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American Holistic Nurses Association Awards the Journal of Holistic Nursing Writing Excellence Award for Quantitative Research to Colleen Delaney, Ruth G. McCafferey, Cynthia Barrere, Amy Kenefick Moore, Dorothy J. Dunn, Robin J. Miller, Shiela L. Malony, Debra Thomas, Teresa C. Twomey and Xiaoyuan (Susan) Zhu

The AHNA awarded its prestigious Journal of Holistic Nursing (JHN) Writing Excellence Award in Quantitative 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 Quantitative Research article is entitled, “Trends in Contemporary Holistic Nursing Research”, and the authors are Colleen Delaney PHD, RN, AHN-BC, HWNC-BC; Ruth G. McCaffrey, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, GNP-BC FAAN FAANP; Cynthia Barrere PhD, RN, CNS, AHN-BC, FAAN; Amy Kenefick Moore, PhD, CNM, FNP-BC, APHN-BC, HWNC-BC RN, APRN; Dorothy J. Dunn PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AHN-BC; Robin J. Miller PhD, RN, CNE; Sheila L. Molony PhD, APRN, GNP-BC; Debra Thomas DNS, RN, ANP/FNP; Teresa C. Twomey EdD, RN and Xiaoyuan (Susan) Zhu, MA.

About Colleen

Colleen Delaney, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, HWNC-BC, is an Associate Research Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and the Founding Director of the Holistic Nursing Graduate Certificate Program. She is the Immediate-Past Treasurer of the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA), faculty of the AHNA Integrative Healing Arts program, Associate Editor of the Journal of Holistic Nursing, and contributing author of the Scope and Standards of Holistic Nursing. She holds national board certification in Advanced Holistic Nursing and Health and Wellness Coaching. Dr. Delaney conducts clinical and health outcomes research with an emphasis on improving health status and health care delivery systems for older adults and their families. Her major areas of investigation are: nurse-led multicomponent interventions for older adults with heart failure receiving home care services, evidence-based home care interventions to enhance care of older adults with depression, and holistic nursing education.
About Cynthia

Cynthia Barrere, PhD, RN, CNS, AHN-BC, FAAN, is the Chair of Faculty Development, Director of Research, and Professor in the School of Nursing, Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. She is a board certified Advanced Holistic Nurse, an associate editor for the *Journal of Holistic Nursing*, and an editorial board member for the *Holistic Nursing Practice* journal. She has conducted research that contributed to advancing the science of nursing practice related to older adults with chronic conditions. Her leadership expertise in education, quality improvement, and evidence-based practice has enhanced the quality of care systems and patient outcomes in a variety of health institutions, outpatient facilities, and home care agencies.

About Amy

Amy Kenefick Moore, PhD, CNM, FNP-BC, APHN-BC, HWNC-BC, RN, APRN received a PhD in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts and did a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University. She is certified as an Advanced Practice Holistic Nurse, a Health and Wellness Nurse Coach, a Family Nurse Practitioner, and a Certified Nurse Midwife. She has been on the faculty of the School of Nursing at UConn since 1999 and held a joint appointment at the UConn School of Medicine. She has a private nurse coaching practice, specializing in serious illness and end of life. In addition to research in holistic nursing practice, she is interested in nursing theory development and writing creative nonfiction. In all her holistic nursing activities, she focuses on quality of life throughout the lifespan, believing that it’s never too late to make things better than they might have been.

About Dorothy

Dr. Dorothy J. Dunn, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AHN-BC, is an Associate Professor from Northern Arizona University, College of Health and Human Services, School of Nursing in Flagstaff, Arizona. She is double board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Holistic Nurse. Dr. Dunn is the owner and founder of Dunn Family Wellness, LLC in Flagstaff, Arizona, offering comprehensive memory loss evaluations, treatment and recommendations for persons and their family who have a concern of memory loss and neurocognitive changes. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners awarded
her the Arizona State Award for NP Clinical Excellence. The Northern Arizona University honored her this year for the 2019 Research and Creative Activity Award. Her research is focused on formal and informal rural caregivers of persons with dementia in Northern Arizona. She has earned an international reputation for Dunn’s Theory of Compassion Energy and has authored multiple publications and provided multiple regional, national, and international presentations. She serves as President of the Society of Rogerian Scholars and Editor of *Visions: The Journal of Rogerian Nursing Science*.

### About Robin

Robin Miller, PhD, RN, CNE, is an Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. Her current research is in the area of factors that increase the success of students in second-degree, accelerated nursing programs. Previously, Robin Miller was the co-investigator of “Risk & Protection in Trajectories of Preterm Infants: Birth to Adulthood” and a research nurse on a project assessing the effects of open bay versus single-room in NICU on infant outcomes at discharge. Besides AHNA, she is involved in ACHNE, Sigma Theta Tau International, ENRS, and ANA. Dr. Miller is a recipient of the Nightingale Award from the VNA of Southeastern Connecticut.

### About Sheila

Sheila Molony, PhD, APRN, GNP-BC, FGSA, FAAN, is a Professor of Nursing at Quinnipiac University and is board-certified as a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Molony’s research focuses on at-homeness, quality of living and person-centered care for older adults, including those living with dementia. Dr. Molony has a BS in Nursing from Boston University, and an MS and PhD from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Molony was awarded the Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity, Claire M. Fagin Fellowship, during her postdoctoral work sponsored by the John A. Hartford Foundation and conducted at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. In 2018, Dr. Molony was inducted as a Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America and the American Academy of Nursing.
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 services 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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