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NIH ROADMAP

Keynote Speaker

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Professor and Dean
University of Nevada - Las Vegas
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Welcome to the 2005 SNRS Annual Conference



The NIH Roadmap provides the direction for health care scientists seeking to contribute to our understanding of health and healthcare. The challenge we now face is to find the most effective way to navigate the roadmap as we undertake our journey.

This year's SNRS Annual conference was planned to help provide our members with some of the information, tools, resources, and networks necessary to successfully make this journey.

Dr. Carolyn Yucha will set the stage for our conference and the journey we face by providing an overview of the NIH Roadmap, particularly as it relates to the increased emphasis on biobehavioral research. Representatives from various funding agencies will be present to provide additional insight and guidance regarding the priorities and mechanisms available as we navigate through their agencies, and representatives from various scientific publications will also be present to provide guidance regarding dissemination of research findings accumulated along our journey.

Perhaps the most important contribution to our navigation down the NIH Roadmap will be made through the networking that occurs during and between the scientific sessions. While our networking at SNRS conferences has perhaps always been the most important aspect of the conference, the emphasis of the Roadmap on multisite and multidisciplinary research makes it more important than ever. As you attend the sessions and hear about your colleagues' work, and as you share your mutual interests during breaks between sessions, I anticipate some coalitions will be created that will further propel us along our journey down the NIH Roadmap.

Opportunities for professional development and advancement abound at this year's SNRS conference. I look forward to taking advantage of them myself and hope you do as well.

Donna Hathaway, President

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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Carolyn B. Yucha has a Master of Science in Nursing from State University of New York at Buffalo, New York in Adult Health Nursing and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physiology from State University of New York, Health Science Center, Syracuse, New York. She has recently relocated to Nevada where she is currently employed as Professor and Dean of the University of Nevada – Las Vegas School of Nursing. Prior to this Dr. Yucha was Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where she directed the research program.

Dr. Yucha has previously been employed as the Director of the Nursing Doctorate Program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Denver, Colorado. She is the Editor of *Biological Research for Nursing* and serves on the Editorial Board of *Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback*.

Dr. Yucha has received numerous awards during her career. In 2002 she received the Florida Nurses Association Nursing Excellence Award – Nurse Researcher and in 2003 was selected as a Helene Fuld Trust Fellow to participate in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) *Leadership for Academic Nursing Program*. Dr. Yucha was also selected to receive the 2004 Sheila Adler Service Award, Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback (for enthusiastic and excellent work in compiling the research to produce the new publication on *Evidence Based Practice in Biofeedback and Neurofeedback*) and was selected for membership in the American Academy of Nursing in 2004.

She has published widely and received several grants from the National Institutes of Health. Her publications include the Monograph, *Evidence Based Practice in Biofeedback and Neurofeedback* for the Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback and continuing education offerings in *Nephrology Nursing Journal*.

Dr. Yucha has also published in the *American Journal of Nursing* and *Journal of Nursing Measurement*. Dr. Yucha was the primary investigator for the NIH/NCCAM grant "Hypertension: Prediction of Biofeedback Success" and the primary investigator and director for the NIH/NINR "Biobehavioral Research Center" at the University of Florida, College of Nursing. The goal of the center is to provide infrastructure for faculty to develop state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research that integrates biological and behavioral sciences.



Conference Goals

This conference will provide an opportunity for nurse researchers to:

- Enhance the development of knowledge for nursing and healthcare.
- Synthesize new knowledge related to nursing research.
- Promote linkages between clinical and academic scholars.
- Provide an opportunity for nurse researchers at all levels of development to learn from each other.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration for Conference

Thursday, February 3, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration for Conference

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

PRE-CONFERENCE

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session A - Perish-proof Publication for Researchers

Marion E. Broome, *Indiana University School of Nursing*
Robin D. Froman, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
Maureen W. Groer, *University of Tennessee*
Barbara J. Holtzclaw, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
Janet C. Meininger, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*
Cost: \$35.00

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DOCTORAL STUDENT MENTORING MARKETPLACE

For doctoral students or those considering becoming a student. **No Cost**

Session B - Contemplating Doctoral Education: Where do I go from here?

