

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION :

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney, degree conferred June 1996. NSW, Australia.

Post Masters summer special course in Transcultural nursing, School of Nursing, Wayne State University, 1992 and 1994. Detroit, Michigan, USA.

Master of Nursing (MN) School of Nursing, University of Washington. Majors: Nursing Education Administration & Maternal-Child Health Nursing, Seattle, Washington, USA.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) School of Nursing, the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA.

Midwifery Certificate (RM) Central Midwives Board, UK.

Diploma in Nursing (RN) School of Nursing-American University of Beirut-Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon.

REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE:

RN/RM: Registered Nurse/Midwife, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA, Expiry date: 31/05/12 (Healthcare Identifier Number 8003610000795845).

CTN-A: Advanced Certification in Transcultural Nursing (CTN-A) 2010: valid To 2016.

NAATI: Certified Translator, National Accreditation Authority for Translators & Interpreters (NAATI), Canberra, ACT.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES/ ACHIEVEMENTS/MEMBERSHIP

POSITIONS HELD

Australia:

2009:

Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Notre Dame University Australia, Darlinghurst Campus, NSW, Australia (by invitation).

2008:

Sessional Academic, invited to teach an undergraduate unit of study in Transcultural nursing at the School of Nursing, Notre Dame University Australia, Darlinghurst Campus, NSW, Australia

2004-2007:

Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Nursing, College of Health & Science, University of Western Sydney. NSW, Australia.

1997-2004:

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Nursing, University of Sydney, NSW Australia.

1990-1997:

Lecturer, School of Nursing Cumberland College of Health Sciences. NSW Australia.

1976-1990:

Team Leader, Newtown Community Health Centre, Central Sydney Area Health Service, NSW Australia.

Overseas:

2006-2007:

Associate Professor, Dar Al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Senior Program Coordinator, King Faisal Hospital and Research Centre and Dar Al Hekma College for Women, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (by invitation).

BIOGRAPHY:

I have earned an international reputation in Transcultural Nursing borne of years of scholarship, research and publications, and long standing international links at a professional level. My academic profile reflects commitment to excellence and extensive experience in undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate nursing education and supervision of research students. I am a member of the editorial boards of a number of reputable scholarly journals nationally and internationally. I continue to make significant contributions to a range of organizations committed to social justice, particularly those working with indigenous people, refugees and asylum seekers.

I have been a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing Australia since 1994-present (FRCNA).

I am appointed (1998-present) as regional liaison consultant/contact for the Cooperative Alliance of the Transcultural Nursing Society (TCNS) (Global) in the southern hemisphere, including Australia, New Zealand and countries in the Southern and Western Pacific region. The Cooperative Alliance is an organization that collaborates with the TCNS for the purposes of promoting membership, educational support and conferences.

I am a member of the Editorial Boards of the following Journals:

'Journal of Transcultural Nursing' (USA) since (1992-present)
'Journal of Diversity in Health & Care' (UK) since (2000-present)
'Isfahan University Journal of Nursing Research' Isfahan (Iran) (2006-present).

I peer review for:

Contemporary Nurse' (Australia)
'Collegian', Journal of the Royal College of Nursing, (Australia)
'Journal of Transcultural Nursing' (USA)
'Journal of Diversity in Health and Care' (UK)

I have served on the following Committees/planning groups of Transcultural Nursing Society Global (USA) for repeated terms by invitation and instigator of Transcultural nursing society, the Royal College of Nursing, Australia.

- Member: Leininger Award Committee-Transcultural Nursing Society (two consecutive terms),
- Reviewer of abstracts for National and International transcultural nursing (TCN) conferences in Australia and overseas,
- Contributor to a joint chapter in the Core Curriculum which was published on October 2010 to be utilized by applicants who wish to gain Certification in Transcultural nursing. Additionally, I have been an invited contributor to the development of policy guidelines relating to the selection criteria for

- certification, the design of the application form, fees and the process of recertification in Transcultural nursing,
- Elected/invited Chair of the Nomination Committee of Transcultural Nursing Society (2004-2006).
 - Invited/nominee for President elect of Transcultural Nursing Society (2007).
 - Instigator of Transcultural Nursing Society, the Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) in 1994, and appointed National Chair, followed by 2 additional terms of 2 years in the same position (1994-2006). I continued as Chair of the network until 2006 when I took up a position in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Subsequently as part of an overall restructuring by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia, the Society changed roles and directions, and was named as the National Network for Transcultural (NNN) nursing/nurses in Australia.
 - Proposed to the management of the RCNA to create an Achievement award for recognition of distinguished International nurse scholars/leaders that have made noteworthy contributions to nursing in Australia. The proposal was accepted by the RCNA and Professor Leininger, the founder of the discipline of transcultural nursing was the first recipient of such an award for her ongoing support of Australian nurses. She has been providing guidance and supervision to many nurses encouraging them to inform their practices with transcultural nursing knowledge and evidence-based research in order to improve care to people of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. This award was presented to Dr Leininger during Transcultural nursing conference, Gold Coast in the 2000.
 - Member of International Association for Human Caring for a number of years.

ACAMEDIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

☞ Notre Dam University, Sydney Australia:

➔ **2009: Associate Professor**, the school of nursing, Darlinghurst Campus. In this capacity I taught Transcultural Nursing, Indigenous Health, undertook supervision of first honour student at the School, prepared a new unit of study in qualitative research, and published two book chapters in one semester.

➔ **2008: Sessional Academic** Invited by the School of Nursing, University of Notre Dame, Darlinghurst Campus. In this role, I designed and taught an undergraduate one semester unit in Transcultural Nursing in the Bachelor of Nursing Course. (August-Oct. 2008).

☞ University of Western Sydney, NSW Australia:

➔ **2004-2007:** Adjunct Associate Professor (by invitation). In this role I was able to consolidate Transcultural Nursing as a field of study, practice and research. During this period I published several book chapters, many articles in refereed Journals, and completed the Special Issue of Contemporary Advances in TCN/2 edition 2008, as well as advising staff on Transcultural nursing upon request. I continued presenting at national and international TCN conferences to build upon the growing evidenced based TCN knowledge informing nursing practices.

☞ Dar Al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia:

A multidisciplinary women's college, King Faisal Health & Research Centre, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

➔ **2006-2007:** Associate Professor (2006- 2007) (by invitation) Teaching Maternal-Infant Care and Community Nursing for one semester, involved in the revision of courses/units of study, building a research culture and submission of a proposal for the establishment of a Chair of Women's Health. Additionally, I mentored several final year students in preparation and development of a term assignment on the 'Impact of Islamic practices on breast-feeding'. The paper was presented during a National Evidence – Based Nursing Conference held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 2007.

☞ **Cumberland College of Health Sciences:**

1990-1997: Lecturer, School of Nursing, continued at Sydney University, Faculty of Nursing

➔ **1997-2004:** Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Nursing, the University of Sydney, NSW

During my years at the school of nursing, Cumberland College (presently Faculty of Health Sciences-the University of Sydney) I held positions of lecturer and senior lecturer for 14 years. Details of these appointments/experiences are available under separate dossier.

The following pages include a brief overview of the years spent in academia including, teaching, research, publications, supervision of higher degree students and transcultural nursing consultations. Additionally, the writings are reflective of my ongoing pioneering efforts and leadership in transcultural nursing strengthening Australian nursing.

Prior to above academic position/s and during my early years of teaching in NSW Australia, I was employed as 'nurse educator' at the Nursing Education Centre, Prince Henry-Prince of Wales hospitals for two years. In this role I taught nursing science, maternal-infant nursing as well as a number of other subjects.

