

Scholarly Accomplishments
Students of the PhD Program
University of Pittsburgh
School of Nursing
2024-2025



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This document summarizes the outstanding scholarly accomplishments for which the current students in the PhD Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing received notification in academic year 2024-2025. This extensive list of scholarly accomplishments is a testament to the extraordinary students in our program, the dedication of our PhD Program faculty, and their contributions to the development of nursing science. We applaud your exceptional work and look forward to your achievements in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Sincerely,

Heidi Donovan, PhD, RN
Professor and PhD Program Director

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Larissa Allen

- University of Pittsburgh
 - 2025 – University of Pittsburgh Office of the Provost Dissertation completion Fellowship
 - 2025 – University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 3MT Finalist

Shahrzad Asadollah

- Sleep Research Society, SLEEP Conference 2025
 - First-Time Attendee Award

Carol Bennett

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Corinne M. Barnes Doctoral Scholarship Award

Katherine Cahir

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Enid Goldberg Sigma Eta Chapter Scholarship
 - Enid Goldberg Award for Graduate Students Pursuing a Career in Nursing Leadership
- Sigma Foundation for Nursing
 - Dion Family Scholarship, 2025
- Jewish Healthcare Foundation
 - Salk Health Activist Fellowship
- Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS)
 - SIRS Early Career Award – Awarded for outstanding poster presentation at the SIRS 2025 Annual Congress

Katrina Carr

- Oncology Nursing Society – Greater Pittsburgh Chapter
 - 50th Annual Congress Scholarship

Myeong-ga Cho

- Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, Mass General Brigham, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA
 - MGH Workshop on Research Methods in Supportive Oncology
- Columbia University Department of Epidemiology
 - Episummer course scholarship
 - Asynchronous: Introduction to Multi-Level Modeling
- University of Michigan
 - Genomics for Social Scientists- Epigenetics virtual workshop scholarship
- University of Pittsburgh
 - Bessie Li Sze Memorial Scholarship for Oncology Nursing

Cameron Herbst

- Allegheny General Hospital
 - 2025 AGH School of Nursing Alumnae Scholarship

Jeong Eun Kim

- University of Pittsburgh
 - Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship
- Alzheimer's Association International Conference (Toronto, Canada)
 - Conference Fellowship

Abigail Lustyik

- University of Pittsburgh
 - K. Leroy Irvis Predoctoral Fellow
- Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, Pittsburgh Chapter
 - The ARCS Pittsburgh Member Scholar Endowed Award

Rezvaneh Manzour

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Rose Constantino Endowed Scholarship, 2024-2025

Mercy Opatye

- Corrine M. Barnes Scholarship

Reindolf Opong

- University of Pittsburgh, Pitt Global
 - Deborah Jeanne Gillotti Graduate Fellowship Fund (Y26)

Xueying Pei

- Oncology Nursing Foundation
 - 2025 ONS Congress Scholarship

Hector Salazar

- University of Pittsburgh
 - K. Leroy Irvis Predoctoral Fellow

Morty Shamsizadeh

- American Thoracic Society (ATS)
 - ATS 2025 Student Scholars Program, ATS 2025 International Conference

Youjia Wang

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Bessie Li Sze Memorial Scholarship

Kai-Lin You

- National Cancer Institute
 - NIH/NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition (F99/K00) Award [F99 CA294268]
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
 - Team Shark Tank Award Finalist, Hillman Cancer Center Scientific Retreat 2024
- Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care
 - Early-Career Scholar, NCI R25 Research Methods in Supportive Oncology Workshop

Yuchen Zhang

- Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

- Episummer@Columbia Scholarship
- University of Pittsburgh
 - Institutional nominee for Google PhD Fellowship

Jessie Zhu

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Swigart/Gold Doctoral Award for Scholarship in Nursing Ethics FY25
 - Patricia Jones Hodgson Scholarship

RESEARCH FUNDING

Carol Bennett

- Cleveland Clinic
 - Catalyst Grant Award
 - Title: Toxic Metal Levels in Infants: Impact of Red Blood Cell Transfusions
 - Funding Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
 - Award amount: \$60,040

Katherine Cahir

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Predoctoral Fellow, T32 2NR008857: Technology Research in Chronic and Critical Illness
 - PI: Young Ji Lee
 - 2023-2025

Katrina Carr

- Genetics T32 Grant
 - Predoctoral Fellowship
- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Janice Scully Dorman Research Award

Myeong-ga Cho

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Janice Scully Dorman Endowed Omics Research Award
 - E. Jane Martin Research Award
 - Cancer Survivorship Hub Grant

Sondos Eqylan

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Jayne F. Wiggins Research Award (Y26)
 - "Changes and Predictors of Health-Promoting Behaviors among Stroke Caregivers: A 3-Month Follow-up Study"

Woonkyung Kim

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Ruth and Bill Fincke PhD Student Research Award
 - Title: Identifying Social Determinants of Health Subtypes Associated with Preventable Hospitalizations in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia: A Data-Driven Study Using the All of Us Dataset
 - PI: Woonkyung Kim
 - Period: September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
 - \$4,349

Emily He

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Predoctoral Fellow, T32 2NR008857: Technology Research in Chronic and Critical Illness
 - PI: Young Ji Lee
 - 2024-2026

Reza Heidari-Soureshjani

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob Internal Research Award
 - “Exploring the Experience of Uncertainty Among Caregivers: A Directed Qualitative Content Analysis”