Session C - Strategies for Success for Doctoral Students: How to make the most out of the early years of doctoral study

Session D - The Dissertation: Opportunities, Challenges, and Outcomes

Session E - Life after the Doctorate: Mentoring and Career Development for Postdoctoral Roles

Session F - Expanding Opportunities for Graduate Degrees: RN to PhD/BSN to PhD Programs

11:30 a.m. Exhibits Open

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monitor/Moderator Orientation

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (On your own)

CONFERENCE

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Welcome
Donna Hathaway, PhD, RN, FAAN, *President, SNRS*

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Keynote
Biobehavioral Research and the NIH Roadmap
Carolyn Yucha, PhD, RN, *University of Nevada – Las Vegas*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beverage Break/Exhibits

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Scientific Sessions

1A. Symposium: Mothers' Views of Child Feeding and Health

Elizabeth Ann Reifsnider, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
Alma Flores, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
Shannon Dowdall, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
Sharon Karp, *Vanderbilt University*
Sharon J. Barton, *University of Kentucky*
Diana Beckmann-Mendez, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*

1B. Papers: Mental Health and Mental Illness

Constance R. Uphold, *North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System*
Sandra P. Thomas, *The University of Tennessee*
Duck-Hee Kang, *University of Alabama - Birmingham*
Kathleen Mary Scharer, *University of South Carolina*

1C. Papers: Cultural Dynamics and Health Care

Cynthia D. Epps, *State University of West Georgia*
Lou Ann Hartley, *Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc.*
DeAnne K. Hilfinger Messias, *University of South Carolina*
Saunjoo Yoon, *University of Florida*

1D. Papers: Health and Elders Residing in the Community

Sue McLarry, *Arkansas State University*
Cathy Levon Campbell, *Hospice of North Central Florida*
Nadine T. James, *University of Alabama*
Pallavi Shashi Bindu Vyas, *University of Louisville*

1E. Papers: Research Methods and Instrument Refinement

Chris M. McQuiston, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Constance Smith Hendricks, *Southern University and A&M College*
Kathryn G. Sapnas, *Jackson Memorial Hospital*
Eun-Ok Im, *The University of Texas at Austin*

1F. Papers: Clinical Nursing with Adults

Joyce K. Stechmiller, *University of Florida*
Michael W. Vollman, *Vanderbilt University*
Jean C. McSweeney, *University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*
Kathy P. Parker, *Emory University*

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Graduate Student Poster Session

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reception

Sponsored by the Schools of Nursing at George State University, Emory University, Kennesaw State University, and the Medical College of Georgia.

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 4, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration for Conference

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. General Poster Session
and Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. General Session

Ethical Issues For Doing Multisite Research

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break/Exhibits

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions

2A. Symposium: Something Old, Something New: In-Home Intervention to Reduce Health Disparities

Linda S. Beeber, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Janna Dieckmann, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Sharon D. Horner, *The University of Texas at Austin*
Regina Canuso, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Carolyn Cooper, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Lorrie R. Davis-Dick, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Sara Emory, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Cheryl Laudenbacher, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Chrysta McElreath, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Jannie McCray, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Kathy Robb, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Linda Rouse, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Mary E. Roach, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Lydia Sweatt, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Suzanne Thorye, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Margaret Miles, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Beth Black, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

2B. Papers: Issues Surrounding Pregnancy

Karen L. Weis, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Pamela K. Pletsch, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Robin Gail Fleschler, *The University of Texas at Austin*
Deborah S. Armstrong, *University of Louisville*

2C. Papers: Vulnerable Populations

Yvonne K. Yousey, *The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
Annette Bairan, *Kennesaw State University*
Beverly Kaye Wilson, *University of Mississippi*
Muriel Curry Rice, *University of Tennessee Health Science Center*

