

*Editorial***EDITORIAL BOARD CHANGES**

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There have been some changes in the [Editorial Board](#) since the last issue. Dr. Melondie Carter, from The University of Alabama, has completed her term on the Board as has Ms. Kathy Crooks from Medicine Hat College in Alberta, Canada. We have added three new Board Members.

Dr. Linda L. Dunn, is currently a tenured, full professor at the University of Alabama and has been a faculty member within the Capstone College of Nursing for 27 years. Dr. Dunn received her BSN from the University of Alabama School of Nursing in 1967, her MSN from the Mississippi University for Women (Family Nurse Practitioner) in 1983, and her DSN from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1989. Her research trajectory has focused mostly on spiritual health. In 1992, Dr. Dunn was a collaborator (20%) on a 5 year NIH grant (\$350,000) entitled A prospective study of psychosocial job strain and birth outcomes which resulted in two publications, both of which included findings related to spirituality. She has also received funding for other studies that included the investigation of spirituality, such as the study of faith communities and breast/cervical cancer prevention in a rural Alabama county and the investigation of nurses on a maternal-infant unit in a hospital in the southeastern United States. Two other spirituality studies included ante-partal women on bed rest and the statewide omnibus poll of adults (Alabama). Her dissertation was a qualitative study of the lived experience of battered women.

Dr. Collins is a Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing with a clinical focus in critical care, pharmacology, intra-operative nursing and adult health. She received her AS and BSN from Samford University in 1976 and 1977, and earned her MSN from Medical College of Georgia in 1978. She completed her DSN from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1991. Dr. Collins has a 31-year history of clinical nursing experience. She has published in the areas of cardiovascular pharmacology and patho-physiology. She also speaks locally, regionally, and nationally on topics of clinical relevance to post-anesthesia care, and gastrointestinal physiology. She has eleven years experience as a Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist. In this role she assisted patients and staff to improve patient outcomes through education and advanced practice nursing interventions.

Dr. Graves received her B.S in Nursing from The Capstone College of Nursing at The University of Alabama in 1979. She earned her M.S. degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1983 and her PhD in Clinical Health Science at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi in 2007. She has worked and taught extensively in critical care and cardiovascular nursing since 1981. Dr. Graves' areas of expertise and clinical research interests include: Primary and secondary prevention of CVD; Health disparities and geographical access; Geographical Information Systems and mapping of health issues; Human Patient Simulation use in teaching cardiovascular nursing; Health promotion and disease prevention; and Evidence-Based Practice.

I am excited about the added diversity these new members bring to the Board. I hope you will find their columns interesting and useful. If you are interested in being considered for a position on the Editorial Board please contact me at jdunkin@bama.ua.edu.