

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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- Certified as a Nurse Educator by the National League for Nursing, November 2010.
- Admitted to the Bar for the practice of Law in Indiana 1988.
- Licensed as a Registered Nurse by the state of Indiana 1981 and by the state of Illinois 1996.

### **Professional Goals**

1. Join the Tenure Track Faculty at Governors State University in 2014
2. Obtain licensure as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Illinois by September of 2014

### **Academic degrees Earned**

- **Doctorate of Nursing Practice-** Governors State University, Graduated May 2010
- **Masters of Science in Nursing-** Purdue University Calumet, Graduated 2000
- **Juris Doctor-** Valparaiso School of Law- Graduated 1988
- **Bachelors of Science in Nursing-** Purdue University Calumet, Graduated 1981

### **Post Master's Academic Certifications**

- Certified as a Nurse Educator by the National League for Nursing, November 2010.
- Certificate- Nurse Educator, Governors State University, December 2007
- Certificate- Online Teaching, Governors State University, August 2006

### **Nursing Education Positions Held**

- July 2011 to Present- **Senior Lecturer-Department of Nursing**, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois.
- January 2005 to July 2011- **University Lecturer-Department of Nursing**, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois.
- September 2000 to December 2004 – **Assistant Professor of Nursing**, Purdue University North Central, Westville, Indiana.
- January 1994 to June 1996- **Lecturer**, Department of Nursing, Indiana University Northwest. Gary, Indiana.

### **Hospital Based Nursing Positions Held**

- January 2000 to April 2001- *Michael Reese Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois.*  
**Intensive Care Registered Nurse.**
- May 1998 to January 2000- *Fozzard Medical Personnel, Medstaff, and Favorite Nurses.* Agency based staff relief **Registered Nurse.**
- **Nurse Practitioner**-June 1993 to January 1994-*Methodist Hospital Northlake, Gary, Indiana.* Managed Occupational Health Clinic.
- May 1981 to October 1986- *Saint Margaret Hospital, Hammond, Indiana.*  
**Registered Nurse** - Intensive Monitored Care and Coronary Care units.

### Home Health Care

- September 1997 to May 1998-*Case Manager, Awakened Alternatives, Merrillville, Indiana.* Home health services.
- May 1997 to September 1997- *Community Home Health Services, Munster, Indiana.*  
**Case manager**
- August 1995 to May 1997- *A Priority Home Care and Hospice, Munster, Indiana.*  
**Case Manager**, High tech home nursing

### Legal Experience

- September 1990 to present- *Solo Practice-Attorney- Griffith, Indiana.*
- June 1989 to September 1990- *Abramson Reed & Adley- Attorney- Hammond, Indiana*
- May 1988 to June 1989- *Hoepfner Wagner & Evans- Attorney- Valparaiso, Indiana.*

### Awards and Honors

- Sigma Theta Tau – Current President of Lambda, Lambda chapter.  
1989- Inducted as charter and lifelong member of Mu Omega, local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International nursing honor society.
- Manchester's Who's Who- Listed among Who's Who among College Faculty.
- Membership in academic, professional and scholarly societies  
Indiana State and Lake County Bar Associations  
Indiana State Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
Sigma Theta Tau International  
The American Association of Nurse Attorneys  
The National League for Nurses  
Illinois Coalition for Nursing Resources  
Illinois Forensic Nursing Association

### Solo Publications

- The Ethics of Conducting Educational Research on Your Own Students, The Journal of Nursing Law. Accepted for publication in Volume 13, Issue 4. Date 4-10.
- Madam Pomfrey: Why she is the cause of and the cure for the current global nursing shortage. Collected presented papers of Terminus. Published by Sage Publishers 5-10
- Clinical Reasoning: Turning Your Students into Clinical Detectives. Nurse Educator. Published in Nov/Dec 2005, Volume 30, number 6, p. 28-33.
- Clinical Simulations: Role-playing to enhance clinical judgment. Nursing Education Perspectives. Published in Nov/Dec 2005. Volume 26, number 6, p. 357-361
- Confessions of an Agency Nurse. Nursing Spectrum. Published August 12, 2003.

