.

Criteria for nominations were based on the previously established Jane Norbeck Distinguished Alumni Award criteria:

- The nominee has made significant contributions to the nursing profession and/or health care.
 - He/she has demonstrated service and/or leadership that contributed to the growth and development of the UCSF School of Nursing.
 - The service is/was continuous and sustained.
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1922 – 1933



Mary May Pickering

Recognized as director of the Training School 1922-1926, and then the first holder of the Chair that was to grow into the School of Nursing 1927-1934. She more closely aligned the Training School with the University in both academic practices and culture, and was a pivotal figure in the development of the School as it came to be.

1934 – 1957



Hannah Binhammer

Recognized for her contributions as instructor in medical nursing to the education of baccalaureate nursing students in the 40's and 50's.



Helen Walley Chesterman

Diploma 1928

Distinguished Alumna 1986

Recognized for her leadership to the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and for extensive professional contributions to volunteer and healthcare organizations.



Winifred Ham Incerti

Diploma 1929, BS 1937

Recognized for her teaching and leadership as faculty member in many of the years from the late 1930's to late 1950's. She also served as Director of Nursing for University Hospital during World War II.



Harriet Gutermute Phelps

BS 1925

Recognized for her commitment to education and practice, she developed joint educational and service programs from 1929-1957 in UC hospitals and clinics.



Margaret Tracy

Recognized for her efforts over two decades to establish the UCSF School of Nursing as an academic unit in the University. Her connection with nursing nationally, her strategic and political skills, and her ability to attract and retain a strong faculty were factors in this. She was titled Director 1934-43 and then dean 1944-55.

1958 – 1976



Lillian Aldous

MS 1952

Recognized for her sustained public health leadership as assistant director of public health nursing for Santa Clara County, and director of public health nursing for the City of San Jose. Among other programs, she established the Head Start project for San Jose.



Esther Silverstein Blanc

BS 1934

Recognized for her contributions to our psychiatric nursing curricula in its early establishment. She served in the OR in Spain on the front lines of WWII. Her writings about Florence Nightingale and the history of medicine were extensively read.



Frances Contreras

BS 1966

Recognized for her leadership in the School of Nursing and School of Medicine as director of the Urban Health Project in the '70's. This evolved into the outpatient clinic and family health center at San Francisco General Hospital, permitting people in the community to have care other than the emergency room or trauma center.



Thelma Shobe Cook

BS 1952

Recognized for leadership in public health nursing in the Oakland Unified School District. She developed immunization programs and guided the important role of school nursing in its early years. She has now established the Shobe Chair and Lectureship in Ethics and Spirituality, in order to explore the link between spirituality and health.



Rosemary Ellis

BS 1944

Distinguished Alumna 1985

Recognized for her career as nurse scientist and educator. She contributed to the scholarship of nursing theory development, and the history and philosophy of nursing science.



Ann Hill

BS 1940

Distinguished Alumna 1987

Recognized as an expert teacher and clinician. She emphasized preventive care for families and children., and initiated our Certificate program in School Health.



Marion Kalkman

Head of the graduate psychiatric nursing group in the School from the late 1950's to 1972. Gained federal training funds to support the preparation of nurses to work outside of the state mental hospitals.



Doris Miller

Recognized for her development of our post-master's program in nursing administration; she served as the first nursing representative to the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Personnel.



Helen Nahm

Recognized for her foresight and leadership in developing the social sciences-nursing relationships which persist to this day. She recruited outstanding faculty and guided the School toward research strength, as Dean from 1958-1969.



Irene Pope

BS 1948

Distinguished Alumna 1984

Recognized for her leadership of nursing organizations, including the California Nurses Association, and the UCSF Nursing Alumni Association.



Anna Shannon

DNS 1970

Distinguished Alumna 1990

Recognized for her leadership in the development of new theory and practice implications of delivering nursing care to rural areas. She is also a leader in improving nursing education within the State of Montana, developing a consortium of schools of nursing for collaboration in knowledge sharing and leadership.