2D. Papers: Transitions in Aging

Alyce S. Ashcraft, *Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*
Eileen R. Rossen, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
Marie-Luise Friedemann, *Florida International University*
Celeste Shawler, *University of Louisville*

2E. Papers: Health and Social Issues in Adolescents

Nan M. Gaylord, *University of Tennessee*
Hyekyun Rhee, *University of Virginia*
Patricia Rita Liehr, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*
Carol A. Grantham, *Georgia State University*

2F. Papers: Grant Awards

Cheryl Ann Anderson, *The University of Texas at Arlington*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and Business Meeting
(Included in Registration)

Induction of New Officers

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions

3A. Symposium: Secondhand Tobacco Smoke: Protecting the Most Vulnerable

Ellen J. Hahn, *University of Kentucky*
Chizimuzo T. C. Okoli, *University of Kentucky*
Mary K. Rayens, *University of Kentucky*
Wael Al-Delaimy, *University of Kentucky*
Lisa Greathouse, *University of Kentucky*
Carol Riker, *University of Kentucky*
Yvette R. Hurt, *University of Kentucky*
Robert T. Rasnake, *University of Kentucky*

3B. Papers: Screening for Health Risks and Risky Behavior

Mary Jane Smith, *West Virginia University*
Maureen McCormick Covelli, *University of Central Florida*
Susan J. Appel, *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
Irene Gilliland, *University of the Incarnate Word*

3C. Papers: Assessment and Interventions for School Aged Children

Tom H. Cook, *Vanderbilt University*
Marti H. Rice, *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
Michael T. Weaver, *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
Marcia Stanhope, *University of Kentucky*

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3D. Papers: Nursing and Diabetes

Sharol F. Jacobson, *University of Alabama*
 Carolyn Spence Cagle, *Texas Christian University*
 Darlene Mary Gilcreast, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Sophia Bonnetia Chandler, *Lourdes Hospital*

3E. Papers: End of Life Concerns

Weihua Zhang, *Georgia State University*
 Amy O. Calvin, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*
 Sherry Denton, *Well Star Cobb Hospital*
 Suzanne S. Prevost, *Middle Tennessee State University & The University of Kentucky*

3F. Papers: Instrument Development

Kathleen Laura Patusky, *Georgia State University*
 Gayle Marie Roux, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
 Kathy Lynn Rush, *University of South Carolina Spartanburg*
 Janet A. Secrest, *University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break/Exhibits

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions

4A. Symposium: Telephone Intervention Research: Enhancing Methodological Rigor and Assuring Ethical Integrity

E. Gerald Bennett, *Medical College of Georgia*
 Sheila Bunting, *Medical College of Georgia*
 Janet Fluker, *Medical College of Georgia*
 John Purvis, *Medical College of Georgia*

4B. Papers: Infants, Mothers, and Families

Ermalynn M. Kiehl, *University of Central Florida*
 Rita H. Pickler, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
 Krista Perreira, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
 Diane Holditch-Davis, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

4C. Papers: Social Support and Stress in Adults

Carol Cobb Howell, *Georgia State University*
 Joe W. Burrage, Jr., *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
 Ann R. Peden, *University of Kentucky*
 Mary S. Webb, *University of South Florida*

4D. Papers: Caregiving and Aging

Donald Dee Kautz, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
 Donna C. Owen, *Texas Tech University Health Science Center*
 Patricia C. Clark, *Emory University*
 Mona Newsome Wicks, *University of Tennessee Health Science Center*

4E. Papers: Nursing Practice Issues

Susan A. Letvak, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
 Gwen Sherwood, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*
 Andrea Burdge Smith, *Cook Children's Health Care System*
 Debra Sue Hall, *University of Kentucky Hospital*

4F. Conversation with Minority Investigators

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Re-Launching the RIGS

Saturday, February 5, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Meet the Editors Roundtable

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Scientific Sessions

5A. Symposium: Development of Culturally Competent, Evidence-Based Community Health Interventions for Vulnerable At-Risk Populations

