

MARY ELEANOR MITSCH

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EDUCATION

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 2012

PhD Medical Anthropology Dissertation Title:

A Ritual Investigation of Sudden Death Events in an Urban United States Emergency Department Context

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1980 - 1982

Master of Science in Nursing; Nursing Education/Maternity Nursing

Villa Maria College, Erie, Pennsylvania 1973 - 1977

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

EXPERIENCE

University of Detroit Mercy

August 2019

Detroit, Michigan

Professor, College of Health Professions

August 2020 Appointed

Interim Chair: Health Services Administration Program

COURSES TAUGHT

HSA 4941 Health Services Internship

HSA 4600 Health Care Emergency Management

NUR 4600 Nursing Leadership

HSA 5860 Internship in Health Services Administration

NUR 4755 Professional Practice from a Mercy and Jesuit Perspective

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

2021- present: Question Persuade and Refer (QPR) Task Force

2020- present: McNichols Faculty Assembly (MFA), College of Health Professions Elected Representative

2020- present: University Assessment Committee MFA representative

2020-2021: Nursing Undergraduate Curriculum Revision Team

2019- present: College of Health Professions Faculty Committee

Health Services Administration Curriculum Committee

Health Services Administration Faculty Committee

Health Services Student Appeal Committee

2019-2020: College of Health Professions Interprofessional Committee

GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

2021- CHP Diversity-Inclusion and Community Innovation Advisory Team IRF Grant **6,430.00**

2021- Midwest Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (MCACHE) Grant **3,000.00**

2021- Question Persuade and Refer (QPR) Training

2021- Guest Lecture: Nurs 4755, How Do We Handle Sudden Death? Why is This Question Important?

2021- Guest Lecture: Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program, How Do We Handle Sudden Death? Why is this Question Important?

2021- Guest Lecture: Nurs 4755, Implicit Bias

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2020- Crucial Conversation Training

2020- Sacred Passage End-of-Life Doula Certificate Certification National End of Life Doula Alliance

2019- How Innovation, Interoperability, and Emerging Initiatives Are Paving Michigan's Road to Health Equity and Access. October 2019 HIMSS Michigan Chapter State Conference. Planning Committee

Madonna University
August 1989- June 2019

Livonia Michigan
Professor, College of Health Professions

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES: MADONNA UNIVERSITY

2018

Co-Founding Faculty: Master of Public Health (online)

**Two Tracks: Population Health Care Management and
Health Care Informatics Quality Systems Management**

- Mentored junior faculty members in authoring and designing entire curriculum, through board approval and implementation of new major.
- Recruited and hired faculty

2014-2019

Founding Faculty: Chair Health Sciences Department

**Two Tracks: Population Health Care Management and
Health Care Informatics Quality Systems Management**

- Established advisory board of professional executives from the community for curriculum and retention, consultation: 44 members
- Directed 50,000 grant monies related to promoting and marketing program
- Recruited and hired faculty
- Responsible for initial advising session for each student
- Attends all open houses to market program
- Initiated, supervised recruiting video for Health Sciences website

2015-2019

-Lead Faculty in the area of Population Health Care Management,

- Health Promotion and Navigating the US Health Care System
- Internship Placements
- Capstone Course

2000-2019

**Health Care Educator Graduate Certificate: Designated Graduate Faculty
(Lead faculty 2009-2012)**

- College of Nursing and Health Graduate Program
- Courses team taught – Adult Learners: Approaches to Learning and Instruction, Curriculum Design for Health Related Settings and Teaching practicum

1994 to 2015

Team Instructor Maternal Child Nursing

- Facilitated course and mentored new maternity faculty in theory teaching, test construction and student issues
- Simulation and clinical teaching
- Clinical teaching until 2006