1977 - 2007



Patricia Jackson Allen

MS 1969

Recognized for her expertise in pediatric nursing practice. Her text on chronic pediatric health problems forms the basis of many curricula nationally and worldwide.



Jeanne Quint Benoliel

DNS 1969

Nahm Lecturer 1983

Recognized for her research on how persons learn to live with chronic illness, effects of illness on the caregiver, the experience of living with terminal illness, and identity in the face of impending death. The first graduate from the nursing doctoral program.



Shirley Chater

MS 1960

Distinguished Alumna 1996

Recognized for her leadership and service in academia and the federal government. She was among the first to develop conceptual frameworks for curriculum development in nursing, served higher education in executive positions, and was Commissioner of the federal government's Social Security Administration in its inaugural year of independence.



Anne Davis

Nahm Lecturer 1989

Recognized as a pioneer in nursing ethics, she has been consultant and lecturer about ethical issues such as informed consent and terminating treatment. She has been elected to the Hastings Center of Bioscience and Ethics, and has served the International Human Rights Committee in Geneva as Commissioner of Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights.



Sarah Gomez Erlach

BS 1949

Recognized for her efforts to improve health care for the rural poor, through her work in public health and policy. She was the first Hispanic nursing student at UCSF, and has established scholarship funds for current students.



Marilyn Flood

MS 1969

Recognized for her role as Associate Dean for Academic Programs. She provided leadership for development of the master's-entry program which became a national model.



Betty Furuta

BS 1957, MS 1959

Recognized for her coordination of the graduate psychiatric nursing program in its earliest years, resulting in high student participation. Later provided administrative leadership in developing a program for international students and visitors.



Jeanne Hallburg

Recognized for her leadership of nursing in long-term care illness. She developed and, for several years, directed the program in long term and gerontologic nursing for graduate students, securing some of the first training grants in the nation.



Betty Highley

Recognized for her direction of the maternal-child graduate program 1960-1972, and her leadership as first Chair of the Department of Family Health Care Nursing 1972-1980, a factor in its rise to national prominence.



Afaf Meleis

Nahm Lecturer 1981

Recognized for her scholarship focused on global health, immigrant's health, women's health, and on the theoretical development of the nursing discipline, she has received many international appointments and honors. Her contributions to the development of our doctoral program, and mentorship for students and new faculty were hallmarks of her career here.



Ramona Mercer

Nahm Lecturer 1984

Recognized for her research on adaptation to motherhood, adolescent pregnancy, and cross-cultural aspects of maternal child relationships. Her contributions have brought a greater basic understanding of motherhood, as well as the important role of the father in parenting.



Patricia Pothier

BS 1948, MS 1965

Distinguished Alumna 1989

Recognized for her contributions to child and adolescent care in her teaching, research, and writing. Her film, "Somebody Waiting", received a 1972 Academy Award nomination in the Documentary Short Subject category. Her leadership to the School as department chair, Associate Dean, and Acting Dean was significant, as was her direction of the profession via commissions and task forces.



Barbara Resnik

Architect of the core pathways Adult Nurse Practitioner program, from which the gerontology and occupational health NP programs were developed. Her interdisciplinary work in health maintenance and occupational health continues as a curriculum model here and nationally.



Marilyn Savedra

DNS 1974

Nahm Lecturer 1994

Recognized for her research on the assessment and management of pain in children. She devised an Adolescent Pediatric Pain Tool, widely used to assess pediatric pain and evaluate the effectiveness of medication in relieving pain.



Anselm Strauss

Nahm Lecturer 1985

Recognized for his seminal work in the sociology of the professions, his development of grounded theory as a research method provided the foundation for decades of scholarship.



Joyce Takano Stone

MS 1967

Distinguished Alumna 1988

Recognized for her leadership in the role of Gerontological Nurse Specialist. She led the way to quality care at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in San Francisco. Noted as a former faculty member who mentored students and faculty alike.





