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# CANS QUARTERLY



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This is a new quarterly newsletter exclusively for members of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS).

## CANS Updates

### Science Policy Actions

April 9: The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) and CANS provided comments regarding the **National Institutes of Health** regarding ways to **strengthen racial equity, diversity, and inclusion in the biomedical research workforce** and to expand research to eliminate health inequities. [Read the full comments.](#)

March 12: The Academy and CANS provided comments regarding the **National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health's (NCCIH) new strategic plan for fiscal years (FY) 2021-2025**. The comments reflected the focus and understanding of diversity, equity, inclusion, precision health, and population health perspectives within the context of nursing science. [Read the full comments.](#)

### Nursing Outlook Column

One of the benefits available to all members of CANS is a subscription to *Nursing Outlook*. Each edition of *Nursing Outlook* features a column written by CANS National Advisory Council Chair Nancy S. Redeker, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN.

- *March/April 2021 Column:* [Fortifying the pipeline of nurse scientists to assure the nation's health: A "career-span" approach](#)
- *January/February 2021 Column:* [The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science is Committed to the Career Development of Nurse Scientists](#)
- *November/December 2020 Column:* [The Council for Advancement of Nursing Science celebrates our 20th Anniversary and the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife at the 2020 State of the Science Conference](#) (This issue also includes a special CANS section featuring manuscripts from the 2019 Advanced Methods Conference focused on the Expanding Science of Sensor Technology in Research.)

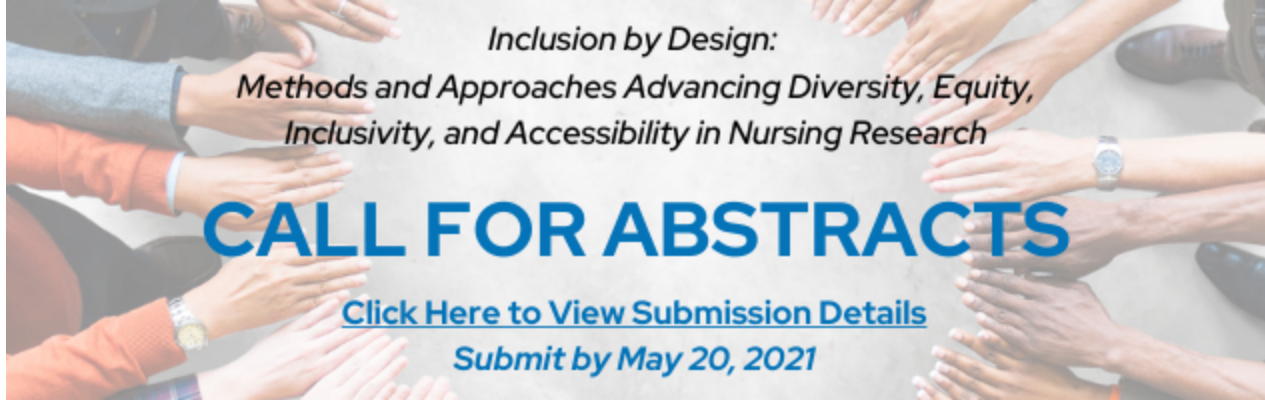


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## Advanced Methods Virtual Conference

***Inclusion by Design: Methods and Approaches Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility in Nursing Research***

**SAVE THE DATE: October 6, 2021**



## Webinars

CANS has hosted three webinars through the Special Interest Groups in the past few months. Below is a link to each webinar recording.

- [Building and Using Nurse-Led Registries for Clinical Science](#)  
*Hosted by the CANS Clinical Nurse Scientist Special Interest Group*  
Featured Speaker: **DaiWai M. Olson**, PhD, RN, Distinguished Nursing Professor, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- [Building a Community to Support Mid-Career Nurse Scientists](#)  
*Hosted by the CANS Mid-Career Special Interest Group*  
Featured Speaker: **Patricia Hershberger**, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAAN, (Chair, Mid-Career SIG), Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing
- [Overcoming Early Career Challenges and Maintaining Mental Health During a Pandemic](#)  
*Hosted by the CANS Early Career Special Interest Group*  
Featured Speaker: **Ansley Stanfill**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Research & Associate Professor, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing

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## Member Highlights

*If you would like to be featured in an upcoming edition of the CANS Quarterly newsletter, please submit your*

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**Hyochol "Brian" Ahn**, PhD, RN, MSN, MS-ECE, MS-CTS, ANP-BC, FAAN, Assistant Dean for Research and Turner Chair in Gerontological Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Cizik School of Nursing, has received a **\$2.4 million grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) to study transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS).**

Dr. Ahn has been a CANS member since 2018.

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**Holli DeVon**, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, UCLA School of Nursing, has been inducted into the **Sigma Theta Tau Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame.**

Dr. DeVon has been a CANS member since 2005 and became an Academy Fellow in 2013. She previously served as Chair of CANS.

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**Chidiebele Constance Obichi**, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Indiana University Northwest, has **published a chapter** titled "Interprofessionality: A Pathway to a More Sustainable National Healthcare System" in *Evaluating Challenges and Opportunities for Healthcare Reform.*

Dr. Obichi has been a CANS member since 2018.



**Janice Crist**, PhD, RN, FWAN, FAAN, Associate Professor University of Arizona College of Nursing, has been selected as the **2021 recipient of Western Institute of Nursing's Regional Geriatric Nursing Education Award.**

Dr. Crist has been a CANS member since 2010 and became an Academy Fellow in 2016.