☞ **Central Sydney Areas Health**

➔ **1976-1990: Position:** Team Leader Newtown Community Care

This role involved leadership/management of a multidisciplinary health care team, providing physical health, mental health and social welfare services to populations residing in Newtown, Enmore, Camperdown and Erskineville. The role created enormous opportunity for understanding the range of health care, social welfare services and hospitals in the area as a basis for comprehensive, integrated health care. The Centre was staffed with a multidisciplinary health care team, many representing diverse cultural backgrounds. Similar and diverse cultural backgrounds by staff and also the clients served by the community health care team was norm and called for better understanding of issues confronting immigrants and people of diverse and/or similar cultural backgrounds. The team established strong working liaison with existing services and provided care in collaboration with the range of services available in these localities. Examples of these services were, Aboriginal health and welfare services, schools, early childhood centres, probation parole; youth centres, drug and alcohol and a range of businesses, neighbourhood centres, community action groups as well as strong linkages with major hospitals, nursing homes and other health care and social welfare services, and to strengthen multidisciplinary health care which

was, appropriate, accessible, available, affordable and culturally meaningful to the growing populations including immigrants in the inner city of Sydney. The Centre was utilized as a training centre for preparation of health care interpreters in NSW and employed several interpreters to meet the ongoing linguistic needs of the clients of the Centre.

Experiences in the community prompted me to move to academia in order to establish and initiate Transcultural Nursing as a specialty area of study, research and practice.

The move to academia allowed me to become instrumental in establishing the Transcultural Nursing Society with support from the RCNA, leading to my foundational work in establishing the first courses/units of study in undergraduate and Master of Nursing (MN) courses at Cumberland College of Health Sciences. These courses enabled students to undertake basic and advanced studies and research in Transcultural nursing education and practice.

In my academic career, since 1990, I have published over 60 original peer-reviewed research papers in a range of reputable international and Australian Journals, chapters in books, and in national nursing papers (Nursing Review and Connections) with my first joint publication in Medical Journal of Australia in 1975. The topics such as Maternal – Child Health, Community Nursing, Indigenous students, health care issues confronting refugees and asylum seekers, and Transcultural nursing as a discipline are among the range of my publications.

As guest editor, I completed the Special Issue of Contemporary Nurse on Contemporary Advances in TCN 2e/28 (1-2): 2008. I have authored fourteen book chapters and two books/monographs since 1995 and my work is frequently cited in nursing, social science and other health science literature, nationally and internationally.

My advocacy in Transcultural nursing, through my publications and keynote addresses at conferences has brought increasing numbers of requests for postgraduate studies and supervision of higher degrees. I have supervised 9 postgraduate projects - many to completion, assisted publication of completed research and provided mentorship of students. This trend has continued beyond my academic roles.

I have undertaken invited consultancies in Australia and overseas. I have been nominated liaison contact/consultant by Transcultural Nursing Society, in the Western Pacific region (to present), and the sole consultant in Transcultural Nursing by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (1995-2006).

RECENT CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD):

2010: Advanced-Certification in Transcultural nursing to CTN-Advanced for 5 years (2016), TCN Society, USA.

2010: Attended lecture by Geoffrey Robertson, QC, Head of Doughty Street Chambers, London, UK-titled "The case of the Pope: Vatican Accountability for Human Rights Abuse" at London School of Economics, Public Lecture, Sheikh Zayed Theatre, London, UK.

2010: Mental Health First Aid MHFA1310 by Kevin O'Neil, Shalwyn Counseling Services, Moss Vale NSW (27-28/09/19) 9:00-4:00 pm =12 hours).

2010: First Aid Refresher Course 367463 SFA, Australian Red Cross, 159 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW (5-6/10/10, 8:30-4:30=16hours).

2009: Italian Beginners Course No. 09PII4536, ID: 234703. Sydney University Continuing Education Centre (13/10/09-15/12/09=20 hrs.).

HONOURS & AWARDS

2008: Invitation by the School of Nursing, Notre Dame University Australia, Darlinghurst- Sydney Campus, to teach Transcultural nursing and to build a research culture.

2004-2007: Honorary appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Nursing, The University of Western Sydney.

2005: Scholar Award: In recognition of research and publications and contribution to Transcultural nursing.

1998: Leininger Award: for Excellence and Creative Leadership in Transcultural Nursing and Human Care. The award was presented during the annual Transcultural nursing research conference in New Jersey, USA.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES IN TRANSCULTURAL NURSING: 1990-2011:

I have provided consultancies in transcultural nursing and health care to nursing students, faculties of nursing and Medicine as well as other health science faculties, clinicians, and health care organizations since early 1990 in Australia, and overseas.

Australia:

2010: University of Tasmania, Australia: Graduate student seeking guidance on TCN Certification. **Consultation provided.**

2010: Queensland University of Technology, Queensland, Australia: Request by graduate student seeking advice on how to deal with diversity issues in care- **Consultation provided:** list of readings provided upon request.

2010: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, NSW Australia: Request by a faculty member seeking assistance in planning a unit of study in Transcultural Nursing, online. **Advice provided.**

2010: Sydney Nursing School, the University of Sydney, NSW Australia: Request by a member of the faculty re supervision of research on refugees by an International student from Iraq, studying at Sydney University, Nursing School. **Advice provided/** recommended further discussions in supporting student goals for research.

2007: Fulbright student from Harvard University, Mass. USA, studying at Sydney University, NSW Australia: Referred by the School of Political Science seeking information on services for refugees and asylum seekers. **Service Provided:** including three discussion meetings and sharing information.

2006: University of Adelaide (Joanna Briggs Institute) Australia: Doctoral candidate seeking advice on research proposal on overseas students in Australia. **Guidance provided:** via discussion and provision of resources and readings.

2006: Association of School Health Nurses in NSW Australia: Request for a session on how to deal with students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. **Service provided:** with a formal presentation on Transcultural Concepts on dealing with (CLAD) students.

1999-2005: University of Sydney, Nursing School, NSW Sydney Australia: Former Japanese student who studied with me at Sydney University in 2003, requesting advice relating to doctoral studies in Japan. **Consultation provided and continues...**

2005: Request by a clinician from Northern Territory, Australia:
Seeking advice as where to study Transcultural nursing? **Service provided.**

2005: University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Rural Health, Broken Hill, NSW, Australia: Seeking advice re-cultural diversity and cultural clash in the workplace: **Advice provided:** highlighting the need for a workshop to discuss/TCN Concepts and issues of concern and strategies for action.

2004: Diabetes Australia: Sought advice on the impact of diabetes and culturally diverse populations. I was invited to join the board of Diabetes Australia.
Accepted the offer: expressing willingness to offer support services through TCN educational workshops.

2004: University of Adelaide, School of Nursing, Australia:
Request by graduate student to research with immigrant student nurses studying in Australia. **Advice provided:** Through brief discussion and sharing a list of readings.

2004: University of Sydney, Faculty of Nursing, NSW Australia:
Request for joint research with Indigenous people. Not able to meet her request, but recommended several other colleagues more suited-so **Advice provided** with Availability for ongoing consultation.

2004: Aubury Wodanga, Victoria, Australia:
Request for access to language and communication services to improve verbal and non-verbal communication among people from diverse cultural and linguistic background (CLAD). **Guidance provided with a list of resources.**

2004: University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health Sciences, Australia:
Doctoral candidate seeking permission to utilize my research on immigrant nurses to inform his research. **Request accepted and advice provided.**

2003: Faculty member, University of Western Sydney, School of Nursing, NSW, Australia: Requested a list of readings in TCN to inform research. **List provided** with continued dialogue relating to TCN research.