Patricia Archbold

MS 1970, DNS 1980
Distinguished Alumna 1990

Recognized for her influential leadership in health policy and research in the area of aging and long-term care of older persons. Her articles on the subject of caregiving of the elderly are cited extensively, and have had an impact on practice.



Marsha Fowler

BS 1972, MS 1973
Distinguished Alumna 1997

Recognized for her research on the interactions of religion, ethics, and nursing. Her work has informed clinical practice and academic application with regard to decision-making of nurses, patients, and families.



Suzanne Bakken

MS 1980, DNS 1989

Recognized for her international leadership in nursing and health informatics. She was one of the first in healthcare to link informatics to building quality infrastructure, evidence-based practice, and patient safety.



Susan Gortner

Nahm Lecturer 1987

Recognized for her contributions to nursing research and policy development. As Chief of the Nursing Research Branch in the Division of Nursing, she had responsibility for growth of extramural research and training programs. At UCSF, her work as Associate Dean for Research and her own investigations furthered the application of science to the bedside.



Gay Becker

Sociology PhD 1978

Recognized for her studies of aging and the life course, chronic illness, and disability, and health of ethnic minorities. Her groundbreaking books were all published by the UC Press, and are internationally recognized.



Jennie Chin Hansen

MS 1971
Distinguished Alumna 1999

Recognized for her leadership in elder care. Her guidance of senior health services at the day program "On Lok" provided medical and social services to elders, allowing them to remain in their homes and communities. Her service to AARP as Board Member and President-elect signifies her national reputation in this area.



Barbara Braden

MS 1975
Distinguished Alumna 1993

Recognized for her contributions to gerontological nursing. Her research in pressure sore formation, resulting in the Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk, has been adopted in federal guidelines as one of two measures recommended for practice.



Jane Hirsch

MS 1975

Recognized for her strong leadership of this academic medical center. As Chief Nursing Officer at UCSF Medical Center, her strong leadership through difficult times kept the Medical Center at the forefront in care.



Karen Brykczynski

DNS 1985

Recognized for her leadership in role development of the advanced practice nurse. Her texts and chapters articulate the nursing dimensions in Nurse Practitioner and advanced practice, and are used extensively in education nationally.



Miriam Hirschfeld

MS 1973, DNS 1978

Recognized for her dedicated guidance in healthcare. As Chief Nurse Scientist at the World Health Organization, she fostered programs to improve nursing education and practice worldwide.



Virginia Cleland

Recognized for her direction of the nursing administration program at UCSF. She brought groundbreaking economic and policy perspectives to our curriculum and students.



Shelley Jones

BS 1962

Recognized for leadership in nursing education at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon. Her interest in alternative medicine modalities and the engagement she has brought for student experiences makes her a leader in the field.



Pat Kessler

BS 1958

Distinguished Alumna 1998

Recognized for her outstanding service on behalf of the nursing profession and education, especially for her role as UC Alumni Regent 1995-1997; she was the second Alumni Regent from the UCSF campus.



Tamar Krulik

DNS 1978

Nahm Lecturer 1982

Recognized as a leader in work with children living with chronic, life-threatening illnesses, she is also a leader in international nursing education. Her Nahm Lecture was in memory of Dr. Eugenia Waechter.



Ida Martinson

Recognized for her work in ethnic populations in family care and with dying children. Her research brought increased understanding of the special needs and care of these families internationally.



Hiroko Minami

DNS 1982

Distinguished Alumna 2001

Recognized for her leadership in developing a disaster nursing curriculum and network at the time of the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. She has established the Japan Society of Disaster Nursing, and has provided leadership in support of other disaster victims worldwide. President of the International Council of Nurses 2005-2009, she represents millions of nurses in more than 128 countries.



Carolyn Murdaugh

BS 1976, MS 1978

Distinguished Alumna 1991

Recognized for pioneering nursing research on improving the quality of life for people with chronic illness, specifically HIV and cardiovascular disease. Served as senior scientist and chief of the Laboratory for the Study of Human Responses to Health and Illness at the National Institutes of Health.