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- Team Instructor Hospice Department**
2012 to 2016 -Spiritual and Ethical Considerations in Palliative and End of Life Care
- New Faculty Mentor: College of Nursing**
2006 to 2012 -Responsible for mentoring all new full and part time faculty to job including teaching strategies, test construction, clinical issues, resolving difficult student issues, and peer review
- Co-coordinator CCNE Self Study Accreditation Writing Process (Initial CCNE Accreditation for College of Nursing and Health)**
2004 to 2005
- Team Instructor Community Health Faculty**
1998 to 2013 - Responsible for theory and clinical instruction for course.
- Term II Co-Coordinator College of Nursing**
1998 to 2006 -Responsible for coordination of faculty and student clinical activities
-Responsible for mediation for student-faculty grievance issues
- Team Instructor Senior Nursing Practicum**
1999 to 2001 -Clinical faculty Hutzel Hospital Maternity Unit
-Clinical faculty Henry Ford Hospital Maternity Unit
- College of Science and Mathematics**
2003 to 2007 - Sexuality in Diverse Cultures
- College of Arts and Humanities**
2002 to 2006 - Communication and Culture for Health Care Professionals
- Women & Global HIV/AIDS
- Team Faculty Interdisciplinary Course -
- HIV/AIDS in America and the World

SPECIAL PROJECTS & PREVIOUS GRANT WORK: MADONNA UNIVERISTY

- 2019 Organizing Committee: International Nursing Research Conference, Rome: Italy.
- 2019 Chair DNP Committee: WORK Place Falls in the Aging; “Fall Prevention in the Aging Worker Population”2018 Preceptor DNP student Health Educator Graduate Practicum
- 2015 2016 DNP Preceptor: Practicum Advanced Topics: At-Student-Option Immersion (NUR-D 749) Indiana University DNP student
- 2016 Million Hearts Fellow Service Learning Project: St. Edith Church, Livonia Michigan
- 2014 DNP Committee: Noise in the Operating Room: A Quality Improvement Project to Enhance Patient Safety. Madonna University DNP student
- 2013 DNP Committee: Attitudes, Knowledge and Acceptance among Nurses, Nurses Educators and Nursing Students toward the LGBT Population. Madonna University DNP student
- 2007, 2009, 2011 Precepted graduate nursing education students in capstone projects
- 2002 Sencer Grant - Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity - College of Science and Mathematics
- 2002 Program for Health and Higher Education (PHHE)
HIV/AIDS Curriculum Grant - Project Director - Humanities Department
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HIV/AIDS Curriculum Grant - Project Director - Humanities Department

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- 2000 Michigan Campus Compact Grant HIV/AIDS Service Learning Activity at Simon House - teaching team - Humanities Department
- 1999 Program for Health and Higher Education (PHHE)
HIV/AIDS course development & implementation - teaching team - Humanities Department
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HIV/AIDS course development & implementation - teaching team - Humanities Department

COMMITTEE WORK: MADONNA UNIVERSITY

- 2018 -2019 University Strategic Planning Committee Academic and Distinctive Programs
- 2017 -2019 University and Career Development Review/Recommend Steering Committee
- 2017 -2019 University Civic Engagement Advisory Group
- 2013 -2019 Planning and Mission Effectiveness College of Nursing and Health (Chair: 2015- 2017)
- 1993 -2019 Undergraduate Faculty Committee College of Nursing
- 1993-2019 Faculty Committee College of Nursing and Health
- 2012 to 2016 University Mission and Planning Effectiveness
- 2009 to 2010 University Strategic Planning Innovation Group
- 2007 to 2010 University Curriculum and Education Policy Committee
- 2006 to 2011 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee College of Nursing and Health
- 2001 to 2004 Chair Program Assessment Committee College of Nursing
- 2002 to 2014 Graduate Faculty Committee College of Nursing and Health
- 1998 to 2006 Student Appeals Committee College of Nursing
- 1998 to 2004 Executive Committee College of Nursing and Health

HONORS AWARDED

- 2019 Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) State of Michigan Director at Large Board Member
- 2015 Grant Director: Helping Vulnerable Populations in the Detroit Area Receive Timely, Effective and Appropriate Health care Services within the Context of Franciscan/Felician Values. FSI Grant **(\$50,000)**
- 2014 -2019 Graduate Faculty Designation Full Member
- 2013-2015 Service Learning Community Engagement Award
- 2012 Michigan Nursing Corps Grant Project Team Member, Simulation Technology in Nursing. **(\$73,000)**
- 2010 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation Student Award Program Grant **(\$3000)**
- 2010 Summer Research Stipend, Madonna University
- 2008 Sabbatical (Winter Term)
- 2007 Faculty Excellence Award from Graduating Seniors, Madonna University
- 2004-2005, 2007, 2008 Graduate Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 2001 Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation, Madonna University