2003: Northern Territory, Department of Health, Palliative Care Consultant, Australia: Sought information re-state of TCN in Australia, sharing his interests and work done re- palliative care and Indigenous people. Request met-**advice provided.**

2003: Professional Nurse Leader from the Irish Nurses Association wrote on Transcultural nursing and immigrant nurses...In Ireland: Discussed her interest relating to my research and the work I have been doing in Australia, and shared the situation of Irish nurses and sought more discussion and possibilities for research. **Request met; through sharing information and on going consultation...**

2003: Lecturer from the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney, NSW Australia: requested/invited collaboration in teaching TCN at the Faculty of Medicine, with an invitation to discuss needs. **Service provided** with possibilities for teaching.

Overseas:

August 2010: Request by Doctoral candidate from Teacher Education University in Teheran-Iran, re supervision. **Service/advise provided via email.**

January 2010: Teacher Education University in Teheran-Iran: Doctoral candidate requesting and discussing supervision. **Service/advise provided**-via email and copies of research articles provided upon request.

January 2009: Graduate student from Dar Al Hekla College and King Faisal Hospital and Research Centre, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia- studying in Australia, sought advice on how to transfer between universities to continue doctoral studies. **Advice provided** by facilitating appropriate contacts.

2007: Isfahan University, Isfahan- Iran: Iranian academic visiting Sydney requesting to share issues confronting Iranian nurses in Academia in Iran. Also inviting me to be on editorial board of a newly recently Journal of Nursing Research. **Service provided**-accepted invitation with follow on consultation...

2006: Dar Al Hekma College, King Faisal Hospital & Research Centre, Jeddah- Saudi Arabia: Invitation to conduct a workshop on Transcultural Nursing for students, academics and clinicians in April 2006-followed by an invitation to join the staff of the School of Nursing as Associate Professor. **Consultancy provided:** for 3 days.

2005: A member of the Association of Registered Practitioners APNP, from Seattle Washington, USA, Requested on ways to reach Indigenous Australians for purpose of research. **Service provided**, negotiating contact with Dr Sally Good-Indigenous Nurse Leader representing Indigenous people of Australia. The candidate reported satisfactory meeting and guidance by Dr S. Goold.

2005: University of Isfahan, Iran:

Request by a registered nurse for joint research in a hospital in Jarod, Isfahan, Iran. This request was initially received by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia. **Advice provided**, highlighting issues relating to language difficulties and possibilities of contacting the Royal College of Nursing, Australia for further advice and referral to appropriate resources.

2005: University of Connecticut, School of Nursing, Sorrs, CT, USA:

Nurse academic requesting access to data collected during my research on Immigrant nurses. **Advice provided.**

2004: University of Nottingham, UK: Doctoral candidate, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Nottingham, UK. Expressed interest in my research 'lived experiences of immigrant nurses' inviting me to visit University of Nottingham to share the findings. **Service provided.**

2004: University of California, San Francisco, USA: International student requesting advice on questionnaire design to conduct research/data collection on Japanese clients. **Service provided** providing sample questionnaires and dialogue via internet.

2004: International Congress of Nursing ICN: Switzerland:

Consultant on Nursing and Health care policy, Switzerland, requesting dialogue on my research on immigrant nurses. Request attended to and **Service provided.** The consultant was later invited to contribute a Chapter in an Australian International Referred Nursing Journal (Contemporary Nurse, Special issue on contemporary advances in TCN, 2ND edn, 2008).

2004: Hans Dubos, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Madrid-Spain: Requested dialogue on my research on 'Lived experiences of immigrant nurses in NSW Australia: Searching for meaning", interested to replicate the study in Spain. **Continued consultation.**

2004: Dr Rodney Solomon former colleague, living in Israel and teaching at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel: requested list of readings in Transcultural nursing for students. **List provided.**

2003: Tabriz University, School of Nursing, Tabriz, Iran:

request by an Academic for possible sabbatical at Sydney University to work with me on his doctoral research. Referred to appropriate resources. **Advice provided.**

2002: Nemazi University, Shiraz, Iran:

Head of the School of Nursing requesting assistance in TCN relating to her doctoral thesis while studying in Sydney at the Faculty of Nursing, The University of Sydney. **Guidance and assistance provided.**

1999: University of Jordan, School of Nursing, Jordan: Student studying in Australia at Monash University, Melbourne seeking advice relating to his research. **Proposal Guidance/advice provided.** 1998-2003.

2002: Doctoral candidate studying at the school of Behavioural science, Cumberland College of Health Sciences requesting associate supervision relating to research on transcultural nursing leadership.

Consultancy/supervision provided on a regular basis for 4-5 years.

2002: Professor Mary Wawrzinski, visiting Scholar, Dean of College of Health and Social Science, Madonna University, Livonia Michigan, was guest of the Faculty of Nursing, Sydney University, with the purpose of joint research relating to nurse education in Australia. It was an honor to facilitate her research and consultancy during the three weeks she spent with the faculty of Nursing.

Service including, guidance and information re-research protocol-Human Ethics Approval and facilitation of data collection was provided with follow-on publication/s.

2004: Azita Emami, Assistant Professor, Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, Karolinska Institute, Sweden visited University of Western Sydney, School of nursing in 2004. The purpose of the visit was to share Transcultural nursing and common areas of research interest and study. Planned visit and worked closely together during the visit.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS:

During my employment at Cumberland College of Health Sciences, and the University of Sydney, Faculty of Nursing, I recruited many candidates, both International (Canada, New Zealand, Iran, Malaysia) and from Australia, who undertook higher degrees (PhD, MN) under my mentorship. My international consultancy has brought many requests by students and faculties who are eager to undertake graduate studies in Australia, and overseas.

2010: Request from the audit and evaluation team of the Medical Foundation for the Care of the Victims of Torture in London. The request was to use my research publications on refugees and asylum seekers as a basis for the development of an outcome tool for evaluating therapeutic services with survivors of torture. The organization will acknowledge the research publication as well as the method of usage in the evaluation form.

2010: Invitation to contribute a chapter on 'care of refugees and asylum seekers' as part of a major publication (Core Curriculum) proposed by Transcultural nursing Certification Committee, to be published by the Journal of Transcultural nursing-Special Issue. This publication will be recommended reading guide for TCN certification. This publication has been in print since April 2010.

2007: Upon request contributed a range of MCQ items to a developing bank of Multiple-choice items for inclusion in the examination of those seeking Certification in TCN. This was part of my involvement in Transcultural Nursing Certification Board/Commission for Certification.

2007: Invited: as an Associate Professor, DAH College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia/Senior Program Director, KFSHRC, August 19, 2006 to February 19,

2007 teaching 4 courses In Maternal-Infant Nursing (Theory & Clinical) and Community Health Nursing (Theory & Clinical).

2006: Invited to conduct 3 days workshop in TCN 'Journey of Cultural Awareness', DAH College and KFSH&RC. April 10-20, 2006. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

2006: Invited by the School of Nursing at Dar Al Hekma College/KFSHRC Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to visit and conduct a number of Transcultural nursing workshops in collaboration with the Director of Nursing Education and Research at King Faisal Hospital Health Research Centre, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. April 10-12,

2006: Orchestrated a visit for Dr Azita Emami, Assistant Professor from Karolinska Institute in Sweden to Australia February 19-March 2. 2006. She was the guest at University of Western Sydney NSW, Australia.

2003: Invited as part of a twelve member international panel of nurses from Australia, Canada, UK, USA, Lebanon, Jordan to participate in sharing experiences and expertise in a new initiative in nursing in Saudi Arabia, related to the development of the first BSN program in nursing. The project was titled: Collaboration Model between Nursing Services and Schools of Nursing in the Context of the Middle East.