Jane Norbeck

MS 1971, DNS 1975

Nahm Lecturer 1988, Distinguished Alumna 2003

Recognized for her research on the role of social support in health and response to healthcare. As dean of the School 1989-1999, she led its further development of research capacity, international contribution, and clinical practice initiatives in a fiscally difficult period.



Dorothy Oda

BS 1950, MS 1969, DNS 1973

Recognized for her leadership to the profession and the School. Her groundwork established the school nursing graduate specialty. She achieved Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding for school nurse preparation at all curricular levels, and established the first national comprehensive program demonstrating NP practice in the school systems. As Chair of the Department of Community Health Systems from 1989 to 1994, she guided an international focus and outstanding primary care programs.



Virginia Olesen

Nahm Lecturer 1992

Recognized for her long-standing research in women's issues, she was instrumental in developing the Women, Health and Healing specialty. This project helped to shape the field of women's health, by providing national and international training on research and teaching in the area.



Alice Reizian

DNS 1984

Recognized for her educational service to Egypt. She is Professor at the faculty of Nursing University of Alexandria, and serves as board member to several key educational organizations in Egypt.



Karen Winzen Ridlon

BS 1972

Recognized as leader who established the Eastside Baby Corner in Issaquah, WA, serving hundreds of families in need. In 2004, the Eastside Baby Corner distributed \$4 million in goods and supported public health and social workers, food and clothing banks, and other social service functions in the community.



Brenda Roberts

BS 1964, MS 1966

Recognized for her steadfast and outstanding administrative skills, she provided leadership and stability to the Department of Family Health Care Nursing for over three decades.



Phyllis Noerager Stern

DNS 1976

Distinguished Alumna 1995

Recognized for her visionary research in women's health issues and the impact of culture on the health of women. She founded the International Council on Women's Health Issues, which sponsors biennial Congresses to improve healthcare and life for women worldwide.



Margretta Madden Styles

Recognized as Dean and international leader, she catalyzed the development of a tenured faculty and School research capacity. She enhanced ties between the School and nursing departments at the Medical Center, and forged a stronger bond between the School and the Alumni Association.



Diana Taylor

MS 1976

Recognized as leader in influential primary care groups such as the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, and director of nurse-managed faculty practices at UCSF.



Patricia Underwood

DNS 1978

Distinguished Alumna 2004

Recognized for her commitment to psychiatric nursing. In 2002, she received the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Emperor of Japan for her service to victims of the 1995 Hanshin/Awaji earthquake. She was the first nurse to Chair San Francisco's Health Commission, and is former President of the California Nurses' Association.



DeLois Weekes

DNS 1989

Recognized for development and implementation of the first comprehensive student recruitment plan for the School of Nursing, identifying within this strategies and practices to attract students from underrepresented groups. Subsequently provided academic leadership at senior levels in other institutions and now serves as President of Clarkson College in Omaha, Nebraska.



Holly Skodol Wilson

Recognized for her award winning textbooks in psychiatric diagnostic systems, and her advances in educational strategies and theories. She contributed to the School as faculty and Associate Dean for Academic Programs.



Patricia Benner

MS 1970

Nahm Lecturer 1995, Distinguished Alumna 2006

Recognized for her research in nursing practice, education, and professional development worldwide. As a renowned researcher, she has lectured on critical thinking development, models of professionalism, skill acquisition, stress and coping, and ethics.



Ginger Carrieri-Kohlman

MS 1966, DNS 1974

Nahm Lecturer 2002

Recognized for her work in the symptom of dyspnea (shortness of breath). Her research has led to interventions to help asthmatics and others manage their symptoms successfully.



Catherine (Kit) Chesla

DNS 1988

Recognized internationally as an expert in the interrelationships between family processes and health, particularly in relation to chronic illness. Her work in adapting care to ethnic populations is groundbreaking.



Marilyn Chow

BS 1970, MS 1972, DNS 1982

Distinguished Alumna 1992

Recognized for her contributions to nursing through scholarship, leadership, and political and civic involvement. Her influence ranges from the local to the national level in policy, political action, and consultation.