PUBLICATIONS

- Mitsch, M. (2019) What do nurse anthropologist do? Applying anthropological pedagogy to enrich nursing education. *Madridge J Nursing*. DOI: [dx.doi.org/10.18689/2638-1605.a4.001](https://doi.org/10.18689/2638-1605.a4.001)
- Mitsch, Mary Eleanor, "A ritual investigation of sudden death events in an urban united states emergency department" (2012). *Wayne State University Dissertations*. 460.
https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/oa_dissertations/460
- Zalenski, R., Mitsch, M. (2011). Palliative care meeting a soothing success, *Resuscitator: Wayne State University School of Medicine* 3 (2) p 14.

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- Brijnath, B., Manton, E., Mitsch, M., Rodriguez, M., Wirattanpokin, S., Yateczak, J. (2010). Post conference reflections by emerging scholars. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 24, (2) 270-273.
- Mitsch, M. (2009). *Beyond the Good Death*, James Green, *Anthropology & Aging Quarterly Book Review* 30 (2) 38-39.
- Mitsch, M. (2001) Dilemmas that force individuals to reconsider their fundamental values - Health Care Weekly. May 2.
- March 1998 - Madonna Magazine Panel (National Production) - HIV/AIDS from Caring to Conviction

CONSULTATIONS

- Karmanos Cancer Institute: An Ethnographic Approach to Assess Relationship- Based Care Model Components on Cancer Inpatient Units: Fall 2013.

REVIEWER

- Qualitative Health Research Journal:
QHR-2011-0159, QHR-2015-0427, QHR-2016-0701, QHR 2018-0211.R1, QHR-2019-0759,
QHR-2020-0976

PRESENTATIONS

- **What Do Nurse Anthropologists Do? Applying Anthropological Pedagogy to Enrich Nursing Education.**
- November 2019, Invited Keynote 5th International Nursing Conference, Rome, Italy
- **A Ritual Investigation of Sudden Death Events in an Urban United States Emergency Dept.**
-November 2017, Invited Keynote 2nd International Nursing Conference, Barcelona Spain
- **Repeal and Replace? One University's Innovative Curricular Response to the Ever Changing Healthcare System**
-June 2017, International Conference Nursing Practice and Research. Dallas, Texas
- **Making Meaning through Loss: Personal, Family and Staff Experience with Sudden death in the Emergency Room Setting**
-May 2017, Beaumont Nurses Week, Farmington Hills MI
- **Rituals: Bringing Meaning to Suffering**
-October 2016 Grieving with Great Hope Seminar, Plymouth Michigan
- **A Time to Mourn: A Time to Heal**
-June 2015 Oblates of North America Provinces International Convocation, Detroit, Michigan
- **Journey Through Life's Changing Events: Finding Meaning in Grief and Loss**
-March 2014 Parish/ Faith Community Nurses Retreat Archdiocese of Detroit. Detroit, Michigan
- **What Do Nurse Anthropologists Do? A Nurse Educator's Journey into Being an Anthropological Educator.**
-March 2014 Society for Applied Anthropology, 74th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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- **Utilizing an Ethnographic Approach to Assess Relationship Based Care Model Component on Cancer Inpatient Units.**
 - October 2013 Karmanos Cancer Center Nurse Executive Committee Fall Meeting
- **Through the Provider's Eyes- Care after Loss of a Child: The Difference You Make**
 - November 2013 Maternal Newborn Nurse Professionals Annual Conference, Detroit, Michigan
- **Healthcare Decision-Making at the Borders: Negotiating Knowledge Alternatives, and Emotion in Times of Personal Crisis: A Ritual Investigation of Sudden Death Events in An US Emergency Department**
 - November 2012 American Anthropological Association, 111 Annual Meeting San Francisco, California
- **The Bad News of Sudden Death: The Ritual Process of Becoming Dead in the ED**
 - November 2012 Palliative care Collaborative: 6th Annual Regional Conference, Dearborn, MI
- **A Ritual Investigation of Sudden Death Events in an Urban United States Emergency Department**
 - April 2012 Guest lecturer Wayne State University End of Life class Detroit, Michigan
 - March 2012 Guest lecturer Madonna University Hospice class Livonia, Michigan
 - October 2011 Research Session, Palliative Care Collaborative 5th Annual Regional Conference, Dearborn, MI
- **Journey Through Life's Changing Events: Finding Meaning in Grief and Loss**
 - March 2014, Parish/Faith Community Nurses Retreat. Detroit Michigan
- **Transforming Despair to Joy**
 - September 2010 Plenary, Current Trends in End of Life Health Care, St Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland
 - April 2010 – Keynote Speaker, Sigma Theta Tau, Lambda Chapter, Wayne State University
- **Hope through Suffering**
 - March 2010 – Keynote Speaker, Michigan State University Neumann Center, Spring Retreat
- **What is a “good death” in a Sudden Death Event?**
 - October 2010 Palliative Care Collaborative: 4th Annual Regional Conference: Plenary Speaker
- **Good Grief, Good Death: a Glimpse of Eternity:**
 - November 2009 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (co presenter Fr. John Ricardo)
- **The End of an Era in Detroit: Refiguring Anthropological Research and Training in a 21st Century Post Industrial Urban Context**
 - December 2009 Invited Panel Paper Presentation, American Anthropological Association, 108 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Moving Towards a “good death” Anthropological Research on Parental Bereavement in Hospital Settings**
 - September 2009-Panel Paper Presentation International Conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
- **A Donor Mother's Story**
 - September 2009- Keynote Speaker, Michigan Keystone Gift of Life; Keystone Conference Call
- **Sudden Death and Memory Work**
 - April 2011 End of Life Class Wayne State University Detroit MI
 - April 2010 – End of Life, Graduate Class, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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- March 2009 – End of Life, Graduate Class, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- April 2009 – Keynote Speaker, Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners Conference, Troy, MI