2002: Collaborative research on "Factors that influence nurses in Australia to complete the BN degree once it was required as the minimum for nursing education". This was a joint research project initiated by Professor Mary Wawrzynski, Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing, visiting Scholar, College of Health & Social Sciences Madonna University, Livonia Michigan, USA.

TEACHING & TEACHING INTERESTS

Teaching interests:

Transcultural Nursing
Community Health/Nursing
Primary Health Care
Health Promotion
Home Nursing
Child and Family Health Nursing
Maternal-Child Health Nursing
Nursing in Developing Countries
Community Midwifery
Midwifery Practice
Qualitative research methods

I have taught in a variety of nursing subjects and courses (above list) in an independent role as well as in teaching teams during my career. I have also designed and coordinated subjects and initiated the first graduate courses in transcultural nursing at Cumberland College of Health Sciences since 1991.

CLINICAL TEACHING & SUPERVISION

2008: Clinical supervision of combined degree (2nd year MN) in Maternity-Child & Family and Neonatal Intensive Care, Faculty of Nursing, The University of Sydney, Mallet Street, March-April (4 weeks).

2006-2007: Clinical supervision of students in clinical settings including: Maternity infant care nursing, Home visiting services, Primary Health Care clinics, and Schools in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

2005: Undertook four (6) weeks re-connecting course in Maternal Infant Care, Liverpool Hospital, upgrading of skills 21 February, 2005.

1990-2002: Clinical supervision of nursing students in Maternal-Infant care in a number of Hospitals in NSW (KGV, Royal Hospital for Women, Auburn Hospital), in NSW.

1990-1999: Clinical supervision of nursing students in Palliative Care, Aged Care and Community Nursing, in NSW.

1994-1998: Coordinated clinical placements for RN-BN for a number of years, including placements in primary health care settings in remote areas.

Involved in supervision and assessment of clinical competencies for BN Students for 3 decades. Liaison with resources for the care of mothers-infants

and families in community health (e.g. early childhood, discharge liaison groups including, early discharge, discharge planning, parenting groups and school health teams, child health units and clinics, breastfeeding mothers, interagency, child abuse, GP's, other community health care and hospitals and immigrant lobby groups).

LEADERSHIP

My leadership activities date back to the beginning of my career as a National Nurse Consultant in Iran, followed by my appointment as team leader of Newtown Community Care Centre, Central Sydney Health Service, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, NSW Australia, then as national leader in Transcultural Nursing, with the Royal College of Nursing, Australia and in academia. The following list highlights my leadership role in Transcultural nursing. Others are listed under different roles and responsibilities as appropriate.

1990-onwards

These leadership initiatives have been in Transcultural nursing education, research and policy direction and have impacted Australian nursing in Academia and in nursing practice. These included:

- initiating NEW courses of study and teaching
- leading research and publications
- supervising postgraduate nursing students (BN Honours, MN, PhD)
- recruiting international students to study and research in Transcultural nursing
- undertaking collaborative research with leading TCN Organizations
- strengthening professional linkage/collaboration with appropriate international nursing organizations
- presenting at national and international conferences as well as other consultancies in a variety of settings and contexts
- publishing research findings in Australia and overseas
- Joined editorial boards of a number of international and national editorial boards
- acting Head of School (on several occasions) upon delegation by the Head of School 1998-1999
- initiating Transcultural nursing conferences nationally and internationally to share research-based knowledge and to promote the place of Australian nursing in transcultural nursing education and research, impacting nursing practice/s.

RESEARCH:

Research Interests:

Cultural diversity in practice
Transcultural nursing as a discipline
Immigrant nurses
Refugees and Asylum seekers
Indigenous Health & Culturally congruent strategies with Indigenous students
Workforce issues: Recruitment and retention of overseas nurse graduates
Evidenced-base practice.

Research Methodologies:

Qualitative Methods:

Ethnonursing
Ethnography
Phenomenology
Survey methods
Focus group
Multidisciplinary research

Research Completed:

Omeri A (1991-1996) *Transcultural nursing care values, beliefs and practices of Iranian immigrants in NSW: Implications for nursing*. Doctoral research completed in 1996.

Omeri A (1996) Semantic meanings of care. In: A Omeri (1996) Doctoral Thesis *Transcultural nursing care values, beliefs & practices of Iranian immigrants in NSW Australia* (p. 283). The University of Sydney, NSW, Australia (Published in conference presentations and book of abstracts).

Omeri A (1996) Folk health & illness beliefs & practices (p.289). In: A. Omeri Doctoral Thesis *Transcultural nursing care values, beliefs & practices of Iranian immigrants in NSW Australia*. The University of Sydney, NSW Australia (Published in conference proceedings and book of abstracts).

Omeri A (1996) Care patterns & rituals in death and dying. In: A Omeri Doctoral Thesis *Transcultural nursing care values, beliefs & practices of Iranian immigrants in NSW Australia* (p. 306). The University of Sydney, NSW Australia (Incorporated in conference presentations and book of abstracts).

Raymond L, & Omeri A (1998-2005) *Mauritian immigrant's beliefs, values and care practices towards health and well-being in relation to pregnancy, childbirth*

and puerperium within Leininger's Theory of Culture Care Diversity and Universality. The project received an NRB Scholarship of \$20,000.00 Doctoral research in TCN. The candidate graduated in November 2004 (**Principal Supervisor**).

Omeri A, Lennings C & Raymond L (2001-2005) *Access to and appropriateness of physical and mental health services for the Afghan refugee community in NSW Australia*, Supported by Funding of \$A25, 000.00 From the Academic Unit of Transcultural Mental Health (TCMH). NSW Australia. Research completed in 2003, with several publications in refereed Journals and a monograph). (**Principal researcher**)

Omeri A (2000) *Culture care of aged Iranian immigrants in NSW, Australia: Implications for nursing practice.* Completed in 2000 (**Published abstract in conference proceedings**).

Omeri A, Atkins K (2000) *Lived experiences of immigrant nurses in NSW, Australia: Searching for meaning.* **Completed in 2000 & published.**

Omeri A, & Ahern M (1998) *Utilizing culturally congruent strategies to enhance recruitment and retention of Australian Indigenous nursing students*". Faculty of Nursing, the University of Sydney, NSW Australia (**Completed & published in the Journal of TCN in 1999 and in CATSIN Conference proceedings**).

Brooke D, & Omeri A (1996) *Culture care theory and childhood immunization with Lebanese Muslim immigrants in NSW*, Honor's thesis research. Completed in 1996. The candidate being the first student to receive 1st class honor at the Faculty of Nursing, The University of Sydney, Australia (**Completed & Published**).

Omeri A, & Gorevski K (1992-1993) *Culture care of Macedonian immigrants in NSW: significance in nursing practice.* This mini-ethnonursing study focused on folk and traditional practices of Macedonians. Sydney, Australia (Unpublished).

Omeri A (1991) *Survey of faculties and schools of nursing to determine status of Transcultural nursing in nursing curricula.* A preliminary study in support of my doctoral Studies (Unpublished) Completed in 1992.

Theses:

Omeri A (1996) *Transcultural nursing care values, beliefs and practices of Iranian immigrants in NSW Australia*. Doctoral Thesis, Faculty of Nursing (Cumberland College of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney, NSW Australia **(Completed in 1996 with multiple publications in refereed journal and conference proceedings since 1997)**).

Omeri, A (1966) *A study investigating changes in the social & educational status of women and their implications for the development of the nursing profession in Iran*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA.