Cameron Herbst

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Predoctoral Fellow, The Targeted Research and Academic Training Program for Nurses in Genomics (T32NR009759)
 - PI: Yvette Conley PhD, FAAN
 - Award Period: 8/1/2024 – 8/1/2025
 - Newmeyer/Thompson Research Award

Abigail Lustyik

- Genetics T32 Grant
 - Predoctoral Fellow, T32NR009759-20: Targeted Research and Academic Training Program for Nurses in Genomics
 - PI: Yvette Conley
 - Grant Period: 8/2024-8/2025
- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Cancer Survivorship Research and Scholarship Hub Pilot Award
 - Title: Beyond Generalized AYA Survivorship: Exploring Long-term Physical Health Outcomes and Frailty Rates Among Adolescent, Emerging Adult, and Young Adult Cancer Survivors, as Compared to Age-matched Healthy Controls
 - PI: Lustyik, A
 - Grant Period: 07/1/2025-06/30/2026
 - Total Award: \$4,184
 - Margaret E. Wilkes Research Award FY26
 - Title: Exploring Inflammaging and Socioeconomic Pathways Underpinning Frailty in Young Adult Cancer Survivors
 - PI: Lustyik, A
 - Grant Period: 07/1/2025-06/30/2026
 - Total Award: \$6,872

Sarina Rashidi

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Juliana Shayne Research Award 26 (2025–2026)

Morty Shamsizadeh

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Leslie A. Hoffman Research Award
 - FY26
 - \$10,877

Youjia Wang

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
 - Judith A. Erlen Nursing PhD Student Research Award (\$4,674) 9/1/2025-8/31/2026

Kai-Lin You

- UMPC Hillman Cancer center
 - Team Shark Tank Award
 - Title: Co-design of a gamified electronic patient-reported outcome platform to enhance patient and care outcomes
 - \$10,000
 - 2024-2025
 - Mentors: Dr. Teresa Hagan Thomas, Dr. Carissa Low
- National Institute of Health/National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)
 - Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition (F99/K00) Award
 - Title: Return-to-work issues in healthcare workers diagnosed with cancer: investigation and intervention development
 - \$99,448
 - 2024 – 2026
 - Sponsor & Co-Sponsor: Dr. Teresa Hagan Thomas & Dr. Catherine Bender

PUBLICATIONS

Larissa Allen

1. **Allen, L.**, Zelazny, J., & Sereika, S. (2025). *Associations between suicidal ideation and behaviors, sexual violence victimization, and sexual identity in youth: a secondary data analysis of the 2021 YRBS*. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*. Doi: 10.1097/JFN.0000000000000530

Carol Bennett

1. Das, A., Stoicoiu, S., DiFiore, T., **Bennett, C.**, Padiyar, S. (2024). The Knowledge Gap between Day and Night Shift Nurses and the Effect of Digital Self-Paced Learning. A Survey Questionnaire-Based Study. *Journal of neonatal nursing: JNN* 30.5, 498–501. Web
2. Stoicoiu, S., Das, A., **Bennett, C.**, DiFiore, T. (2022). Knowledge of Neonatal Intensive Care Nurses About Neonatal Diseases. *Pediatrics*: 149(1):692.
3. DiFiore, T., **Bennett, C.**, Burdjalov, V. (2020). Improving Human Interaction: High Touch, High Impact: The development of a Massage Program in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. *Neonatology Today*;15(10):175-176.
4. **Bennett, C.** (2017). Partnering with Your Caregivers in the Care of the Special Populations: The Surgical Newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In Modic, M. & Canfield, C. (Eds.), *Navigating Your Hospital Stay: A Guide Written by Expert Nurses*. (pp. 324-329). Book Baby.

Katherine Cahir

1. Fontaine, G., Mooney, M., Porat-Dahlerbruch, J., **Cahir, K.**, Ellen, M., Spinewine, A., Taylor, N., Laritz, R., Bourbeau-Allard, È., & Grimshaw, J. M. (2025). Advancing the selection of implementation science theories, models, and frameworks: A scoping review and the development of the SELECT-IT meta-framework. *Implementation Science*, 20, 24. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-025-01436-5>
2. Porat-Dahlerbruch, J., Chen, I., **Cahir, K.**, & Blumenthal, N. P. (2025). Adaptation of the Nurse Practitioner Integration Model for older adult primary care models. *Geriatric Nursing*, 65(5), 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gerinurse.2025.103453>
3. Hwang, S. Y., Song, Y. M., Heo, P. H., Kim, S., **Cahir, K.**, & Lee, H. (2025). Factors associated with cardiovascular health behaviors in younger and older adults with schizophrenia living in the community in Korea: A cross-sectional study. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07317115.2025.2539949>

Katrina Carr

1. Wesmiller S, Sereika S, Alex H, **Carr K**, Bender C, Diego E, McAuliffe P, Steiman J, & Conley Y. (2024). GDF15 and History of Pregnancy-induced Nausea as Predictors of Treatment-induced Nausea Severity in Women following Surgery for Early-Stage Breast Cancer. *Supportive care in cancer*.
2. Wesmiller S, **Carr K**, Conley Y, & Sereika S. (2024). Measuring the Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on a Longitudinal Study. *Chapter in Springer Nature*.

