Doctoral Dissertations

Fall 2016

**Susan Driscoll**
Title: A Systematic Review and Quantitative Meta-Analysis of the Accuracy of Visual Inspection for Cervical Cancer Screening: Does Provider Type or Training Matter?
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Title: Use of Social Media Support Groups by Persons in the Transplant Journey
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Title: Culturally Tailoring a Substance Use Intervention among Southeastern Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Youth
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Title: Native American Early Adolescents Response to a Cultural-Based Prevention for Obesity
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Title: Avatar Guided Stories of Ease from Adolescents with Cancer
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Title: Health Challenges of Family Members in End of Life Situations
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Title: The Effect of a Culturally Relevant Cardiovascular Health Promotion Program on Rural African Americans
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Christie Bailey
Title: The Influence of Gardens on Resilience in Older Adults Living in a Continuing Care Community
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Mary Jorda
Title: The Meaning of School Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Referral to the Parents/Guardians of First, Third and Sixth Grade Students
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Linda Payne
Title: The Experience of Nurses Caring for Women with Drug or Alcohol Problems in the General Hospital
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Robin Powers
Title: Recognizing Functional Decline in Persons with MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment)
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Title: Identifying Descriptions of Quality Nursing Care Shared by Nurse and Patient in the Acute Care Hospital Setting
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Title: ZAFÈ NEG SE MISTÈ: A Grounded Theory Study of End-of-Life Decision Making for Haitian American Families in South Florida
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Title: Effect of a Spiritually-Guided Intervention on Breast Self-Care Attitudes in Afro-Caribbean Women
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Mary Ellen Wright
Title: Sources of Informational Social Support for Mothers of Infants Residing in the Western North Carolina Appalachian Region
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Title: Development and Testing of an Instrument to Measure Holistic Attributes of Nurse Practitioner Care
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Title: Evaluation of Speak for Myself © With Patients who are Voiceless
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Title: Chief Nursing Officer Sustainment in the Continued Practice of Nursing Leadership
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Title: Challenges Faced by Parents Caring for Their Child after Traumatic Brain Injury
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Title: Transition Experiences of the Chronically Ill Adolescent
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Title: Impact of an Educational Intervention on Nurses’ Knowledge and Caring Behavior for Late Preterm Infants  
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Title: Cumulative Trauma among Adult Mayas Living in Southeast Florida
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Title: Health Care Experience of Individuals Who Self-Identify as Sex Addicts
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Title: The Impact of Satisfaction with Care and Empowerment on Glycemic Control among Older African American Adults with Diabetes
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Title: The Lived Experience of Decision-making for Older Adults who had an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Inserted
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Title: The Clarity-Parity Community Nursing Practice Framework: A Critical Ethnonursing Study of Women in Recovery from Chemical Dependence and their Return to the Community
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Title: Seemingly Healthy: The Lived Experience of Mothers as They Sought Health Care for Their Internationally Adopted Children
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Title: Clinical Nurse Leader Stories: A Phenomenological Study about the Meaning of Leadership at the Bedside
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Title: The Magnetic Appeal of Nurse Informaticians: Caring Attractor for Emergence
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Title: What Keeps Nurses in Nursing: A Heideggerian Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study
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Title: Immigrant Status, Substance Use and Sexual Risk Behavior among Afro-Caribbean Adolescents Living in the U.S.
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Title: The Lived Experiences of the Spouses of Transplant Recipients
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Title: Living in Abundance: The Experience of Living with Chronic Illness for Adults Affiliated with a Community of Faith with Access to a Faith Community Nurse  
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Title: The Lived Experience of Adolescent Females who Self-Injure by Cutting  
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Title: More than Good, Kind Angels: The Daughters of Charity’s Relationship to Valuation, Mission and Money, 1916 to 1994  
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Title: Lived Experience of Male Nurses in the Intervention Project for Nurses  
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