Current Research Projects:

Omeri A, & Griffiths R (2009) *Strategies to enhance the retention of overseas qualified nurse graduates recruited into the nursing workforce in Australia*. Centre for Applied Nursing Research, UWS and SSWAHS. (Possible collaboration with TMHC and Diversity in Health Centre SSWAHS)

Omeri A (2006) *Survey of Culturally competent nursing care*. Royal College of Nursing, Australia. Transcultural Nursing Society National Nursing Network. April 2004 (delayed due to lack of access to resources).

Omeri A, (2000) *Spirituality and Nursing*. This project emerged during my Sabbatical leave in the United Kingdom in May 2000 in collaboration with two Universities (University of Middlesex, Center for Transcultural Research and Auckland University in New Zealand). The aim of the project was to examine the concept of spirituality in nursing education in the three participating countries to contribute and enrich nursing knowledge. Separate funding was allocated to this project in the United Kingdom and in New Zealand. Implementation of the project has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances relating to the participating organizations.

Since joining academia, almost all my research has had a family and community base. Data collection has often been in community settings, homes, places of work of participants. I have seen my work in academia inseparable and part of the community.

Postgraduate Research Supervision

Supervision of PhD Candidates:

Principal Supervisor for:

(1999-completed 2004)

(University of Sydney, Faculty of Nursing) An ethnonursing study of 'Mauritian immigrant's beliefs, values and care practices towards health and well-being in relation to pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium within Leininger's theory of culture care diversity and universality. (Research Grant of \$20,000.00 from the RCNA). PhD awarded in 2004 (**Principal Supervisor**)

(1999-completed 2005).

(ACU Queensland) Australian Aboriginal women's perception of Cancer pain. Qualitative Research investigating the impact of decolonization on the health and well-being of Aborigines. (National Nursing Fellowship TCNPAUR Memorial Fellowship \$15,000.00). The student transferred to The University of Queensland prior to completion (**Principal supervisor for 4 years**).

(1999-2004)

(Jeddah, Saudi Arabia). "The meaning of care in Islam'. I was invited to co-supervise the project). (Distance mode online supervision). I supervised the major part of the research with continuous feedback to candidate until 2002. (The student was transferred to a new supervisor upon my departure for Sydney University).

(1998-2002)

Mental illness and Vietnamese people "A phenomenological study 'the experience of perceiving spiritual phenomena: Implications for mental health nursing" (**Principal Supervisor**).

(1998-1999)

New Zealand- (discontinued due to illness).

Transcultural nursing study in a PHC setting with Maori in NZ the student completed her MN and began her PhD Candidacy then withdrawn due to illness (**Principal Supervisor all through from MN to PhD**)

Supervision of Bachelor Honours: Principal Supervisor

2009: BN Honors, Notre Dame University, School of Nursing, Darlinghurst Campus, Sydney, NSW. *A mini ethn nursing study of 'Parents of Sudanese Children's Lived Experiences of the NSW Health Care System (Principal Supervisor)*. The project received human ethical approval but remain incomplete.

1996 Completed in 1999

An ethn nursing study '*Culture-care theory and childhood immunization with Lebanese Muslim immigrants in NSW*'. **Attained 1st class honors, Degree awarded in June 1996 (Principal Supervisor)**. The research has been published in 1991.

Supervision of Master of Nursing (MN):

2002: Literature review

'Transcultural Nursing Care in Pregnancy and Childbirth in Japan'. In 2004, the student a PhD candidate at St. Luke's College of Nursing, Japan has sought supervision. Since 2005. MN Awarded in 2002 **(Principal Supervisor)**

1998: Literature review

Transcultural nursing care values and beliefs relating to end of life practices of elderly Italians. In partial requirement towards completion of MN by coursework. MN awarded in 1998 (Thesis examiner)

1994: Literature review on women and HIV Aids in Botswana. In partial requirement for Master of Nursing by coursework. MN Awarded in 1994 (Thesis examiner)

1993: Literature review

Discharge planning and diagnosis related groups (DRG's): Implications for nursing practice. In partial requirement toward completion of a MN by course work. MN Awarded in 1994 **(Principal supervisor)**

1993: Scholarly essay

Breast feeding the low birth weight infant" (2nd examiner).

Recent Examination of Research Theses: External examiner:

University of Wollongong (2010) *Adaptation processes of Japanese Nurses in Australia*. A PhD thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Master of Nursing Research. University of Wollongong, School of Nursing and Midwifery & Indigenous Health, Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences (Degree Awarded pending incorporation of comments under guidance of Supervisor).

University of Western Sydney (2005) *The impact of type 1 Diabetes on the self of Adolescents and young adults*. PhD thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of PhD in Nursing (Doctor of Philosophy). The University of Western Sydney. School of Nursing, Family of Community Health, College of Health & Science (Degree Awarded).

University of Western Sydney (2003) *Egyptian families caring for a relative with mental illness in Australia* (2003) PhD thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of PhD in Nursing. The University of Western Sydney. School of Nursing, Family of Community Health, College of Health & Science (Degree Awarded following revisions)

University of Technology (2001) *A substantive Theory of Struggling with Advancing Cancer until Death Among Adult People of Chinese Origin in the Australian Context* (2001) PhD thesis, submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of PhD in Nursing (Doctor of Philosophy). The University of Technology Sydney. School of Nursing, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Health (Degree Awarded).

PUBLICATIONS:

Book/Monographs (Edited and Published)

Omeri A, & McFarland M (2008) Advances in Contemporary Transcultural Nursing, Special Issue in TCN 2e: Pathways of Cultural Awareness, *Contemporary Nurse Journal* 28 (1-2). ISBN 978-0-9757710-5-1.

Omeri A, Lennings C & Raymond L (2007) *Beyond Asylum: The Afghan Experience*. Transcultural Mental Health Centre, NSW Australia.

Omeri A, & Cameron-Traub E (eds) (1996) *Transcultural Nursing in multicultural Australia*. Professional Education Series, Monograph, Royal College of Nursing, Canberra: ACT, Australia.

Chapters in Books: (Invited Chapters)

Omeri A (2010) Care of refugees and asylees. In Douglas M & Pacquiao D (eds) *Core Curriculum for Transcultural Nursing and Health Care Certification*, chapter 6c *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* 21(1): pp. 2626-2685 (Supplementary), ISBN: 1043-6596 Sage (invited chapter).

Omeri A & Raymond L (2009) Diversity in the context of multicultural Australia: implications for nursing practice, 3rd edn. In Daly J, Jackson D & Speedy S (eds.) *Contexts of Nursing*, Elsevier: Sydney NSW (invited chapter).

Omeri A (2006) Diversity challenges in the context of multicultural Australia 2rd edn. In Daly J, Speedy S & Jackson D (eds.) *Contexts of Nursing*, Elsevier: Sydney NSW (invited chapter).

Omeri A (2006) Transcultural nursing: The way to prepare culturally competent practitioners in Australia. In: R. Papadopoulos (ed.) *Transcultural health and social care and the development of culturally competent practitioners*, Chapter 18: 303-318. Elsevier, UK. (invited chapter).

Omeri A & Andrews M (2005a) Meeting the health care needs of a diverse society. In Daly J, Jackson D, Speedy S, Lambert V, Lambert C (eds.) *Professional nursing: Concepts, issues and challenges* PP. 295-316. Springer, New York (invited chapter).

Omeri A (2005b). Diversity challenges in the context of multicultural Australia: An introduction. In Daly J, Jackson D, Speedy S (eds.) *Contexts of Nursing: An introduction* 2nd edn. PP. 268-271, Elsevier: Sydney NSW. (Invited Chapter)

Omeri A (2002) Reflection on Australia and transcultural nursing in the new millennium. In Leininger M & McFarland M (eds.) *Transcultural nursing*

concepts, theories, research and practices, 3rd edn. pp. 517-523). McGraw Hill, New York. (invited chapter).

