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American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Jill Peltzer for 2016 Research Grant Award

Jill Peltzer PhD, APRN-CNS, of Kansas City, Kansas was awarded the 2016 Research Grant Award at the 36th Annual American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) Conference in Bonita Springs, Florida, May 31 – June 5, 2016. The AHNA Research Grant Award is a competitive grant that awards up to $5,000 to members conducting holistic nursing research that demonstrates advancing holistic nursing practices.

About Jill Peltzer

Jill Peltzer PhD, APRN-CNS, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas, School of Nursing. She will use this grant to fund her research into “Self-Care Practices among HIV-Infected African American Women” prior to and following a diagnosis. Peltzer plans to evaluate if a middle-range theory of self-care can be extended to the community. In order to accumulate the data needed for this experiment, Peltzer intends to listen to the stories of 10-15 HIV-infected African American women, collected through 2 one-on-one audio recorded interviews in settings most comfortable for participants. These interviews will be transcribed and narrative stories will be developed using structural narrative analysis that includes orientation, complications, evaluation, result and coda as well as the constructs of temporality, sociality and place. After these stories have been gathered, they will be analyzed to develop or extend a holistic theory of self-care to guide the development and testing of nursing interventions to optimize health outcomes.

About AHNA

At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional, specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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