



The Science of Caring for the Underserved

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Pressing health problems in America today demand urgent solutions for compassionate and competent care of individuals, families and communities. Faculty and students at OHSU School of Nursing conduct research focused on the priorities for health care established by the National Institutes of Health and other research organizations. Through nursing science, we are committed to strengthening nursing practice and health care delivery and eliminating disparities in access to care, implementation of care and health outcomes.

This issue of *Discovery* focuses on "The Science of Caring for the Underserved." Research in this area provides needed guidance for effective management of marginalized or underserved populations with complex health needs.

In this issue, you will be introduced to published findings from the OHSU School of Nursing research on health disparities, ethical issues at end of life, mental health needs of young children, childhood experiences with attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, adolescent dating violence, and strength and vulnerability in American Muslim women who have been victims of violence. Each section also contains faculty and student or post-doctoral fellow profiles. Also in this issue you will be provided with updates from the three School of Nursing centers – the OHSU Center for Healthy Aging, the John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence and the Center for Research on Symptom Management in Life-Threatening Illness. And you will be introduced to two new research centers, the OHSU Center for Health Disparities Research and the Center for Family Care in Oregon.

The OHSU School of Nursing is committed to conducting and disseminating research that will improve the care of those in both underserved and mainstream communities. We would like to invite you to share in our excitement of nursing science as you peruse these pages.

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