Omeri A (1996) Transcultural Nursing: fact or fiction in multicultural Australia. In Omeri A & Cameron-Traub E (eds.). *Transcultural nursing in multicultural Australia*. Royal College of Nursing Australia, Canberra ACT.

Omeri A, Nahas V (1995) Cultural care nursing assessment. In Gray G & Pratt R (eds.) *Issues in Australian nursing 5*. Churchill Livingstone. Melbourne, Victoria (invited chapter).

Refereed Journal Articles:

Omeri A, McFarland M (2008) Advances in Contemporary Transcultural Nursing, Special Issue in TCN 2e: Pathways of Cultural Awareness, *Contemporary Nurse Journal 28* (1-2):1-212. ISBN: 978-0-9757710-5-1(**invited issue**).

Omeri A (2008) Preface: Pathways of Cultural Awareness. In A Omeri & M McFarland (2008) (eds.) Advances in Contemporary Transcultural Nursing, Special Issue in TCN 2e *Contemporary Nurse Journal 28*(1-2):1-212 ISBN: 978-0-9757710-5-1.

Omeri A (2008). Epilogue: advancing transcultural nursing through collaboration. In Omeri A & McFarland M (2008) (eds.) Advances in Contemporary Transcultural Nursing, Special Issue in TCN 2e *Contemporary Nurse Journal 28*(1-2):207-210 ISBN: 978-0-9757710-5-1.

Papadopoulos I, Omeri A (2008) Transcultural Nursing Theory and Models: The Challenges of application. In Omeri A & McFarland M (2008) (eds.) Advances in Contemporary Transcultural Nursing Special Issue in TCN 2e *Contemporary Nurse Journal 28*(1-2):45-47. ISBN: 978-0-9757710-5-1.

Omeri A, Lennings C & Raymond L (2006) Beyond asylum: Implications for nursing and health care delivery for Afghan refugees in Australia. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing, 17*(1): 30-39.

Omeri A (2006) Workplace practices with mental health implications impacting on recruitment and retention of overseas nurses in the context of nursing shortages. *Contemporary Nurse: Special issue on Mental Health Nursing, 21*(1): 50-61(**Invited paper**).

Omeri A, Lennings C & Raymond L (2004) Hardiness and transformational coping in Asylum seekers: The Afghan experience. *Journal of Diversity in Health and Social Care in Community 1*(1): 21-30.

Omeri A, Malcolm P (2004) Cultural diversity: a challenge for community nurses. *Contemporary Nurse 17*(3):183-191 (invited paper).

Omeri A (2003) Meeting diversity challenges: Pathway of 'advanced' transcultural nursing practice in Australia. In Daly J & Jackson D (eds.) *Advances in contemporary transcultural nursing. Contemporary Nurse: Special issue: 15(3):175-187* ISBN 0-9750436-1-7 (invited paper).

Omeri A (2003) Dedication to Madeleine Leininger. In Daly J & Jackson D (eds.) *Advances in contemporary transcultural nursing. Contemporary Nurse: Special issue: 15(3):1* (invited paper).

Omeri A, Malcolm P, Ahern M & Wellington B (2003) Meeting the challenges of cultural diversity in the academic setting. *Nurse Education in Practice, 3: 5-22.*

Omeri A, Atkins K (2002) Lived experiences of immigrant nurses in New South Wales, Australia: searching for meaning. *International Journal of Nursing Studies, 39: 495-505.* (This research has received much international interest from Scholars and students across the world).

Omeri A, Ahern M (1999) Utilizing culturally congruent strategies to enhance recruitment and retention of Australian Indigenous nursing students. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing 10(2):150-155.*

Brooke D, Omeri A (1999) Culture care theory and childhood immunization with Lebanese Muslim immigrants in NSW. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing, Jan-June, 10(3): 229-236.*

Omeri A (1998) Conference Report "Transcultural Nursing: New Pathways, New Venture. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing 9(2): 64-65.*

Omeri A (1998) Response to the 1998 Leininger Award. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing 10 (3): 260-261.*

Omeri A (1997) Care meanings and experiences of Iranian immigrants in New South Wales, Australia: Sharing transcultural nursing knowledge. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing 8 (1): 5-16.*

Omeri A (1997) Care: What it means to Iranian immigrants in NSW Australia, *Journal of Nursing Science, Hoitotiede, 9(5) 5-10.* This paper was presented during the 23rd Transcultural Nursing Society's Annual Research Conference in Kuopio-Finland, invited for publication in the above-refereed journal (ISSN 0786-5686).

Omeri A (1996) Comment on Swanson & Windsor article 'Rethinking cultural sensitivity' (Nursing Inquiry 1996, 3:3-10) Reflecting upon an Australian perspective. *Nursing Inquiry 3: 242-24 (invited commentary).*

Omeri A (1996-1998) Transcultural Nursing. Quarterly writings on transcultural nursing issues. *Transcultural Nursing Society Bulletin*. Royal College of Nursing, Australia (**editor**).

Omeri A, Berry A (1996) Book Review: Leininger, M. (1995) *Transcultural nursing: concepts, theories, research, and practices, 2d edn*. Columbus, OH: McGraw Hill/Greyden Press. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 7(2): 37-42.

Omeri A (1992) Educating nurses in multicultural Australia. Survey of faculties/schools of nursing (Unpublished).

Omeri A (1992) Culture care theory with aged Yugoslav migrants in an inner city community, New South Wales, Australia (unpublished).

Magarey C, Hunt D, Jacobs P, Knight S, Pigott P, Proyer D, Omeri A (nee Salek), Todd p & Williams J (1975). Learning by experience: A student's residential workshop in hospital. *Medical Journal of Australia* 2: 516-518.

Book Reviews:

Omeri A (1996) Book Review: Leininger, M. (1995) Transcultural nursing concepts, theories, research and practices. Review for publication in the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 7(2): 37-40 (Review requested by Dr M Leininger)

Omeri A, Berry A (1996) Book Review: Leininger, M. (1995). *Transcultural nursing: concepts, theories, research, and practices, 2nd edition*. Columbus, OH: McGraw Hill/Greyden Press. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 7(2): 37-42.

Additional Publications:

Transcultural nursing issues and trends, *NURSING REVIEW: Australia's independent voice in nursing*. Upon my recommendation, Nursing Review dedicated a section to TCN issues and trends and I made the following contributions on TCN.

Omeri A (2006) Journey of cultural awareness. *Nursing Review*, June 2006.

Omeri A (2006) Nursing EXPO 2006, Feature article on Transcultural Nursing, *Sydney Morning Herald, Health & Science*, and May 11 2006:10.

Omeri A (2006) Omeri wins Transcultural Nurse Scholar Award. *Nursing Review*, December 2005:2.

Omeri A (2006) Study into Racism in Nursing. *Nursing Review* February 2006.

Omeri A (2006) NSW School Nurses Shift Focus to Transcultural nursing. *Nursing Review* March 2006.

Omeri A (2004) Certification in transcultural nursing: Key to global licensure in nursing. *Nursing Review*, October 2004: 24.

Omeri A (2004). Benchmarking: Essential for transcultural excellence in nursing practice. *Nursing Review*, August 2004: 20.

Omeri A (2004) On becoming a health care interpreter: Pathways and process. *Nursing Review*, June 2004: 5.

Omeri A (2004) Language: Gateway to cultural understanding. *Nursing Review* May 2004: 5.