Jane Dimmitt Champion, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Jeanna M. Piper, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Rochelle N. Piper, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Jeffrey E. Korte, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Sondra Perdue, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Alan E. C. Holden, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Janna Lesser, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Pat Kelly, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Pamela Hodges, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Mary Z. "Kelly" Dunn, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*
 Kathleen T. Lucke, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*

5B. Papers: Child and Adolescent Health and Illness Concerns

Carol J. Dashiff, *University of Alabama*
 Lynne A. Hall, *University of Kentucky*
 Alice S. Demi, *Georgia State University*
 Mary Grace Umlauf, *University of Alabama*

5C. Papers: Childhood and Domestic Violence

Jane B. Neese, *The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
 Judith McFarlane, *Texas Woman's University - Houston*
 Natalie McClain, *Northeastern University*
 Elizabeth Marion Harrison, *Viterbo University*

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5D. Papers: Nursing and HIV

Kristin Kane Ownby, *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*
Barbara Jean Blake, *Kennesaw State University*
Donna H. Taliaferro, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
Margaret M. Kosowski, *Kennesaw State University*

5E. Papers: Nursing and Heart Failure

Seongkum Heo, *University of Kentucky*
Cheryl Hoyt Zambroski, *University of Louisville*
Marla J. DeJong, *University of Kentucky*
Sandra B. Dunbar, *Emory University*

5F. Panel of Research Funding Groups: AHRQ, ANF, NINR, STTI

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Beverage Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Scientific Sessions

6A. Symposium: Giving Voice to Invisible Groups: Our Challenge for 2005

Chris M. McQuiston, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Joyce Rasin, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Don Kautz, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
Jill Hamilton, *Emory University*
Jean Goepfinger, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Barbara J. Stewart, *Oregon Health & Science University*
Yvonne D. Eaves, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

6B. Papers: Women's Health Issues

Margaret F. Moloney, *Georgia State University*
Lucia Kamm Steigelman, *Kennesaw State University*
Lou Gramling, *University of South Carolina at Aiken*
Mary-Beth Coty, *University of Louisville Hospital*

6C. Papers: Health Promotion

Mary Lou Sole, *University of Central Florida*
Kathy Thornton, *Georgia Southern University*
Teresita Maria Smith, *Georgia Southern University*
Jeannette O. Andrews, *Medical College of Georgia*

6D. Papers: Nursing Practice and Values

Mary Gunther, *University of Tennessee*
Terry Ann Throckmorton, *The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*
Susan P. Yarbrough, *The University of Texas at Tyler*
Alvita Kay Nathaniel, *West Virginia University*

6E. Papers: Nursing Education

Barbara S. Moffett, *Southeastern Louisiana University*
Sarah Elizabeth Kelly, *Duke University Medical Center*
Ainslie T. Nibert, *Texas Woman's University - Houston*
Sande Gracia Jones, *Florida International University*

6F. Papers: Nursing and Cancer

Linda A. Mayne, *East Carolina University*
Margaret Chamberlain Wilmoth, *The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
Linda Ann McGehee, *Georgia State University*
Deborah C. Williamson, *Medical University of South Carolina*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. SNRS Awards Luncheon Celebration
(Included in Registration)

1:30 p.m. Adjournment

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Details about the presentations of individual papers and posters will be provided in the conference proceedings. First authors of papers are listed in this brochure. Additional authors will be found in the conference proceedings.

The Academic Marketplace

A method for sharing information about available faculty positions will be provided at the conference. This will be an opportunity for informal networking between the colleges, universities, and novice and experienced faculty with interest and involvement in research.

Upon arrival at the conference, there will be a 3-ring binder for your 1-page announcement for positions. Your announcement should include your business card(s) and the name of the

contact person(s) who can respond to queries about your school and the announced positions. Please list where the contact person will be located either at the conference or exhibit area.

The books of position listings will be featured as "The Academic Marketplace" and will be described during the opening announcements. Bring three copies of all position announcements.