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**Mary Beth Happ**, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, Distinguished Professor of Critical Care Research, Associate Dean of Research and Innovation, The Ohio State University College of Nursing, has been honored with the **Midwest Nursing Research Society's Lifetime Achievement Award.**

Dr. Happ has been a CANS member since 2014 and became an Academy Fellow in 2008.

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**Susan Rawl**, PhD, RN, FAAHB, FAAN, Doris J. Froebe Endowed Professor of Nursing at Indiana University, Co-Director of the Advanced Training in Self-Management Interventions for Serious Chronic Conditions (T32) program, and Co-leader of the Cancer Prevention and Control program at Indiana University, has been honored with the **2021 Midwest Nursing Research Society's Distinguished Contribution Award.**

Dr. Rawl currently serves as the Chair-Elect of the CANS National Advisory Council. She has been a CANS member since 2018 and became an Academy Fellow in 2009.

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## News and Opportunities

### National Institute of Nursing Research

#### News Items

- [Statement from NINR Director Dr. Shannon Zenk on Ending Structural Racism in Biomedical Research](#)
- [NIH HEAL Initiative Idea Exchange](#) – Share Your Ideas About Research to Address the Opioid Crisis. The Idea Exchange aims to crowdsource solutions to improve pain management and the prevention and treatment of opioid misuse and addiction. The comment period is open from April 6 to June 1, 2021.
- [NIH Common Fund Announces New Funding Opportunities to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity](#)

#### Opportunities

- [NIH Data and Technology Advancement \(DATA\) National Service Scholar Program](#) – Applications due April 9, 2021
- Position Available: [Director, Division of Extramural Science Programs](#) – Applications received by May 21, 2021 will be prioritized for consideration.

#### Upcoming Event

- [Director's Lecture - "Digital Health: Towards the Next Era of Healthcare Delivery and Chronic Disease Management"](#)  
April 20, 2021 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, via Videocast, Ryan J. Shaw, PhD, RN, Associate Professor at the Duke University Schools of Nursing and Medicine, will discuss the role that digital health is playing in transforming healthcare delivery and in creating new opportunities for chronic disease management across the lifespan.

#### Past Events

- [Director's Lecture - "Leveraging Strengths to Achieve Health Equity: From Clinical Insight to Program of Research"](#)  
(March 10, 2021) Sarah L. Szanton, PhD, ANP, FAAN is Health Equity and Social Justice Endowed Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Dr. Szanton's work particularly focuses on decreasing barriers to "aging in place" including addressing social determinants of health such as financial strain and racial discrimination.
- [2021 National Nursing Research Roundtable](#)  
(March 4-5, 2021) At the virtual meeting, titled "Nursing Research of the Future: Using Clinical Big Data to Explore Health Inequities and Social Determinants of Health," attendees learned about recent research findings aimed at strengthening nursing practice and improving client outcomes.
- [Virtual Event: Symptom Science Advances in Oncology Nursing](#)  
(February 4-5, 2021) This colloquium highlighted symptom science advances in oncology nursing through sessions addressing topics in health disparities, palliative and psychosocial care, symptom science, and symptom management.
- [103rd Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research \(NACNR\)](#)  
(January 26, 2021) [NACNR](#) meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and

## CANS Partner News



### American Nurses Foundation

- [American Nurses Foundation Releases Comprehensive Survey About Nurses](#)  
A year into the pandemic, the American Nurses Foundation released the results of a new survey of 22,000 nurses nationwide which covered topics facing the profession, including mental health, vaccines, finances, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and more.



### Eastern Nursing Research Society

- The [33rd Annual Virtual Scientific Sessions](#) will take place March 25-26, 2021. This year's theme is *Generating Nursing Science to Meet the Needs of a Diverse Society*.
- Latest Webinar: [Collaborative Research during Pandemic and Management of Shared Biobehavioral Research Laboratory](#)



### Midwest Nursing Research Society

- The [2021 conference](#) took place March 24-27, 2021. This year's theme is *Team Science: Advancing Culturally Responsive Research to Improve Health Outcomes*.



### Sigma

- The [2021 conference](#) will take place virtually July 21-23, 2021. The theme will be *Transforming Global Nursing Research and Scholarship Through Co-Creation, Awareness, Balance, and Purpose*.
- [Sigma Announces 2021 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Inductees](#)
- [Sigma Announces Three Emerging Nurse Researchers and Scholars for 2021](#)



### Southern Nursing Research Society

- The [2021 conference](#) took place on February 24-25, 2021. The theme was *Humanizing Care through Technology and Interdisciplinary Collaboration*.



## Western Institute of Nursing

- The [2021 conference](#) will take place on April 14-16, 2021. This year's theme is *Better Together: Integration of Nursing Research, Practice, and Education*.
- The Western Institute of Nursing co-hosted the [2021 National Nursing Research Roundtable \(NNRR\)](#) meeting. The meeting theme was *Nursing Research of the Future: Using Clinical Big Data to Explore Health Inequities and Social Determinants of Health*.

## Research!America

### Upcoming Event

- [Reaching the Peak: A Science & Technology Career Summit](#)  
June 30, 2021, 11 AM - 6 PM ET: During this one-day virtual event, early career researchers will have the opportunity to explore an array of career paths, network with fellow researchers, participate in professional development workshops, and engage in meaningful discussions around issues critical to the success of the R&D ecosystem.
  - *Related Opportunity:* [Flash Talks Competition](#)  
In this competition, early career researchers will test their science communication skills by providing a short, 3-minute presentation of their biomedical or health-related research, including its significance and broader context to a general audience. Cash prizes will be awarded.

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