• **Is a Good Death Possible in Sudden Death?**

- February 2011 – Metropolitan Detroit Chapter Oncology Nursing Society, Troy, MI
- September 2010 – Michigan Nurses for Life Fall Conference, Detroit, MI
- May 2010 – Emergency Nurses Association of Michigan Annual Spring Conference, Soaring Eagle Resort, Mount Pleasant, MI
- November 2009 - Innovations in Trauma Care, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI
- October 2009 - St. Mary's Hospital Saginaw, MI
- June 2009 - Michigan Association of Neurosurgical Nurses, Boyne Mt. Conference Center, Boyne, MI
- November 2008 – Keynote Speaker Nursing Research Consortium of North Central Indiana, Goshen, IN
- August 2008 – Keynote Speaker William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

• **Stories of Hope and Healing**

- April 2008 - Hope and Healing Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

• **The Ethics of a Good Death**

- April 2008 - Expert Nurse Learning Series, Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI

• **Sacred Grounds: The Meaning of a Good Death**

- November 2008 - Navigating Through the Critical Care Seas, Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, MI

• **The Meaning of a “Good Death” and Memory Work**

- April 2008 - Keynote Speaker, 12th Annual Trauma Conference, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI
- March 2008 - Keynote Speaker, Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners Conference, Sterling Heights, MI
- February 2008 - End of Life Issues Graduate Class, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

• **The Meaning of a “Good Death” to Family Members and Health Care Delivery Teams**

- March 2008 – Keynote Speaker, Nursing Grand Rounds, Holland Hospital
- October 2007 – Keynote Speaker, Sigma Theta Tau Honors Conference. Madonna University
- October 2007 – Keynote Speaker, DMC Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce, MI
- August 2007- Keynote Speaker, Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI
- May 2007 – Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine, Center for Ethics and Humanities in The Life Sciences Medical Ethics Research Network, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI
- May 2007 – Invited Keynote Speaker, Karmanos Cancer Center, Detroit, MI
- March 2007 – Invited Keynote Speaker, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Livingston County
- February 2007 – 8th Annual Cardiovascular Seminar, St. Joseph Mercy Health System
- November 2006 – Invited Keynote Speaker, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Ann Arbor, MI

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH

- A Ritual Investigation of Sudden Death Events in an Urban United States Emergency Department Context (2012) Wayne State University Dissertation
- The Meaning of Work to Hospice Nurses (2006) Wayne State University
- Healing Through Terminal Illness (2005) Wayne State University
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (1991-1999) Interviewer: Michigan Department of Public Health