Omeri A (2004) Beyond Asylum: with Nooria Mehraby reporting on services provided by Services for the Treatment and Rehabilitations of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) relating to Afghan Refugees in NSW. *Nursing Review* April 2004: 5.

Omeri A (2004) Beyond Asylum: The significance of supportive counseling in the process of seeking asylum. In collaboration with Associate Professor Nicholas Procter, *Nursing Review*, March 2004: 5.

Omeri A (2004) Beyond Asylum: Issues of significance to nursing and health care relating to Afghan refugees in NSW Australian. *Nursing Review* February 2004: 4.

Omeri A (2004) Understanding transcultural nursing. *Nursing Review* January 2004: 6.

Omeri A (2003) Ethnonursing research method: A way to generate evidenced-based transcultural nursing knowledge. *Nursing Review* December 2003: 5.

Omeri A (2003) Dedication to Madeleine Leininger. *Nursing Review* November 2003: 7.

Omeri A (2003) Research-based transcultural knowledge informing nursing and health care. *Nursing Review*, October 2003: 6.

Omeri A (2003) Assuring culturally competent nursing care: Whose responsibility? *Nursing Review*, September 2003: 7.

Omeri A (2003) Transcultural nursing issues and trends: exploring cultural imposition practices. *Nursing Review*, August 2003: 12.

Omeri A (2003) Recruiting from Australia's ethnic and cultural diversity: Meeting diversity challenges is the pathway to recruitment and retention of immigrant nurses. *Nursing Review*, July 2003: 23.

Omeri A (1998) Course in Transcultural Nursing charts cultural shift. *Nursing Review* August 1998: 23.

Omeri A (1996) New challenges as nursing embrace a multi-cultural Australia. *Nursing Review*, 1996: 15.

CONNECTIONS: National News Magazine, National Network of Transcultural Nurses -RCNA

Omeri A (2006) Journey of Cultural Awareness: An experiential transcultural leaning experience. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*. 9(2): 33-34.

Omeri A (2006) Transcultural nursing: gateway to enhancing health care. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*, 9(1): 33-37.

Omeri A (2005) Cultural context and its significance in rural and remote nursing and health care. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*, 8 (2): 34-35.

Omeri A (2005) Retaining immigrant nurses in the Australian nursing workforce. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*, 8 (1): 36 & 41.

Omeri A (2004) Connecting cultural competence to care: An inquiry in to the state of culturally competent nursing care in Australia. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*, 7(2): 34-35.

Omeri A (2004) Transcultural nursing: Where from here. *Connections: RCNA Newsletter*, 7(1): 35.

Publications in Progress:

The following publications have been put on hold due to ongoing commitments in teaching and research. Additionally, members of each research projects are either on study leave or undertaking essential studies:

Omeri A, Sharif L & Hodan B (2008) Breastfeeding: The baby-friendly approach in the context of Saudi Arabia.

Omeri A, Taweli R (2008) Mentorship on becoming a teaching assistant in nursing. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Wawrzynski M, Omeri A (2007) Bachelor's nurse education trends in Australia: Challenge for Change in the USA.

Other articles/papers and media/television appearances:

Omeri A (2006) Invited by RCNA to interview for Nursing Expo 2006 on Transcultural Nursing. The interview was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald-Section on Health and Science*, May 11, 2006:10.

Omeri A (1996) RCNA – TCN SOCIETY was highlighted as orchestrating two major events including the 2nd International TCN 2000 Conference 'Transcultural nursing: new pathways, new ventures, in the Gold Coast Australia. This conference was replacing the 26th Annual TCN research conference of the TCN Society Global.

Omeri A (1996) Book Launch 'Transcultural Nursing in Multicultural Australia' the first book (Monograph) by Dr Andrew Refshague, NSW Minister for Health. The book was co-edited by Akram Omeri & Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, monograph on professional development on Transcultural nursing published by the RCNA.

Omeri A (1995) Invited article 'A bedside manner to transcend borders' *Sydney University News*, Volume 27 (9) April 26, 1995.

SIGNIFICANT REPORTS:

Omeri A (2007) *Report & Recommendations based on observations & experiences: reflection on experience*. Prepared upon request by Dean Suhair, President and Dean at Dar Al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Omeri A, Lennings C & Raymond L (2003) *Access to and appropriateness of physical and mental health services for the Afghan immigrant community in NSW Australia*. Research report to the Western Sydney Area Health and Transcultural Mental Health, October 2003.

Omeri A (2001) Draft Report: *Response to Inquiry by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Training & Youth Affairs (DEST)*. Review of the multicultural aspects of nursing education for the National Review of Nursing Education, 2001. (Contributors: J. Fisher, Sue Forsyth, Michele Travers & Dr Sheila Van Holst).

Omeri A (2000) Study Report, Faculty of Nursing, the University of Sydney.

During this study leave I undertook visits to Universities of Central England, Birmingham, DeMontfort University in Leicester and Centre for Transcultural Nursing Research at Middlesex. Published and available at Fisher Library, Cumberland College of Health Sciences Library, Mallett Street Library and the library at DeMontfort University in Leicester, UK.

Omeri A (1994). Study Report, School of Nursing, Cumberland College of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney. During this study leave I visited and examined existing TCN programs at a number of Schools of Nursing in the USA. Published and available at all relevant libraries the University of Sydney, NSW.

Jones FM, Plymat K, Rice V, Omeri A & Troup C (1991). *Australian Databank System: Nurses & Nursing in Primary Health Care*. WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Development in Primary Health Care. Faculty of Nursing, the University of Sydney NSW.

**Copies of all above reports are available at Cumberland College of Health Sciences, Fisher and Mallett Street libraries.*

Newspaper Reports/Additional publications:

2006: Invited by RCNA to interview for Nursing Expo 2006 on Transcultural Nursing. The interview was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald-Section on Health and Science*, May 11, 2006: 10.

1996: RCNA – TCN SOCIETY was highlighted as orchestrating two major events. These were: staging of the 2nd International TCN 2000 Conference 'Transcultural nursing: new pathways, new ventures, in the Gold Coast Australia. This conference replaced the 26th Annual TCN research conference of the TCN Society Global.

1996: Book Launch 'Transcultural Nursing in Multicultural Australia' by Dr Andrew Refshague, NSW Minister for Health. The book was edited by Akram Omeri & Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, the first of such series monographs to be published by the RCNA.

1995: Invited article 'A bedside manner to transcend borders' *Sydney University News*, Volume 27 (9) April 26, 1995.

Audio-Visual:

Omeri A (1995) *On Transcultural Nursing in Australia*. Video/interview prepared by SBSTelevision, televised nationally. The University of Sydney, NSW. (May 1995).

CONFERENCES

KEYNOTES INVITATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS, ABSTRACTS:

Omeri A (2010) Invitation by Professor M Leininger, to attend a reception and tour of the Archives of Caring in Nursing, held at Christine E. Lynn, College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, Florida, USA, April 16/2010.

Omeri A (2006) Invited: Keynote-Closing address, Annual TCN Society Conference, Annapolis, MD. November 1-4 2006. (Received travel funds \$US2500) from Dar Al Hekma College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Invitation declined due to teaching commitments.

Omeri A (2006) Invited: School of Nursing, Dar Al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to visit the College and present a series of workshops on transcultural nursing, April 10-12, 2006. (All travel costs paid) (An evaluation report on the outcome of the conference/workshops has been published). The workshop venue and workshops were titled '*Journey of cultural awareness*' and conducted in three days to diverse groups of nurses and academics at the DAH College.

Omeri A (2006) Invited: School Nurses Association of NSW Annual Conference '*Puberty, Panadol, Privacy*' January 23-24th St. Joseph College, Hunters Hill, NSW. Presented a paper on '*Transcultural nursing: Pathways to improve care to culturally and linguistically diverse students*'. Paper published in the Nursing Review (please refer to publication list).

