

Editorial

See You in Montana at the International Rural Health and Nursing Research Conference

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July 29 – 31, 2014, do you know where you will be? I will be in Bozeman, Montana at the International Rural Health and Rural Nursing Research Conference and hope to see you there! Montana State University College of Nursing is our host. This conference will give you the latest information in rural health care and nursing. The keynote speakers are dynamic and well known: Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; Susan Wilburn, MPH, RN, Technical Officer, World Health Organization; Larry Gamm, PhD, Regents Professor, School of Rural Public Health, Texas A & M University Health Science Center; Judith Kulig, PhD, RN Professor and University Scholar, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Lethbridge and Clarann Weinert, SC, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emeritus, Montana State University. There will be podium presentations and posters that will add to our knowledge and stimulate ideas and possible collaborations. The RNO will be sponsoring awards for the best posters and there will be a mentoring program available.

Rural nursing and health care is broad, yet like a rural community it is small with a good deal of familiarity. Judging from past rural conferences there will be friends old and new attending. This is a conference for practitioners, educators, and researchers. So if you work to ensure the health of rural populations, this is a conference you will not want to miss. Top this off with an optional tour to Yellowstone National Park and I am sure this is a conference that will not only be informative but also fun, and one that the RNO is proud to support. To see what is being offered and register to be part of the International Rural Health and Rural Nursing Research Conference, go to <http://eu.montana.edu/rural/health/>