SNRS Web Page www.snrs.org

Atlanta, Georgia: Getting There and Getting Around

Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta is a rich blend of old and new and offers a dynamic blend of things to do and see. For even more information, please visit the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau guide on the web at <http://www.atlanta.net/visitors/index/asp> and the Atlanta Journal guide to the city at <http://www.ajc.com/travel/content/travel/visitorguide>. For those who do not wish to venture far from the hotel, shops and restaurants are available across the street and from the hotel at Perimeter Mall.

There are a variety of events at venues across the city on Friday and Saturday evenings. Many can be reached by using the rapid train system, MARTA. For information on MARTA schedules and routes go to <http://www.itsmarta.com/>.

The Center for Puppetry Arts is featuring "The Adventures of Might But". The story follows the insect world's greatest superhero as he squares off against evil in this scientific look at nature's miniature marvels. For information visit www.puppet.org.

The Alliance Theatre Company is offering "Day of the Kings" on the Hertz Stage. This is a soaring tale of romance and intrigue set in the 1800's in Cuba and told through the eyes of a European expatriate. Go to www.alliancetheatre.org for more information.

The 7 Stages Theater will be presenting "Skinwalkers", a play about the intrusion of a Los Angeles couple in the New Mexico desert that unleashes the wrath of a haunted spirit. Go to www.7stages.org for additional information.

The Rialto Center for the Performing Arts presents "Urban Bush Women" an African-American modern dance production. For information on this Friday only event, visit www.rialtocenter.org.

The Atlanta Symphony will be performing four works including Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 1 and Debussy: La Mer. For information visit www.atlantasymphony.org.

Additional places to visit include the Carter Center (<http://www.cartercenter.org/aboutus/aboutus.htm>), Centennial Olympic Park (www.centennialpark.com), The King Center (<http://www.thekingcenter.com/tkc/index.asp>), Zoo Atlanta (www.zooatlanta.org), Fernbank Museum of Natural History (www.fernbank.edu/museum), CNN (www.cnn.com/studiotour), World of Coca-Cola (www.woccatlanta.com), and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens (www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org).

Hotel Accommodations for the Conference

Crowne Plaza Ravinia
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The Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, Georgia is the official conference headquarters. It is conveniently located just off Atlanta's I-285 Perimeter across the street from Perimeter Mall which includes a MARTA station. Self-parking is free. Daytime valet is \$8.00 and overnight valet is \$13.00 if available.

A special room rate of \$125 single/double, \$135 triple, and \$145 quadruple occupancy is available through January 12, 2005, or until the room block is filled. Reservation requests received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis. Make your reservations today by calling the hotel at the number above.

Please identify yourself as a participant in the Southern Nursing Research Society Conference. Hotel rooms are limited. We encourage you to book early to assure a room.

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Traveling NORTH on I-75: Take Exit #259-A (I-285 East). Proceed to Exit 29 (Ashford-Dunwoody Road) then turn LEFT on Ashford-Dunwoody Road and cross the bridge. The Crowne Plaza Ravinia will be on your immediate right.

Traveling SOUTH on I-85: Take Exit #95-B (I-285 West). Proceed to Exit 29 (Ashford-Dunwoody Road) then turn RIGHT on Ashford-Dunwoody Road. The Crowne Plaza Ravinia will be on your immediate right.

Traveling NORTH on I-85: Take GA 400 North (exit 87, Toll Road), go North to I-285 East. Proceed to Exit 29 (Ashford-Dunwoody Road) then turn LEFT on Ashford-Dunwoody Road and cross the bridge. The Crowne Plaza Ravinia will be on your immediate right.

Directions from Airport

If you are flying in, you can get to the hotel using the MARTA Train: Take the MARTA to the Dunwoody Station. MARTA originates at the airport and you do not have to change trains. Stay on MARTA through the change stations and get off the train at the Dunwoody Station. When departing the MARTA Train, go down one level and go through the turnstiles, turn right, then down to the street level and exit on the mall side of the station past where the MARTA buses pick up. The MARTA Shuttle picks up there every 15-20 minutes and will take you to the hotel (which is just on the other side of the mall). The cost of MARTA one way is \$1.75.