Myeong-ga Cho

1. Bender, C. M., Sereika, S. M., Gentry, A. L., Zhu, Y., Wagner, M., Cuglewski, C.,

P. F., Marsland, A. L., Conley, Y. P., & Erickson, K. I. (2025). Aerobic exercise and aromatase inhibitor-associated musculoskeletal symptoms: results of a randomized clinical trial. *Supportive care in cancer: official journal of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer*, 33(3), 244. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-025-09257-4>

2. **Cho, M.**, & Bender, C. M. (2025, August). Processing Speed in Patients with Cancer: A Concept Analysis. In *Seminars in oncology nursing* (Vol. 41, No. 4, p. 151946). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soncn.2025.151946>

Coco Dong

1. Wilckens KA, Habte RF, **Dong Y**, Stepan ME, Dessa KM, Whitehead AB, Peng CW, Fletcher ME and Buysse DJ (2024) A pilot time-in-bed restriction intervention behaviorally enhances slow-wave activity in older adults. *Front. Sleep* 2:1265006. doi: 10.3389/frsle.2023.1265006
2. Orbell, S.L., Morris, J.L., Scott, P.W., Baniak, L.M., Imes, C.C., Jeon, B., Wang, W., **Dong, Y.**, Strollo, P.J., & Luyster, F.S. (2025). The triple overlap of COPD, severe obesity, and high risk of OSA: insights from an NHANES analysis. *BMC Pulmonary Medicine*, 25, 282.
3. **Dong, Y.C.**, Habte, R. F., Dessa, K. M., Fletcher, M. E., Ianni, A., Lopresti, B. J., Schenk, K. E., Aizenstein, H. J., Cohen, A. D., Yates, N. A., Karikari, T. K., Weinstein, A. M., Gebara, M. A., Butters, M. A., Wallace, M. L., Buysse, D. J., & Wilckens, K. A. (in press). *Targeting sleep slow-wave activity to improve cognition and Alzheimer's pathophysiology: An experimental behavioral intervention protocol.*

Emily He

1. Campbell, K. E., Dunham, M. M., **He, E. S.**, Kagan, S. H., Kinnane, N. A., Krishnasamy, M., Lynch, M.P., Staats, K., & Torstveit, A. H. (2025). Using our nursing superpower: Improving cancer care for older people and their care partners by addressing what matters most. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 12.

Reza Heidari-Soureshjani

1. Kadhim ZJ, **Heidari-Soureshjani R**, Mohammadi T, Sayadi L. Nurses' resilience and burnout during COVID-19 pandemic: A cross-sectional study. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Care*. 2024 Oct 7;13(1):22-30.
2. Reihani H, Ebrahimi-Dehkordi S, Moshfeghinia R, Ghiasi-Nejad A, Noorizadeh K, **Heidari-Soureshjani R**. Radiofrequency Ablation as an Alternative and Novel Procedure in the Intraepithelial Neoplasia Management: A Systematic Scoping Review. *Health Science Reports*. 2025 Jun;8(6):e70938.

Cameron Herbst

1. **Herbst, C.**, Rosenzweig, M. Q. (2025). The incidence of CNS metastases in HER-2
Oncology Nursing Forum. 52(2), 34-35.

Jeong Eun Kim

1. Ren, D., **Kim, J.**, Grill, J. D., & Lingler, J. H. (2025). Estimating the optimal cutoff for the IGT-AD Distress subscale adapted for amyloid PET results disclosure. *Alzheimer's & Dementia : Translational Research & Clinical Interventions*, 11(2), e70116. <https://doi.org/10.1002/trc2.70116>

2. **Kim, J.**, Ren, D., Cohen, A. D., Lopez, O. L., Lingler, J. H. (2025). Emotional distress following amyloid PET result disclosure: Heightened among those with cognitive symptoms. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*.
3. **Kim, J.**, Knox, M. L., Grill, J. D., Witbracht, M., Zhang, Y., Salazar, H., Garrett, M., Russ, E., Medina, M. (2025). Virtual data collection strategies in research on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). *Innovation in Aging*.

Morty Shamsizadeh

1. **Shamsizadeh M.** Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Enhance Nursing Care for Patients Undergoing Eye Surgery. In *Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology 2025* Jul 23 (pp. 417-431). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
2. Yaghoobzadeh A, Allen KA, Bagheri M, Ong FS, **Shamsizadeh M.** Psychometric evaluation of the shorter version of expectation regarding aging instrument (ERA-12-Persian) among older adults in Iran. *BMC psychology*. 2025 Jul 1;13(1):647.
3. Siahvashi MM, **Shamsizadeh M**, Tapak L, Ghiasian M, Azizi A. Comparison of the effects of nursing and peer education on quality of life and resilience in patients with multiple sclerosis: A randomized clinical trial. *Heliyon*. 2024 Oct 30;10(20).
4. Maleki S, Karampourian A, Khazaei S, Gholyaf M, **Shamsizadeh M.** Comparison of the effect of ice chips and water spray on thirst, dry mouth and overweight of hemodialysis patients. *Journal of Research in Urology*. 2024 Aug 10;8(1): 27-35
5. Kamalvand N, **Shamsizadeh M**, Tapak L, Azizi A. Comparison of the effect of ice sucking containing peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) with cardamom (*Elettaria cardamomum*) extract on nausea, vomiting, and drug request after laparoscopic cholecystectomy. *EXPLORE*. 2025 Sep 9:103261.