### Grants Received

<u>Date</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Title/Use</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 2012	Governors State University	Institutional Research Grant	Student acquisition of psychomotor skills: a comparison of online and face to face teaching/learning modalities.	\$1825
August 2010	National Child Protection Training Center	Reimbursement of Tuition and travel expenses	Child Advocacy Studies Curriculum Training	\$2500
May 2010	HRSA	Equipment Grant	Grant submitted to obtain Lab equipment	Grant not funded
February 2010	HRSA	Advanced Education in Nursing	Adding an Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing Track to the Existing CNS master's degree at GSU	Grant not funded- Reconsidered for 2011 funding period
March 2007	Governors State University	Faculty Technology Grant	Incorporating Podcasting into the nursing curriculum	\$750.00
March 2006	Governors State University	Faculty Development Grant	Used to present poster at AACN conference 11/07	\$1000.00
May 2006	Governors State University	Adventures of the American Mind	Used to create web lesson entitled, Nursing Licensure, legislation and	Received training on webpage design

			Nurse Practice Acts	and creating digital material.  Received Laptop computer
June 2004	Purdue University North Central	Summer Faculty Grant	Addressing the Nursing Shortage: Reclaiming Qualified Registered Nurses	\$5000.00

**Scholarly Presentations**

<b><u>Type of Work</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Podium Presentation	Harper Community College	Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Practice	1-14
Podium Presentation	Harper Community College	School Nurse Continuing Education and Emergency Care Conference	Legal Issues in School Nursing Practice	1-14
Conference Speaker	Olivet Nazarene University	Legal Issues Conference and Mock Trial	Legal Issues in Nursing	3-13
Conference Speaker	Olivet Nazarene University	Domestic Violence Conference	Forensic Nurses and Domestic Violence	5-13
Podium Presentation	Moraine Valley Community College	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Practice	8-13

Podium Presentation	Illinois Valley Community College	Seminar for Associate Degree Students	Legal Issues in Nursing	8-30-12
Podium Presentation	Moraine Valley Community College	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Education	8-12
Podium Presentation	Olivet Nazarene University	Legal Issues Conference and Mock Trial	Legal Issues in Nursing	9-11
Podium Presentation	Prairie State University	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Education	8-11
Poster Presentation	Contemporary Forums-San Francisco, CA	Emerging Technologies in Nursing Education	A Formula for Success: Implementing an online RN-BSN program.	7-11
Podium Presentation	Olivet Nazarene University	Domestic Violence Conference	Forensic Nurses and Domestic Violence	4-9-11
Podium Presentation	Moraine Valley Community College	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Education	8-10
Podium Presentation	Governors State University	Summer Faculty Institute	Using the Discussion Board as an Evaluation Tool	6-10
Podium Presentation	Moraine Valley Community College	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Education	8-09
Poster Presentation	Albuquerque, New Mexico	28 <sup>th</sup> Meeting & Educational conference of TANNA	Toward a Model Legal Core Curriculum	10-09
Podium Presentation	Indianapolis, Indiana	Redesigning curriculum with technology conference sponsored by IUPUI school of nursing	Incorporating Podcasting into nursing curriculum	11-08
Podium	Chicago, Illinois	Terminus Academic Harry	Madame Pomfrey: Why she is the cause of and	8-08

presentation		Potter conference	the cure for the current global nursing shortage.	
Poster Presentation	San Antonio	NLN 2008 education summit	Digitized Primary Sources and Nursing Curriculum	9-08 (was unable to attend)
Podium Presentation	Prairie State University	South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Clinical Faculty Institute	Legal Issues in Clinical Nursing Education	8-09
Poster Presentation	Hilton Head, SC	Drexel Teaching with Technology in Nursing	Using multimedia to teach clinical skills in a nursing assessment course	3-08
Podium Presentation	Governors State University  Co-presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Blobaum</li> <li>• Catherine Tymkow</li> </ul>	Teaching with technology faculty workshop	Using Digitized Primary Sources for the Library of Congress' American Memory Collection to Enliven Nursing Issues and History Curriculum	6-07
Asynchronous Poster Presentation	Online Conference  Co-presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Blobaum</li> <li>• Catherine Tymkow</li> </ul>	2007 Illinois Online Conference for Teaching and Learning.	Using Digitized Primary Sources for the Library of Congress' American Memory Collection to Enliven Nursing Issues and History Curriculum	February 2007
Poster Presentation	Orlando, Florida  Co-presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Blobaum</li> <li>• Catherine Tymkow</li> </ul>	AACN 2006 Conference on Baccalaureate Nursing Education	Using Digitized Primary Sources for the Library of Congress' American Memory Collection to Enliven Nursing Issues and History Curriculum	November 2006
Poster Presentation	Merrillville, Indiana	Annual Nursing Research Consortium	Lewin's Change Theory Used to Increase Referrals to a Diabetic Education Program	November 2004
Poster Presentation	Orlando, Florida	Educational Summit, The National League	Clinical Detective Tool: A Data Gathering	September

		for Nursing	Process	2004
Poster Presentation	San Antonio Texas	Educational Summit, the National League for Nursing	The Collaborative Nursing Care Plan	September 2003
Poster Presentation	Purdue University Calumet	Sigma Theta Tau Induction	Lewin's Change Theory Used to Increase Referrals to a Diabetic Education Program	May 2000