Yukari Fujiwara, Maumi Katagiri & Akram Omeri (2006) Supporting people from diverse cultural background during childbirth in Japan. Poster presentation for presentation at 32nd Annual TCN Conference "*Enhancing health care through transcultural nursing*" November 1-4, Annapolis, Maryland, Washington DC. Invited to support students in their presentation.

Omeri A (2005) Diversity in Health 2005. Hilton on the Park, Melbourne. To make presence during the launch of the book/Monograph '*beyond asylum: The Afghan Experience*'. October 17-19.

Omeri A (2005) *Beyond equal opportunity: immigrant nurses speak out*. Invited to present at the Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (CATSIN) Nurses Annual Conference, 'Unity & Strength through Caring', September 28-30. Ridges Lakeside Canberra (**abstract published.**)

Yukari Fujiwara, Maumi Katagiri, Akram Omeri & Naomi Kato (2005) *Health care interpreting at childbirth in Japan: Caring for people from diverse cultures*. Joint paper for presentation at the 27th Triennial Congress, International Confederation of Midwives. Brisbane, Queensland. The research is based in Japan at Kanagawa University of Human Resources. I reviewed the conference paper and

encouraged all involved to attend the conference and present **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2005) *Beyond equal opportunity: immigrant nurses speak out*. Invited to present at the 23rd Quadrennial Congress, Nursing on the move: Knowledge, innovation and vitality. Taipei Taiwan, 21-27 May **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2005) Submitted abstract '*Connecting cultural competence and care: An inquiry into the views and perceptions of nurses in practice in Australia*' Accepted for presentation at the Centennial Scientific Conference: Hundred years of nursing education (June 30-July 2nd 2005), School of Nursing, The American University of Beirut Lebanon **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2005) Submitted abstract "*Beyond asylum: Issues of significance to nursing and health care relating to physical and mental health of Afghan refugees in NSW Australia*. For presentation during the 31th Annual Transcultural Nursing Research Conference in New York, 19-22nd October 2005 **(abstract published)**.

Lennings C & Omeri A (2004) NSW Institute of Psychiatry Annual Conference: Trauma: Responses across the life span conference, Panel Discussion. NSW. Joint paper presented on: *Hardiness and coping in asylum seekers*. Institute of Psychiatry. NSW Australia. 16-17 September **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2004) *Leadership and mentoring in nursing*. Sponsored by University of Western Sydney, School of Nursing, Family and Community Health, The Xi Omicron Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Greater Western Areas of Sydney Nursing Alliance. Citigate Sebel Sydney, 6-7 July 2004 (attended the conference).

Omeri A (2004) Invited and participated in two days Forum "*Ethics of refugee research*". Conference, Macquarie University, 22-23 June 2004.

Omeri A (2004) Invited to present keynote address during 30th Annual Transcultural Nursing Research Conference in Alicante Spain, June 2004.

Omeri A (2003) Dedication to Madeleine Leininger presented during the 2003 Transcultural Nursing Conference, San Antonio, Texas which was the 29th Annual Transcultural Nursing Society Conference, October, 15: 1

Omeri A (2003) *Diversity Health Institute: Planning day*, Novotel Hotel, Sydney Olympic Park, July 2003.

Omeri A (2002) *Culture care of Iranian immigrant in NSW, Australia: meeting the challenges of diversity*. Paper presented at the "International conference on Traditions, Evidence and Innovations in Nursing". Phuket Thailand, March 21-23 (whole paper has been published in *Hoitotiade-Journal of Nursing Science*, Finland **(paper published)**).

Omeri A (2002) Invited to share and address the conference plenary at the 28th Annual Conference, Transcultural Nursing Society, Toronto Canada. October 16-19th on a "TCN focus issue"-a "Passion" during the general session on the morning of the 19/10/02 **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2002) *Lived experiences of immigrant nurses in NSW, Australia: searching for meaning*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the 28th Annual Conference, Transcultural Nursing Society, Toronto Canada. October 16-19th. **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2002). Paper presented on "Flexible learning mode: New approach in course development & teaching transcultural nursing" at the 28th Annual Conference, Transcultural Nursing Society, Toronto Canada. October 16-19th **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2001) Invited to be part of an international panel of transcultural nurses during the International Congress of Nursing, June 2001 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Paper on 'Culture Care of Iranian immigrants in NSW, Australia' was presented in absentia by Professor Leininger on June 12th 2001 **(abstract published)**. I could not make presence due to work commitments.

Omeri A (2000) Invited Keynote Address- *Where is Australia going in Transcultural nursing in the New Millennium? Reflections*. Plenary paper presented at the 26th Annual Transcultural Nursing Conference (4-6 October, 2000) Legend Hotel, Gold Coast, Australia **(published as a book chapter in Leininger & McFarland 2002)**.

Omeri A (2000). *Culture care of aged Iranian immigrants in NSW, Australia: Implications for nursing care*. paper presented at the 26th Annual Transcultural Nursing Conference (4-6 October, 2000) Legend Hotel, Gold Coast, Australia **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (2000) Invited Keynote Address on "Where are our culturally diverse nursing students and clinicians in Australia? Issues and strategies", Presented at Nursing Innovation Seminar: "Diversity in Nursing". The 7th Nursing Innovation Seminar on 'Celebrating Diversity in Nursing. South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service Nursing Council. August 10, 2000 **(abstract Published)**.

Omeri A (1998) *Response to the 1998 International Leininger Award-Presented at the 24th Transcultural Nursing Annual Research Conference*, held at Secaucus New Jersey, October 1998. This short address has been published in Journal of TCN **(published)**.

Omeri A (1998) Conducted a session on Transcultural Nursing at the RCNA 1998 Brisbane Convention-titled as '*How do the pieces fit? May 20-21st Nursing practice for a culturally diverse nation (published)*'.

Omeri A (1997) "*Meanings, Expressions and Experiences of Care of Iranian Immigrants in NSW, with the use of Leininger's Culture Care Theory*" Paper presented at the Transcultural Nursing Conference 'New Pathways, New Ventures. Sponsored and hosted by the TCN Society of the RCNA. December 2-5 1997 at Novotel Hotel, Brighton La Sand, NSW **(abstract published)**.

Omeri A (1997) *Care: What it means to Iranian immigrants in New South Wales, Australia. Paper* presented at the 23rd Transcultural Nursing Society-USA. Conference, 23rd Transcultural Nursing Annual Research Conference 1997. *Transcultural nursing-Global Unifier of Care, Facing Diversity with Unity*. Kuopio, Finland. June 12-14 **(published in Finland)**.

Omeri A (1996). *Transcultural nursing and Iranian immigrants in New South Wales, Australia*. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Transcultural Nursing Society, on "*Health Issues in Migration: A Transcultural Nursing Perspective*". St. Louis, Missouri, USA **(abstract published)**.

Khavarpour F & Omeri A (1993) Joint paper presentation on "*Multiculturalism and Diversity in Health Care: Do our decision makers understand the rhetoric?*" Presented at the 2nd National Conference, Health for Multicultural Australia. The University of Sydney **(paper published in conference proceeding)**.

Omeri A (1993) "*Culture Care Assessment: an essential Domain in Nursing Practice*." 2nd National Transcultural Nursing Conference, The University of Sydney (Cumberland Campus) **(paper published in proceedings)**.

Omeri A (1991-1993) "*Culture Care in Pregnancy and Child Birth*." Paper presented by invitation at the Annual Childbirth Educators Course, a multidisciplinary participant group, The University of Sydney (Cumberland Campus).