Youjia Wang

1. Siminerio, L., **Wang, Y.** & Charron-Prochownik, D. (2025, May 22). Diabetes care and education: A look backward and forward. *touchENDOCRINOLOGY*.
<https://touchendocrinology.com/diabetes/journal-articles/diabetes-care-and-education-a-look-backward-and-forward/>

Kai-Lin You

1. Williams, K. S., Hui, V., Ross, M., Zamanzadeh, D. J., Nguyen, V., Khan, Z. A., Chapman, W. W., **You, K. L.**, Murcko, A., Warsame, L., Ingram, W. M., Harman, T., & Grando, A. (2024). Empowering diversity: striving for inclusivity by leveraging the American Medical Informatics Association's "For Your Informatics" Podcast. *JAMIA open*, 7(3), ooae072. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jamiaopen/ooae072>
2. Healy, P., Xu, A., Pho, A., **You, K. L.**, Babichenko, D., Malizio, I., & Thomas, T. H. (2024). What matters to patients: Community-engaged design for healthcare-related serious games. *Proceedings of the 18th European Conference on Games-Based Learning*, 18(1). <https://doi.org/10.34190/ecgbl.18.1.2826>
3. **You, K. L.**, Wang, Y., Zhang, Y., Bender, C. M., Fennimore, L. A., Rosenzweig, M. Q., Dierkes, A. M., Terry, M. Ann, Raina, K. D., & Thomas, T. H. (2024). Nurses' returning to work after cancer: A focus group study. *Nursing Outlook*, 72(6), 102290. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.outlook.2024.102290>
4. Healy, P., Malizio, I., Pho, A., **You, K. L.**, Xu, A., Thomas, T. H. & Babichenko, D., (In press) Which part makes it work? Mechanism exploration through feature comparison in a healthcare-related serious game. *IEEE Xplore*

Yuchen Zhang

1. **Zhang, Y.**, Deng, Z., Seaman, J., Koleck, T.A. (2025). Response to Bridging the Gaps in Dementia Care: A Call for Integrated Comorbidity Management. *Health Science Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hsr2.70832>
2. Kim, J. E., Knox, M., Grill, J. D., Witbracht, M., **Zhang, Y.**, Salazar, H., Garrett, M., Russ, E., Medina, M., & Lingler, J. H. (2025). Virtual data collection strategies in research on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ARD). *Innovation in Aging*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf026>
3. **Zhang, Y.**, Deng, Z., Seaman, J., Koleck, T. A. (2025). Thinking About It All Together: A Descriptive Analysis to Understand Comorbidities in People Living With Dementia. *Health science reports*, 8(2), e70449. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hsr2.70449>
4. **Zhang, Y.**, Sereika, S., Seaman, J., Pettigrew, C., Albert, M., & Lingler, J. (2025). Caregivers' Perspectives on Discussions of Medical Treatment Preferences for People Living with Dementia Are Associated with Their Dementia Health Literacy and the Caregiving Relationship. *The Gerontologist*, gnaf033. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaf033>
5. Clevenger, C. K., Lingler, J. H., **Zhang, Y.**, Seleri, S., Parnas, M. L., & Youmans-Kidder, K. (2024). Role of nurse practitioners in comprehensive alzheimer's disease care: Barriers and opportunities for timely diagnosis. *Geriatric nursing (New York, N.Y.)*, 61, 400–407. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gerinurse.2024.11.020>

Jessie Zhu

1. Dos Santos, J. M., Kennedy, T., **Zhu, J.**, McPike, A., Ray, M., Demirci, J., & Dechant, J. (2025). Sex-Specific Adverse Association of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals on Peak Anaerobic Power and Skeletal Muscle Mass of Active Young Adults. *Journal of strength and conditioning research*, 10.1519/JSC.0000000000005223.

PRESENTATIONS

Larissa Allen

1. **Allen, L.** (2025, Feb). *Violence, Abuse, and Forensic Nursing*. Guest lecture for NUR 1128, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, PA.
2. **Allen, L.** (2025, Jan). *Care of the Sexually Assaulted Patient*. Guest lecture at the ED Nurse Course, Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA.
3. **Allen, L., Zelazny, J., & Sereika, S.** (2024, Nov). *Associations Between Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors, Sexual Violence Victimization, and Sexual Identity in Youth*. Oral presentation at Pitt School of Nursing Research Day, Pittsburgh, PA.
4. **Allen, L., Zelazny, J., & Sereika, S.** (2024, Aug). *Associations Between Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors, Sexual Violence Victimization, and Sexual Identity in Youth*. Podium presentation at IAFN Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
5. **Allen, L.** (2024, Apr). *Care of the Sexually Assaulted Patient*. Guest lecture at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

Shahrzad Asadollah

1. **Fatemeh Asadollah, Paul Scott, Yue Dong, Sanjay Patel, Jonna Morris,** Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Use in Women: Associations with Pre-Treatment Stigma, Sleep, Volume 48, Issue Supplement_1, May 2025, Page A318, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sleep/zsaf090.0732>

Carol Bennett

1. National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS): Advancing clinical expertise, promoting excellence in nursing practice, and fostering innovation within health care systems

Katherine Cahir

1. **Cahir, K., & Lee, H.** (2024, October). Navigating the Opioid Crisis: Unraveling the Link Between Social Determinants and Healthcare Utilization among Adults Prescribed Opioids. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo, Minneapolis, MN.
2. Lee, H., Seo, Y., **Cahir, K., & Haas, G.** (2025, March). Predicted and Observed 10-year Cardiovascular Events and Mortality among Adults Treated with Antipsychotic Drugs. Poster presented at the Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS) 2025 Congress, Chicago, IL.
3. Lee, H., Seo, Y., **Cahir, K., & Haas, G.** (2025, April). Comorbid Medical Conditions, Service Utilization, and Costs among Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Treated with Antipsychotic Drugs. Poster presented at the Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS) 2025 Congress, Chicago, IL. SIRS Early Career Awardee