Elizabeth (Betty) Davies

Recognized for her expertise and leadership in the field of pediatric palliative care and bereavement. She was among the first to conceive of establishing hospice programs for this age group.



Pilar Bernal de Pheils

MS 1988

Recognized as a leader in collaborative study between UCSF and Latin American/Mexican Universities. She has arranged immersion experiences in clinical care, language development, and cultural development as enrichment programs for primary care students and faculty.



Carole Deitrich

MS 1980

Recognized for her clinical practice and educational leadership in gerontological nursing, at the School and Laguna Honda Hospital. She helped form the development of geriatric primary care as a professional role, and a curricular major.



Catherine Dodd

BS 1979, MS 1983

Recognized for her political leadership at local and national levels; inspired governmental support to nursing as a profession. Served under President Clinton as Regional Director U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and later as Chief of Staff for Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



Marilyn Dodd

Nahm Lecturer 1993

Recognized for a unifying theme of a career in self-care, primarily for cancer patients. Her contributions to symptom management as a focus of inquiry have been the focal point of the Center for Symptom Management, established to foster collaborative research and benefit the lives of patients.



Kathleen Dracup

DNS 1982

Nahm Lecturer 1998, Distinguished Alumna 2005
Recognized worldwide for her investigations in the care of patients with heart disease and the effects of this disease on spouses and other family members. Appointed Dean of the School of Nursing in 2000, she is a senior leader in campus strategic planning and governance.



Barbara Drew

MS 1980, PhD 1990
Nahm Lecturer 2006

Recognized for her research program, which has improved electrocardiographic (ECG) monitoring techniques and clinical practices for more accurate diagnosis of cardiac arrhythmias. She chaired the American Heart Association's publication which was the first to recommend "best practices" for ECG monitoring in hospital settings.



Carroll Estes

Nahm Lecturer 1986

Recognized for her acclaimed scholarship in the field of aging, she played a leadership role in developing national and international policies affecting women and the aged. Her decades of research have affected the organization, delivery, and financing of health and social services.



Mary Foley

MS 1994

Recognized for her committed professional involvement and guidance. Former President of the American Nurses Association, she is a leader in local, national, and international professional organizational development.



Patrick Fox

Sociology PhD 1988
Nahm Lecturer 2005

Recognized for his research in the evaluation of social and health service interventions to inform program and policy decisions at the highest levels. His research in Alzheimer's disease — the social forces and policy responses — has been an important basis for this disease's current characterization as an epidemic.



Catherine Gilliss

DNS 1983

Recognized for her leadership in the development of family nursing. She has been a distinguished academic leader at UCSF, Yale, and Duke Universities.



Charlene Harrington

Nahm Lecturer 1999

Recognized for the long term care policy in this country, which has been informed and evaluated through her research. She developed a nursing home consumer information webpage, by which lay persons can evaluate the quality of care in institutions.



Christine Kennedy

Recognized for her work examining the impact of television on children's activity levels. Her interests have been in the forefront of research related to obesity and children.



William Holzemer

Nahm Lecturer 1996

Recognized for his research in clinical decision-making, he has fostered the growth of academic and research interest in HIV/AIDS in both local and international arenas. He has established an international research working group in HIV/AIDS and mentored faculty and students alike in this work.



Holly Kennedy

Recognized as an outstanding nurse midwife and educator; her research contributes directly to improved practice, as well as to curricular currency and graduate leadership.



Janice Humphreys

MS 1978

Recognized for her research on the experiences, strengths, and interrelationships of battered women and their children.



Kathryn Lee

Nahm Lecturer 2004

Recognized for research on sleep disruption and fatigue. The investigation of sleep disorders of women has contributed significantly to the general health of women.



Susan Janson

*DNS 1983
Nahm Lecturer 2003*

Recognized for her research in the field of pulmonary disease, and the impact of patient education on asthma management outcomes. Her establishment of interdisciplinary and interprofessional education opportunities for nursing and medical students is notable.