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- 2020 – present Association of University Programs in Health Administration
- 2019- present Michigan Medical Group Management Association
- 2018- 2021 100 Women Who Care Northville, Michigan Chapter
- 2018- present Masters in Anthropology Advisory Committee: Wayne State University
- 2018- 2020 Health Care Information Management System Society (HIMSS) Educational Program Committee Michigan Chapter
- 2018- 2020 HIMSS Membership Michigan Chapter
- 2011- present Advisory Council Good Mourning Ministry
- 2008 - 2010 Michigan Donor Family Advisory Committee – Member
- 2008- 2010 Michigan Donor Family Council - Member
- 1990- 2020 Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society - Member, Nominating Committee (1998)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

**Pregnancy Risk Assessment
Monitoring System
PRAMS Project**

**Michigan Department of Public Health
Research Interviewer/Management Consultant**

August 1991 to 1999

- Team Interviewer
- Responsible for interviewing high risk female clients in an urban Detroit hospitals

**Oakland Community College
September 1992 to April 1993**

**Union Lake, Michigan
Adjunct Theory Faculty**

- Co-Facilitator Maternity Course - Nursing of the Childbearing Family
- Responsible to mentor new theory faculty in co-facilitator role
- Syllabus review and revision
- Test Construction
- Lecture preparation and presentation
- NCLEX Review, Maternity Nursing - April 1993

**Greenfield Health Systems Corporation
Henry Ford Hospital Home Care
April 1990 to January 1993**

**Detroit, Michigan
Community Health Nurse - Contract**

- Provided direct patient care in the home to high risk antepartum clients
- Assessed patients specific to the Great Expectation Early Discharge Maternity Program

**Fayette County Community Action Agency
April 1984 - March 1985**

**Uniontown, Pennsylvania
Nurse WIC Program/Coordinator
24-hour Hotline**

- Conducted health screening, evaluation of nutritional status of high risk pregnant women and children under 5
- Made referrals to appropriate health agencies in rural Appalachian areas

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- Implemented and coordinated initial 24-hour breastfeeding hotline in the area
- Implemented and coordinated initial childbirth education classes for women without partners

West Penn Hospital School of Nursing Faculty
March 1983 - May 1983

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Faculty Substitute

- Responsible for theory instruction maternity nursing

St. Francis School of Nursing
October 1979 - January 1982

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Faculty - Full time 10/79 - 9/81
Part time 9/81 - 1/82

- Team Instructor Maternity/Gynecology Nursing, January - June
 - Responsible for one third theory instruction and evaluation
 - Responsible for total Labor/Delivery Clinical area instruction and evaluation
 - Team Instructor Fundamentals of Nursing, September - January
 - Responsible primarily for clinical instruction and evaluation

St. Francis General Hospital
June 1977 - 1983

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Staff Nurse

- Medical/Surgical Unit 1977 - 1978
- Postpartum/Gynecology Unit 1978 - 1979
- Labor/Delivery Unit 1979 - 1983
- Assisted with instruction of prenatal class 1979 - 1980

PAST PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

- April 1995 - Interviewing Techniques and Strategies for the Hospitalized Maternity Patient - Michigan Department of Community Health - Sinai Hospital
- May 1994 to 1997 - St. Mary's Hospital, Women's Health Care Advisory Council
- May 1993 - Alabama PRAMS Project - Presented Research Interviewing Strategies and Techniques - Sinai Hospital, Detroit, MI
- July 1993 - Center for Disease Control, New York, Georgia PRAMS Project
 - Presented Research Interviewing Strategies and Techniques for High Risk Maternity Clients - Hutzel Hospital, Detroit, MI
- September 1992 - Addison Wesley Nursing Division - The Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Co., Inc.
 - Reviewed manuscript for *Essentials of Maternal Newborn Nursing* textbook - 1994 Edition
 - Chapter 16 Intrapartal Assessment
 - Chapter 19 Intrapartal Family at Risk
- June 1992 - Center for Disease Control - Atlanta, Georgia
 - Addressed national audience concerning successful PRAMS interviewing techniques
- April 1991 - Detroit Health Department - Detroit, MI
 - Addressed WIC staff concerning breastfeeding promotion

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- July 1985 - October 1985 - Fayette County Community Action Agency - Uniontown, Pennsylvania
-Conducted evaluation of special projects of WIC program: 24 hr. breast feeding hotline.