Katrina Carr

1. **Carr K, Sereika SM, & Wesmiller S.** (2025) Fatigue, sleep disturbance, and anxiety over the first year of breast cancer treatment. Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) Congress. Seattle, WA. [Poster]
2. **Carr K, Sereika SM, Bender C, Conley Y, & Wesmiller S.** (2025) Group-Based Trajectory Modeling of Fatigue and its Genetic Associations during the First Year of Breast Cancer Treatment. Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Annual Congress. Denver, CO. [Podium]

3. **Carr K**, Methé B, Li K, Fitch A, Patel A, Conley Y, & Wesmiller S. (2024). Association of Gut Microbiota and Symptoms in Women Treated for Breast Cancer. International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) World Congress. San Diego, CA. [Podium]

Myeong-ga Cho

1. King, Lucia., Bender, C.M., & **Cho, M.** (2025, April). Social Determinants of Cognitive Function among Women in Menopausal Transition: Scoping Review. Poster presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, April 2025, Pittsburgh, PA.
2. **Cho, M.**, Sereika, S., Cummings, M., Erickson, K., Bender, C., & Conley, Y. (2025, April). Associations of genetic and epigenetic variation of BDNF with cognitive function and the role of aerobic exercise in postmenopausal women with breast cancer. Poster presentation at the 50th Oncology Nursing Society Congress, April 2025, Denver, CO.
3. Cummings, M., Sereika, S., **Cho, M.**, Bender, C., & Nilsen, M. (2025, April). Trajectories of severe oral symptoms of patients receiving treatment for head and neck cancer and their predictors. Poster presentation at the 49th Oncology Nursing Society Congress, April 2025, Denver, CO.

Coco Dong

1. **Dong, Y.**, Zhang, Y.Z., Grainer, K., Bandison, L., & Lee, K. (2025). Enhancing International Student Health Awareness and Literacy Through Interprofessional Education. 36th International Nursing Research Congress. Seattle, Washington.
2. **Dong, Y.**, Rajesh, S.L, Scott, P.W., & Morris, J.L. (2025) Tracking the Economic Burden of Dementia: Changes in Care Costs and Spending Elasticity Relative to GDP and Per Capita Health Expenditure. Oral presentation at Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Sondos Eqylan

1. **Eqylan, S.**, Sereika, S., Crago, E., Sherwood, P., & Donovan, H. (April, 2025). Trajectories and Predictors of Resilience Among Neuro-Oncology Caregivers. Poster presentation at the 50th Annual Oncology Nursing Conferences. Denver, Colorado.

Emily He

1. **He E**, Lustyik A, Bozich C, Duran Basso P, Booze G, & Belcher SM (2025). Do health information seeking behaviors among patients taking oral anticancer medication for multiple myeloma differ by socioeconomic status? An exploratory, qualitative, descriptive study. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 52(2, abstr RS82), 33-34. doi:10.1188/25.ONF.E14 Poster presentation at the 50th Oncology Nursing Society Annual Congress, Denver, CO, April 9-13, 2025

Reza Heidari-Soureshjani

1. **Soureshjani, R.H.**, Sayadi, L., Mohammadi, T., Donovan, H., Karimi-Rozveh, A. And Vaezi, M., 2025, March. Uncertainty, preparedness, and distress of family caregivers before and after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation: a secondary analysis: RS83. In *Oncology Nursing Forum* (Vol. 52, No. 2, P. 34).
2. **Heidari-Soureshjani, R.**, Donovan, H. (2025, September 17). *Concept analysis of caregiver uncertainty: Refining Mishel's Uncertainty in Illness Theory for caregivers*. Poster presented at the NINR 40th Anniversary Scientific Symposium, NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD.

3. **Heidari-Soureshjani, R.** (2024, September 25–27). *Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice Conference*. [Conference participation].

Cameron Herbst

1. **Herbst, C.** & Rosenzweig, M. Q. (2025, August 24). Geospatial and Histopathological Features of Metastatic Breast Cancer in Allegheny County. Great Lakes Breast Cancer Research Symposium. Pittsburgh, PA. [Poster]
2. **Herbst, C.** & Rosenzweig, M. Q. (2025, April 25). The Incidence of CNS Metastases in HER-2 Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer: Possible Protective Effects of CDK4/6 Inhibition. ONS Congress. Denver, CO. [Poster]

Jeong Eun Kim

1. **Kim, J.**, de Rosa, C., Ren, D., Grill, J. D., Lingler, J. H. (2025, July). *Preferences for Receiving and Sharing ADRD Related Health Information Following Biomarker Testing Among Cognitively Symptomatic Individuals and their Care Partners*. Poster presentation at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Toronto, Canada.
2. Ren, D., **Kim, J.**, Grill, J. D., Lingler, J. H. (2025, July). *Exploring the Optimal Clinical Cutoff for the IGT-AD Distress Subscale Adapted for AD Biomarker Results Disclosure*. Poster presentation at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Toronto, Canada.
3. Lingler, J.H. **Kim, J.**, Garrett, M., Salazar, H., Zhang, Y., de Rosa, C., Knox, M. L., Witbracht, M. G., Grill, J. D. (2025, July). *Information and Support Needs Following Biomarker-Informed ADRD Diagnoses: Insights from New IDEAS Participants in the PARADE Study*. Poster presentation at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Toronto, Canada.
4. **Kim, J.**, Ren, D., Lee, Y., Lingler, J. H. (2025, November). *Predictors of Preferences for Receiving and Sharing Cognitive Health Information Among ADRD Clinical Research Participants*. Poster presentation at the American Medical Informatics Association. Atlanta, GA.
5. De Rosa, C., **Kim, J.**, Grill, J. D., Lingler, J. H. (2025, November). *Patients' and Care Partners' Experiences with Biomarker-Informed Evaluation for Cognitive Impairment*. Poster presentation at the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