Katharyn Antle May

*MS 1976, DNS 1978
Distinguished Alumna 2000*

Recognized for her expertise in grounded theory research methodology, she is an academic leader in higher education as well. She has contributed to the development of maternal and neonatal nursing, as well as fostering the development of the Canadian Institute for Research in Nursing.



Sarah Kagan

MS 1989, PhD 1994

Recognized for her scholarship on older people who have cancer, she epitomizes the nurse as clinical scholar, teacher, and researcher. Named a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellow in 2003, she is the second nurse ever awarded this prestigious prize.



Kathy McCarty

BS 1977, MS 1981

Recognized for her work in the bush area of Zimbabwe Africa for over two decades. She administers two hospitals serving the Shona people of Africa, working with HIV/AIDS patients. Her leadership has enabled them to be the only local hospitals providing lifesaving ARV treatment.



Jeanie Kayser-Jones

*MS 1969
Nahm Lecturer 1997*

Recognized for her systematic investigation of problems that influence the quality of care in nursing homes. She has focused on the social, cultural, clinical, and environmental factors that influence the quality of care, and has improved nursing education of the gerontologic nurse specialist to meet the challenges in those areas.



Christine Miaskowski

Nahm Lecturer 2000

Recognized for her research in pain management. She has conducted interdisciplinary research that significantly reduces pain by directing therapy with appropriate analgesia, and has served key leadership roles in international and interdisciplinary professional organizations.



Zina Mirsky

Recognized for her administrative leadership, she has been Associate Dean for Administration for over three decades. She has brought institutional knowledge and extraordinary service to deans and the School since 1978.



Siriorn Sindhu

DNS 1992

Recognized for her influence in international nursing, she is former dean of Walailak University in Thailand, and member of the highest council for education in Thailand.



Robert Newcomer

Nahm Lecturer 2001

Recognized for his research in long term care delivery systems, he has developed innovative models for the integrated delivery of acute and community care.



Patricia Sparacino

MS 1974, PhD 2006

Recognized as an expert cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist who contributed over many years to patient care in the UCSF Medical Center and to the clinical and professional literature. Her contribution to development of CNS standards of practice is recognized nationally.



Gene O'Connell

MS 1989

Recognized for her leadership of San Francisco General Hospital, she has brought fiscal soundness and quality of care to uninsured populations.



Virginia Tilden

MS 1972, DNS 1981

Distinguished Alumna 1994, Nahm Lecturer 2007
Recognized as a scholar and researcher in the area of stress and social support, healthcare ethics, and end-of-life care.



Howard Pinderhughes

Recognized for his academic and community leadership. His facilitative skills guided the faculty to a five-year strategic plan, and also bring direction to underserved communities to eliminate root causes of violence.



Sandra Weiss

MS 1970, DNS 1975

Nahm Lecturer 1991

Recognized for her pioneering research in the effects of the tactile environment on health outcomes for neonates and infants, she has developed a widely used measure of the sensory properties of touch.



Sally Rankin

PhD 1988

Recognized for her research on management of heart disease in couples and families, she has helped identify women's high risk for heart disease. Her faculty role is complemented by her administrative responsibilities as department Chair.



Claudia West

MS 1977

Recognized for her leadership in teaching advanced skills to master's students, and her mentorship in role development and professional values.



Naomi Seboni

PhD 1993

Recognized for her leadership in Botswana higher education and international nursing. She is currently the Head of the Department of Nursing at the University of Botswana, and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development. She has served as President of the Nurses Association of Botswana and on the Council of National Representatives of ICN. Her research area is in adolescent sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and home-based care.

(1) The Selection Committee (SC) limited itself to nominations submitted; it was beyond its scope to make a judgment about whether deserving individuals were omitted by nominators. (2) Although members of the SC were generally knowledgeable about the School and many persons associated with it, it was beyond its scope to verify or "fact check" the assertions of nominators, and that the statements may tap only certain aspects of the accomplishments of those selected. 3) It was beyond the scope of the SC to get concurrence of the honorees for their listing, or to add dimensions to the nominations.