Atlanta Airport Superior Shuttle Service provides transportation from the airport to the Perimeter area. The charge is \$19.00 one-way and \$32.00 round trip. They are located on Island C-8 at Ground Transportation and reservations can be made at 770-457-4794.

Special Accommodations

All facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Please call the Crowne Plaza Ravinia at (770) 395-7700 to describe your special needs. In order to assure accommodation, please call at least two weeks before the program.

If you have special needs related to meals, contact The University of Texas at Arlington in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Personal Comfort

For personal comfort in rooms of varying temperatures, wear a jacket or sweater. **Please mute cell phones and pagers during the conference.**

About SNRS

SNRS was founded in 1986 when sixty nurses met in Atlanta and debated the possibility of an organization for nursing researchers in the southern region. In 1987, SNRS was declared an independent organization. Each successive year has been marked with successes and prosperity. The organizational structure was established in 1988 with the creation of officers and bylaws. By 1989, the membership had grown to over 400. Formal strategic planning began in 1990 and administrative services were formalized. At the sixth meeting of the Society in 1991, the boundaries of SNRS were expanded to include the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Bahamas. In 1994 the society sponsored its first SNRS scholar in the ANF grants program. And in 1996, SNRS joined the world wide web with a homepage. As the society continues to grow, there is a greater diversity of members and a variety of roles and expertise are represented.

The mission of the Society is to:

- Advance nursing research.
- Promote dissemination and utilization of research findings.
- Facilitate the career development of nurses as researchers.
- Enhance communication among members.
- Promote the image of nursing as a scientific discipline.

Benefits of Membership

- Research colleagues in 14 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- International contacts with Society members in the Bahamas, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- A commitment to researchers in clinical settings through a research interest group and an elected governing board position designated for a researcher employed in a clinical setting.
- Annual SNRS Directory listing all Society members.
- Innovative and stimulating annual conferences, attended by over 300 nurse researchers.
- Society newsletter, *Southern Connections*
- Society journal, *Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research (SOJNR)*
- Research sections that focus on specialized research topics and meet annually to network and discuss research strategies.
- Internet access at the SNRS homepage, www.snrs.org
- Internet discussion groups for each research interest group.

Conference Registration Information

To Register

Mail the registration form with your check made payable to The University of Texas at Arlington:

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The University of Texas at Arlington

School of Nursing (UTA)

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Visa, MasterCard, or Discover may also be used.

Fax credit card reservations to (817) 272-5371.

Phone reservations will not be accepted.

Registration Confirmation

You will receive confirmation by email if your registration is received by January 21, 2005. If you are registering less than 1 week before the program, or if you do not receive a confirmation email, call the Center for Continuing Nursing Education office at The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing, (817) 272-2778, to check on space availability. Register early, space is limited.

Refunds/Cancellation Policy

You are encouraged to send a substitute if you are unable to attend. If you request a refund, the registration fee will be refunded, minus a \$35.00 administrative fee. The cancellation must be received in writing by January 7, 2005. Cancellations can not be accepted over the phone. SNRS reserves the right to substitute speakers or to cancel and reschedule sessions due to any unforeseen circumstances. If SNRS must cancel the conference, registrants will receive a full credit or refund of the paid registration fee. SNRS will not be responsible for any other losses incurred by the registrants, including but not limited to airline cancellation charges or hotel deposits.

Registration Fees

Your registration includes tuition, proceedings abstract book, CD, contact hour certificates, one evening poster session with reception, continental breakfasts, luncheons, beverage breaks, and exhibits.

	Early Bird Fee*	Regular Fee
Pre-Conference**		
SNRS Members (all)	\$35	\$35
Conference		
SNRS Members (General)	\$250	\$300
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