Abigail Lustyik

1. **Lustyik A**, He E, Bozich C, Booze G, Duran Basso P, Belcher SM (2025, April 9-13). Exploring the symptom experience of patients taking oral anticancer medications for multiple myeloma: A qualitative, descriptive study. Poster presentation at the Oncology Nursing Society Congress (ONS) 2025 in Denver, CO, United States
2. He E, **Lustyik A**, Bozich C, Booze G, Duran Basso P, Belcher SM (2025, April 9-13). Do health information seeking behaviors among patients taking oral anticancer medication for multiple myeloma differ by socioeconomic status? An exploratory, qualitative, descriptive study. Poster presentation at the Oncology Nursing Society Congress (ONS) 2025 in Denver, CO, United States
3. Belcher S, **Lustyik A**, Villalpando N, Bender C, Dunbar-Jacob J, Rosenzweig M, Agha M, Sabik L, Muluneh B, Copeland V, Yeager K (2024, November 20-22) The patient perspective of healthcare system factors that affected their adherence to oral anticancer

medications for multiple myeloma: A qualitative, descriptive study. Poster presentation at the International Society for Medication Adherence (ESPACOMP) 2024 in Naples, Italy

4. **Lustyik A**, Snyder A, Klein S, & Belcher SM (2024, November 8). Higher neighborhood deprivation is associated with higher symptom severity and burden among survivors of multiple primary cancers. Poster presentation at the First Annual School of Nursing Research Day: Frontiers of Discovery in Pittsburgh, PA, United States.

Rezvaneh Manzour

1. Yang, M., **Manzour, R.**, Lee, H. (2025, April). Healthy longevity in individuals with serious mental illness: A quality improvement approach., Poster session was presented at the meeting of the 2025 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Pittsburgh, PA

Xueying Pei

1. ***Pei, X.**, Ma, W., Rosenzweig, M. Q. (2025 Apr 11). *The patient-reported perceptions and patterns of weight change among women during early-stage breast cancer (ESBC) chemotherapy*. Presented at the 2025 50th Oncology Nursing Society Congress, Denver, CO.
2. Wawrzynski, M., Garrow, H., O'Banion, N., **Pei, X.**, Wang, Y., Sereika, S. M., Charron-Prochownik, D. (2025 Apr 8). Mother and Daughter (M-D) Behavioral Randomize Control Trial to Reduce Risks of Gestational Diabetes (GDM) among Female American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Adolescents: Importance of Institutional Review Boards (IRB). Presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2025, Pittsburgh, PA.
3. ***Pei, X.**, Scott, P. W., Morris, J. L. (2025 Apr 3). *The psychometric properties of the body esteem scale-highlighting facial appearance concerns in midlife women with obstructive sleep apnea*. Presented at the 2025 37th Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA.
4. ***Pei, X.**, Bender, C., Sereika, S. M., Rosenzweig, M. Q. (2024 Sep 20). The effects of economic hardship and social demographics on overall receipt of early-stage breast cancer (ESBC) chemotherapy. Presented at the 2024 36th UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Annual Scientific Retreat, Pittsburgh, PA.
5. Sereika, S. M., Moore, K., Stotz, S., **Pei, X.**, Wang, Y., Charron-Prochownik, D., the Stopping GDM Group. (2024 Oct 17). *Reproductive health (RH) and gestational diabetes (GDM) knowledge mediates the intervention effect on self-efficacy for pregnancy planning in dyads of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) female adolescents and young adults (FAYAs) at risk for GDM and their adult female caregivers*. Presented at the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes 50th Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

Sarina Rashidi

1. **S. Rashidi**, X. Pei, M. Rosenzweig (April 2025). The Relationship between Interpersonal Support and Receipt of Prescribed Full-dose Chemotherapy in Early-stage Breast Cancer: Do Race and Area deprivation matter? Poster presentation at the 50th Oncology Nursing Congress, Denver, CO

Hector Salazar

1. 2025 Health Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, "Health Disparities and Social Justice Poster Competition"

- Rethinking Mistrust: Have We Misjudged the Complexity of African Americans' Relationship with Medical Research? Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2025
- 2. 2025 Alzheimer's Association International Conference
 - Rethinking Mistrust: Have We Misjudged the Complexity of African Americans' Relationship with Medical Research? Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2025

Morty Shamsizadeh

1. **Shamsizadeh M**, Seaman J, Sereika S, Ghaderi P, Shakohi M, Ayoubi E, Alexander S. Comparison of Scheduled Family Visitation and Nursing Interventions for Delirium Prevention in Adult ICU Patients. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. 2025 May 16;211(Abstracts):A2977-.
2. Williams HR, Zhang Y, Zhu J, **Shamsizadeh M**, Plexico C, Murphy C, Seaman JB. All on the Same Page? An Analysis of Discrepant Responses Regarding Communication Protocols and Practices in ICUs. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. 2025 May 16;211(Abstracts):A2978-.
3. Seaman JB, ZhU J, **Shamsizadeh M**, Zhang Y, King AJ. Disparities in Conversations About Family Engagement During Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Team Rounds. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. 2025 May 16;211(Abstracts):A2989-.
4. Tan K, Waters A, Warner E, Coombs LA, Donovan H, Fredrickson BL, **Shamsizadeh M**, Nichols HB. Variation in Mental Well-Being Among LGBTQth Cancer Caregivers by Relationship to Care Recipient. In *PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY* 2025 Jan 1 (Vol. 34). 111 RIVER ST, HOBOKEN 07030-5774, NJ USA: WILEY.

