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Chatter From the Chair

As I finish up my time as the Chair of ISPIN, I have so much to reflect on and be grateful for. This group is one of the best I have ever been a part of. Our work is critically important to the nursing profession. We continue to grow and make strides every week; from conference presentations, to publications, to membership. We cannot stop now! Our work continues and we are branching out to serve a wider range of nurses. I want to thank the executive team- Nelda, Deb, Kary, and Rhoda for your help and wisdom these last few years. I also want to thank our Advisory Council. Without these two groups, our work could not go on. I look forward to 2024 and beyond and will continue to work with the team to **Change the Culture Of Nursing!**

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Sigma Research Conference (left to right): Kristen Priddy, Angela Opsahl, Nelda Godfrey, Jean Watson, Anita Fitzgerald, Sara Horton-Deutsch, and Jen Embree.

Publications and Presentations

In 2023 alone, we published 13 manuscripts. For more information, click [here](#) for Archives and Resources.

We also had multiple presentations across the country and overseas! We presented at all the national nursing education conferences either giving a podium presentation or doing a poster presentation.

One of our goals is to be sure that **all nurses everywhere know what Professional Identity is and what the four Domains mean by 2025**. That may seem lofty, but we believe we can do it. We could use your help though! If you are interested in learning more, please [contact us](#).



Kristen Priddy (center) and KaryAnne Weybrew (right, partially out of frame) present the Quality and Safety Study findings at the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Member Spotlight: Rhoda Owens



Dr. Rhoda Owens, PhD, RN, chairs the International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing and has been actively involved with ISPIN since 2019. Dr. Owens is an Associate Professor at the University of North Dakota, College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. She holds a BSN from Minot State University, Minot, ND and MS and PhD degrees from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND. Dr. Owens' research interests include nursing workforce intent to stay, work satisfaction, and professional identity in nursing. Her recent research topics include professional identity formation in BSN and APRN students, and Nursing Faculty. She has published her work in multiple peer reviewed journals and presented at national and regional conferences.

How to Join the Work

Subscribe to Professional Identity in Nursing e-News

Our newsletter includes member spotlights and stories reflecting the broadening interest in forming and fostering professional identity in nursing. You'll also see notice of presentations, publications, blogs and podcasts by our colleagues. Email us at NursingEdConsult@kumc.edu to subscribe to our newsletter.

Join the ISPIN group on LinkedIn.

Our volunteers created a public group on [LinkedIn](#) for those interested in the professional identity in nursing initiative. Come connect with our members, and network with nurses from around the world in practice, education, and regulation.

ISPIN Podcast coming in 2024!

Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters to learn how you can get involved.



**International Society for Professional Identity
in Nursing**
LinkedIn Group

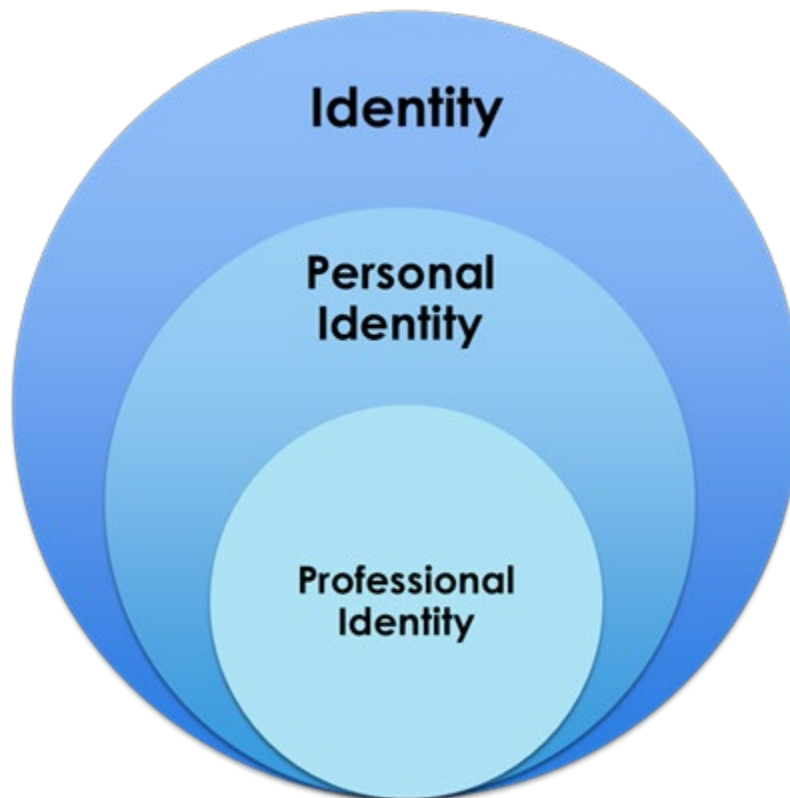


Annual Symposium



Symposium 2023: Professional Identity in Nursing: What's in it for me?
In-Person Participants, September 2023

Stay tuned for more information for the 2024 event. Live and virtual conference to be held in Kansas City, KS.



