



International Society  
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### Chatter from the Chair

Hello ISPIN colleagues,

Happy autumn to you! I hope that you are experiencing some of the beautiful fall weather, wherever you are! Even though the days are now getting shorter, the work of ISPIN has been burning the midnight oil! First of all, I want to congratulate **Dr. Rhoda Owens for being elected as our next Chair-Elect beginning in**

**2023.** Rhoda is an Associate Professor at the University of North Dakota and has been very actively involved in several workgroups and the Symposium planning. We have been all over the place in the last few months! Just since our September Symposium, we have had multiple speaking engagements like the AMSN Convention in San Antonio, the NLN Summit in Las Vegas, the Montefiore Research Symposium, and the ONS gathering in New York. The word about professional identity and its importance to our profession, and the health of society overall, has been spreading. I don't think a day goes by that I don't receive an email, call, question, or text about our work!

I hope that you are feeling the excitement building and the acknowledgement that the formation of professional identity in all areas of nursing is urgently needed right now. If you haven't felt it yet, please reach out and sign up for one of our fabulous work groups. We have room for everyone and in fact, need everyone to keep our momentum going! Thank you for your continued interest. We will be setting up meeting dates and meet-up dates for the 2023 calendar year over the next month. We hope to see many of you in person!

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**Symposium 2022 Recap**



Symposium 2022 Attendees

## **Symposium 2022 at a Glance** **September 13-14, 2022**

- Fifth annual professional identity event hosted by the KU School of Nursing
- Hybrid event (virtual and in-person options)
- Topic: *Cultivating professional identity in nursing*
- Optional, in-person preconference activity, "How to Integrate and Leverage Professional Identity in Nursing Into Your Practice"
- 48 attendees
- 15 presenters
- 3 e-Posters
- Participants awarded up to 9 contact hours of continuing education credit



From Day 1 of the Symposium

ISPIN wishes to thank all attendees, presenters, and the planning committee for making this event a success. For those who were unable to attend or had to miss a session, recordings are now available to view on YouTube:

- [Day 1, Part 1](#)
- [Day 1, Part 2](#)
- [Day 2](#)

**National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)  
Recipient of Inaugural Legacy Award**



ISPIN Chair Beth Phillips, NSNA Deputy Executive Director Dr. Kenya Williams, and ISPIN Immediate Past Chair Dr. Nelda Godfrey

During the 2022 ISPIN Symposium, it was a privilege and an honor to present the inaugural Legacy Award to the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). The NSNA is led under the direction of Dr. Diane Mancino, NSNA Executive Director. To accept the award on behalf of NSNA was Dr. Kenya Williams, Deputy Executive Director.

Founded in 1952 as a nonprofit organization, the NSNA's mission is to mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses. Their work is to convey the standards, ethics, and skills that students will need as responsible and accountable leaders and members of the profession which includes associate, baccalaureate, diploma, and generic graduate nursing programs.

ISPIN's robust partnership with NSNA began with the initial professional identity in nursing think tank in 2018. The collaborative partnership has led to the development of the subcommittee, With a Student Focus. Earlier this year, NSNA featured several articles

related to professional identity in nursing in their magazine, *Imprint*. Additionally, NSNA collaborated with members of ISPIN to incorporate professional identity principles into their Leadership University Honor Society which was rolled out in April 2022 at their 70th Anniversary Convention.

Please join us in celebrating this momentous occasion for the NSNA!

## National League for Nursing (NLN) Recognizes ISPIN



In the August 2022 edition of *Look Ahead*, the [National League for Nursing](#) shared the following announcement:

### ***NLN Supports the International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing***

*In 2018, the International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing (ISPIN) began a journey to define professional identity in nursing and describe its domains. Subsequent research has validated this work and the concept of professional identity in nursing has been integrated into several of the foundational documents of nursing in the U.S. ISPIN reflects the consolidated effort of health care professionals to develop and raise awareness of professional identity formation in nursing. NLN Chief Program Officer and Director of the NLN Center for Transformational Leadership Dr. Janice Brewington represents the NLN within the society.*

This is the first published recognition of ISPIN by a nursing organization. Many thanks to our friends and supporters at NLN and especially to Dr. Brewington.

## ISPIN Treasurer Announces FUSE Project



Kary Anne Weybrew; Dr. Sandra Davis, Deputy Director of National League for Nursing, Walden University College; and Dr. Marlo Robinson, National Dean of Nursing, Concorde Career Colleges, at Symposium 2022

ISPIN Executive Council Treasurer Kary Anne Weybrew, who was awarded a FUSE Corps Executive Fellowship in June, has announced her project to expand access to equitable healthcare career education and opportunities. The project will be launched in partnership with Los Angeles County's Department of Health Services (DHS) to manage the onboarding of the BSN program and additional allied health programs at Los Angeles County's College of Nursing & Allied Health

(CONAH). The full announcement is posted on the [FUSE website](#).

FUSE Corps is a national nonprofit that partners with communities and local government with the goal of affecting systemic change. The organization focuses on advancing racial equity and addressing challenges that affect urban communities.

The FUSE Executive Fellowship program is a one- to two-year full-time public service role in city or county government. FUSE Executive Fellows work alongside senior government leaders and the community to lead strategic projects. Kary's year-long fellowship began on July 26.

FUSE also recently included information about ISPIN on their [website](#) and [Instagram account](#).

## Register for ISPIN Quarterly Updates

**We will be holding quarterly updates on the state of professional identity in nursing, ISPIN, our work groups, and other relevant topics.**

**If you were unable to attend the previous sessions, the Zoom videos are now available for viewing on YouTube:**

- [April 15](#)
- [July 15](#)

**All 2022 updates are held 10-11am EST via Zoom:**

- **October 21**

These 1-hour sessions will consist of 30 minutes of presentation/discussion and 30 minutes of breakout time to address specific discussion questions. There will be an additional 30 minutes at



the end for people who would like to stay for further discussion or to ask more specific questions on ISPIN-related topics.

If you are unable to attend the live update, they will be recorded and posted for later viewing.

**To register and receive email reminders, please email Lauren Roberts, [lroberts6@kumc.edu](mailto:lroberts6@kumc.edu).**

## ISPIN Links

### [Work Groups and Other Ways to Get Involved](#)

This page has information about getting involved with ISPIN, including a listing of our active work groups with contact information. Work groups are open to new membership quarterly, February, May, August, and November. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact the group leads directly.

### [Archive & Resources](#)

Includes previous newsletters, a list of ISPIN publications and presentations, and other materials related to ISPIN and the professional identity initiative. Updated quarterly.

### [New Member Orientation](#)

New to ISPIN? We have prepared a series of short videos for new work group and society members.

## ISPIN WEBSITE

[www.kumc.edu/ISPIN](http://www.kumc.edu/ISPIN)

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## Stay Connected

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