Youjia Wang

1. **Wang, Y.**, Lee, Y.J. (2025, March). Evaluation of Cancer-Related Nutrition Videos on
2. **Wang, Y.**, Pei, X., Sereika, S., Moore, K., Stotz, S., & Charron-Prochownik, D. (2024, October). Health beliefs about gestational diabetes in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) adolescent and young adult (AYA) females: Hawthorne effect. [Poster]. First Annual School of Nursing Research Day at University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Kai-Lin You

1. Wang, Y., **You, K. L.**, & Donovan, H. (2025, April). Engagement with an automated online symptom management intervention in women with recurrent ovarian cancer: Mixed methods study, poster presentation at the 50th Oncology Nursing Society Congress, Denver, CO.

Yuchen Zhang

1. **Zhang, Y.**, Deng, Z., Seaman, J.B., Koleck, T.A., (2025). Understanding Co-occurring Comorbidities in Dementia Care: An Exploratory Analysis. [poster], *Alzheimer's Association International Conference*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada
2. Gallagher, V.T., Nemmers, N.L., **Zhang, Y.**, Patterson, S.E., (2025). Balancing Acts: Exploring Well-Being in Sandwiched and Non-Sandwiched Caregivers. [poster], *Alzheimer's Association International Conference*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada
3. Lingler, J.H., Kim, J.K., Garrett, M., Salazar, H., **Zhang, Y.**, de Rosa, C., Knox, M.L., Witbracht, M. G., Grill, J.D., (2025). Information and Support Needs Following Biomarker-Informed ADRD Diagnoses: Insights from New IDEAS Participants in

- PARADE Study. [poster], *Alzheimer's Association International Conference*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada
4. Williams HR, **Zhang Y**, Zhu J, Shamsizadeh M, Plexico C, Murphy C, Seaman JB. All on the Same Page? An Analysis of Discrepant Responses Regarding Communication Protocols and Practices in ICUs. [poster], *American Thoracic Society 2025 International Conference*. San Francisco, CA, USA
 5. Seaman JB, Zhu J, Shamsizadeh M, **Zhang Y**, King AJ. Disparities in Conversations About Family Engagement During Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Team Rounds. [poster], *American Thoracic Society 2025 International Conference*. San Francisco, CA, USA
 6. **Zhang, Y.**, Deng, Z., Seaman, J.B., Koleck, T.A., (2024). Think About it All Together: An Exploratory Analysis to Understanding Comorbidities in People Living with Dementia [oral presentation]. *University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center & University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Continuing Education in the Health Sciences Topics at Noon Series*, virtual meeting
 7. **Zhang, Y.**, (2024) Nursing Research & Me [Guest Lecture]. *NUR 0067 Nursing Research: An Introduction to Critical Appraisal and Evidence-Based Practices*. Pittsburgh, PA, USA
 8. **Zhang, Y.**, Sereika, S., Lingler, J.H., Seaman, J.B., Pettigrew, C., Albert, M. (2024). Caregivers' Perceptions of Advanced Care Planning Related Discussions for People Living with Dementia [poster], *Gerontological Society of America 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting*, Seattle, WA, USA
 9. **Zhang, Y.**, Lingler, J.H., Seaman, J.B. (2024). Dignity in People Living with Dementia [oral presentation]. *McGinley-Rice Symposium on Justice for Vulnerable Populations*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Jessie Zhu

1. **Zhu, J.**, You, K.-L., Babichenko, D., Bender, C., Donovan, H., Hamm, M., Rosenzweig, M., Sabik, L., Sereika, S., Schenker, Y., Taylor, S., & Thomas, T (2024, October). Unlocking Progress: A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Serious Game Intervention Teaching Self-advocacy Skills in Women with Advanced Cancer [Poster]. Palliative Research Center's 2024 Annual Retreat, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
2. **Zhu, J.**, & Seaman, J (2025, March) Mapping expert-endorsed communication skills with surrogates to uncertainty in illness theory [Podium presentation]. *Creating Healthy Work Environments 2025 Phoenix*, Arizona
3. **Zhu, J.**, Schandelmeier, E., Tuite, P., & Seaman, J. (2025, September). Support for Patients and Families on the Grief Continuum [Poster]. *CAPC National Seminar 2025*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
4. Seaman, J., **Zhu, J.**, Shamsizadeh, M., Zhang, Y., & King, A. (2025, May). Disparities in conversations about family engagement during intensive care unit (ICU) team rounds [Poster]. *ATS 2025 International Conference*, San Francisco, California.
5. Williams, H., Zhang, Y., **Zhu, J.**, Shamsizadeh, M., Plexico, C., Murphy, C., Seaman, J. (2025, May). All on the Same Page? An Analysis of Discrepant Responses Regarding Communication Protocols and Practices in ICUs [Poster]. *ATS 2025 International Conference*, San Francisco, California.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Larissa Allen