One's professional identity is part of who they are. It is not a separate role they play at work. Nurses bring their whole selves to their work. This is critical to strong and health professional identity formation.



In September, we had the great pleasure of recognizing Dr. Janice Brewington, who was named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing.

Left to right: Drs. Marlo Robinson, Anita Fitzgerald, Beth Phillips, Janice Brewington, Janet McMahon, and Susan Luparell.

ISPIN Survey Results

In our last newsletter, we asked people to share with us what area of nursing they worked on and if they were interested in more info about ISPIN. This is what we discovered.	Work Area Education 67% Clinical Practice 17% Other 17%
Are you interested in becoming more active in a workgroup for ISPIN?	Yes 56% No 11% Not sure 33%
Areas of Interest: Entry level integration, RN-BS students, DEI and Student focus, nurse student development, healthy work environments, MSN students, Leader group <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you! Our group leads will be reaching out to you in early 2024!</p>	

A Look Ahead to 2024

Our workgroups are changing! Because of a need for more concentrated dissemination, we are in the process of redesigning our structure. Some of our workgroups have become periodic interest groups. Some are realigning or changing their focus. More detailed information will be forthcoming on the website and in the next newsletter.

PODCASTS

In the meantime, take some time to peruse the website; read through some of our publications; watch one of our podcasts:

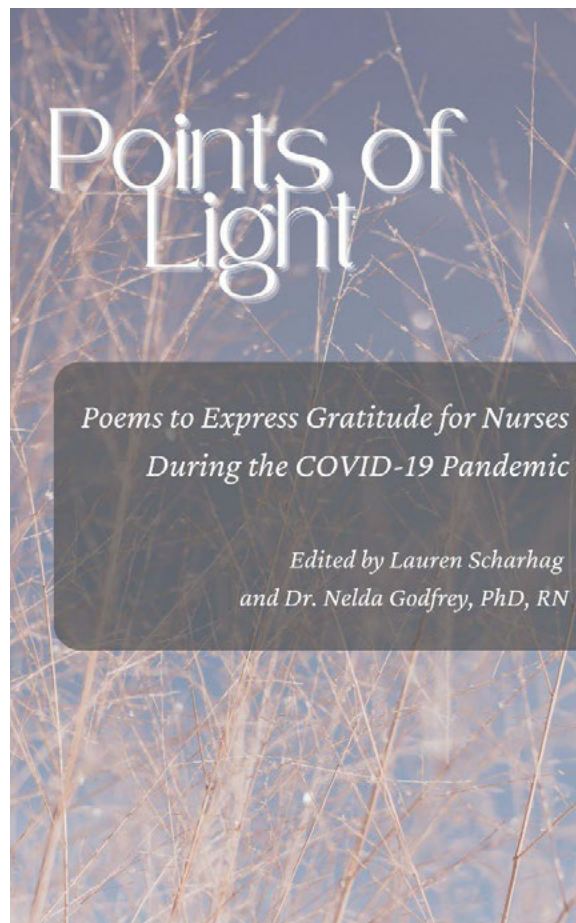
- NLN Nursing EDge Unscripted Surface: Part 1 [Professional Identity: What it means to be a nurse](#)

- NLN Nursing EDge Unscripted Surface: Part 2 [Professional Identity: What it means to be a nurse](#)

- [A Strong Professional Identity in Nursing: Impact on Education and Practice](#) (January 30, 2024, 1:00-2:00 pm ET, sponsored by AACN/AONL)

Thank you to NLN, AACN and AONL for giving us the opportunity to share our work and passion.

New Book Celebrates Nurses



During the COVID-19 pandemic, KU School of Nursing faculty and staff assembled goodie bags and thank-you notes to express gratitude to nurses for their work and dedication during such a difficult time. Included in each bag were poems, crowdsourced via social media and written by 37 contributors from the U.S. and 12 other countries. The collection of poems is [now available as a chapbook](#), created to preserve the works and commemorate this historical moment. All proceeds from this book are donated to the KU School of Nursing Alumni Association.

ISPIN Leadership

2024 Executive Board

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KaryAnne Weybrew
Kenya Williams
Jean Yockey

Quarterly Updates

All 2024 updates are held 8:30-9:30 am via Zoom:

- April 19
- July 19
- October 18

These sessions consist of presentation/discussion and breakout time to address specific questions regarding professional identity in nursing and the ISPIN initiative. If you are unable to attend the live session, they will be recorded and posted to YouTube for later viewing.

2023 session videos:

- [March 17](#)
- [June 16](#)
- [October 20](#)

To attend, please [RSVP](#).

ISPIN Webpage and Links

Main website: www.kumc.edu/ispin

Publications

The most up-to-date listing of publications, presentations, webinars, and other materials related to ISPIN and the professional identity initiative is available on our Archives and Resources page. (PDF to download.)

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