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American Holistic Nurses Association Awards the Journal of Holistic Nursing Writing Excellence Award for Qualitative Research to April A. Bice, Joanne Hall and Matthew J. Devereaux

The AHNA awarded its prestigious Journal of Holistic Nursing (JHN) Writing Excellence Award in Qualitative Research at the 39th Annual Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 2nd-7th, 2019. The purpose of the Journal of Holistic Nursing Writing Excellence Award is to recognize excellence in writing and a particular focus on advancing the science of holistic nursing regarding research through publication in the Journal of Holistic Nursing.

The 2019 JHN Writing Excellence Award for a Qualitative Research article is entitled “Exploring Holistic Comfort in Children Who Experience a Clinical Venipuncture Procedure”, the authors are April A. Bice, PhD, CPNP, RN; Joanne Hall, PhD, RN, FAAN and Matthew J. Devereaux, PhD.

About April Bice

Dr. April Bice, PhD, CPNP, RN, is an Assistant Professor and Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. As coordinator of the didactic and clinical pediatric courses in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, her teaching is focused on advanced primary care of infants, children, and adolescents. Dr. Bice has a program of research and service dedicated to pediatric procedural holistic comfort enhancement, holistic care across populations, pediatric pain management, and pediatric advanced practice nursing. She has experience caring for hospitalized and outpatient children in the areas of hematology/oncology, surgery, emergency care, neonatal and pediatric intensive care, primary care, and care at the end-of-life. Dr. Bice is also currently still in practice part-time as a pediatric nurse practitioner in a Federally Qualified Health Center in Wilmington. Dr. Bice is committed to global health and is dedicated to increasing vaccine adherence across communities with the specific aim of decreasing morbidity and mortality related to childhood infectious disease.

About Joanne Hall

Joanne M. Hall, PhD, RN, FAAN, from Dubuque, Iowa, holds a BS in psychology, a BSN, and a MA in Nursing. After leaving the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Hall joined the faculty at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Before retirement in 2017, Dr. Hall accrued approximately 20 years at
University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN, teaching and doing research. Dr. Hall’s research has included women’s health, mental health, substance use, HIV illness, and trauma.

About Matthew Devereaux

Matthew Devereaux, PhD, is a Professor and Human Development Extension Specialist in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Georgia and his Master’s and PhD in Child & Family Studies from the University of Tennessee. In his current role he is responsible for proactively developing, implementing and evaluating programs and activities that support the county outreach through UT’s network of Family and Consumer Science and 4-H Youth Development Agents.

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 nonprofit professional membership organization is 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 mind body and spiritual health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of holistic healthcare professionals. AHNA currently serves more than 5,500 members through 166 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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