- International Association of Forensic Nurses, PA Chapter
 - President-Elect
- Chancellor's Public Safety Advisory Council
 - Graduate Student Representative
- Journal of Forensic Nursing
 - Peer Reviewer
- Child Abuse and Neglect
 - Peer Reviewer
- IAFN Conference Planning Task Force for the 2025 and 2026 Annual Conferences
 - Task Force Member
- UPMC Forensic Council
- Allegheny County Forensic Council
- PA State SANE Coordinators
- Obtained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner – Pediatric (IAFN) certification in May 2025

Shahrzad Asadollah

- Sleep and Circadian Science's Annual Research Day in November 2024 at the William Pitt Union, Pittsburgh, PA
 - Attendee

Carol Bennett

- Study title: A Phase 2, Two-Stage, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multiple-Ascending Dose Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Preliminary Efficacy of RLS-0071 in Newborns with Moderate or Severe Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy Undergoing Therapeutic Hypothermia with Long-Term Follow-Up (STAR) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 - Sponsor: ReAlta Life Sciences, Inc.
 - PI: Dr. Ceyda Acun
 - Co-Investigator: Carol Bennett
 - Expires: 11-14-2025
- Study title: Effectiveness of Splashguard Utilization in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 - Sponsor: Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio
 - PI: Carol Bennett
 - Expires: 7-7-2026
- Study Title: A Retrospective Study Evaluating the Use of Sedation for Successful MRI in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 - Sponsor: Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio
 - PI: Carol Bennett

Katherine Cahir

- American Public Health Association (APHA) 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo
 - Abstract Reviewer, Public Health Nursing Section
- American Public Health Association (APHA); American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); AcademyHealth; Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS)
 - Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI)

- Prevention Point Pittsburgh
- Mon General Hospital
 - Policy Committee Member

Katrina Carr

- Supportive Care in Cancer
 - Manuscript reviewer
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Myeong-ga Cho

- University Council on Graduate Studies (UCGS)
 - Student Representative
- National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
 - Abstract Reviewer (Voluntary)
- Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)/ Biological Research for Nursing (BRN) / Geroscience / European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON)
 - Manuscript Reviewer

Coco Dong

- Held Enhancing International Student Health Awareness and Literacy Through Interprofessional Education with multiple school departments for over 200 Pitt international students.

Sondos Eqylan

- American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN)
- Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Chapter
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS)
- Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, School of Nursing
 - Student Representative
- Post-Intensive Care Transitional Care, Rehabilitation, and Family Support (PIC-TRFS) Study
 - Fidelity Monitor
- Graduate Global Ties Mentor for International Students at the University of Pittsburgh

Jeong Eun Kim

- BMC Primary Care, BMC Geriatrics, Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology, Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging
 - Journal reviewer

Emily He

- Graduate Nursing Students Organization
 - PhD Student Liaison
- Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Chapter
- Oncology Nursing Society
- American Medical Informatics Association

Reza Heidari-Soureshjani

- Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice conference (Sept 25–27, 2024)
 - Attendee
- American Association for Men in Nursing

Cameron Herbst

- Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)
 - Manuscript Reviewer
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG)
- American Association of Men in Nursing (AAMN)
- Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Chapter
- Nurse Research Council (Allegheny General Hospital)
- Magnet® (ANCC) Council (Allegheny General Hospital)
- Pitt Graduate Nursing Student Organization (GNSO)
 - Secretary
- AACN Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)
 - Liaison

Emmanuel Komladzah

- Journal of Racial and Ethnic health Disparities
 - Manuscript Reviewer

Abigail Lustyik

- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Eta Chapter, Pittsburgh, PA
- Oncology Nursing Society, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter
- International Society of Nurses in Genetics
- National Conference of Undergrad Research Committee (NCUR) 2025
 - Abstract Reviewer

Reindolf Oppong

- International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG)
 - Student Member
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

Xueying Pei

- University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, PhD Welcome Committee
- University of Pittsburgh Graduate Nursing Student Organization
 - Business Manager
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Eta Chapter, Leadership Succession Committee
- Eastern Nursing Research Society
- Oncology Nursing Society
- Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

Sarina Rashidi

- Oncology Nursing Society

Hector Salazar

- School of Public Health
 - Enrolled in the Health Equity Certificate Program
- Community Lectures
 - 2024 Casa San Jose
 - Presented with Dr. Documet on loneliness and isolation within the Latino community. Presentation given in Spanish and titled “Conoce a tus vecinos”
 - 2024 University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center & Casa San Jose community lecture
 - Presented on Alzheimer’s disease and how it affects the Latino community. Presentation was given in Spanish and titled “ El envejecimiento y la perdida de memoria”
- 2025 Black Men's Brain health community education initiative
 - Working alongside Dr. Williams and Dr. Cohen to discuss memory disorders, health priorities, and shared concerns of Black Men in the Pittsburgh area

Morty Shamsizadeh

- Elsevier, 2025
 - Certified Peer Reviewer

Youjia Wang

- Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS)
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

Kai-Lin You

- Graduate Nursing Student Academy
 - Present Liaison 2024
- Games for Health Journal
 - Manuscript Reviewer 2024
- Journal of Cancer Survivorship
 - Manuscript Reviewer 2024-2025
- ORL Head and Neck Nursing
 - Manuscript Reviewer 2024
- Oncology Nursing Forum
 - Manuscript Reviewer 2024
- Nursing Forum
 - Manuscript reviewer2025

Yuchen Zhang

- Graduate Nursing Student Association
 - Business Manager
- International Society to Advance Alzheimer’s Research and Treatment (ISAART)
- Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
 - Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting Conference Abstract Reviewer