

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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Volunteers for DEI Committee:

Jacqueline Kent-Marvick, PhD, RN *(also interested in Research Committee)*

Research Assistant Professor
University of Utah College of Nursing
WIN member since 2022

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. I was a student committee member on both the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Research Committee as a student. I am a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Utah College of Nursing. As a researcher (and citizen), I am committed to ensuring consideration is paid to diversity, equity, and inclusion. I have sought formal and informal opportunities to learn and serve in this capacity. As a researcher, it is my passion to address disparities in health and healthcare. Having been through the Research Committee's process of evaluating proposals, I am already familiar with the time requirement and procedures and eager to contribute to the committee's mission.

Eyitayo Owolabi, PhD, RN *(also interested in Research Committee)*

Assistant Professor
Arizona State University Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
WIN member since 2023

I am a Nurse Scientist with extensive experience designing and evaluating interventions to address diabetes disparities among low-income populations. I have conducted research in this area since graduate school, beginning in 2015, and have developed expertise in behavioral, community-based, and digital health interventions aimed at improving diabetes outcomes among underserved groups. I am also a recipient of an NIH K99/R00 award, which has provided me with valuable experience in grant development and the peer-review process. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the review of grant applications for your organization and to play a role in the important decision-making process of determining which projects receive funding. I believe this service would not only allow me to contribute my expertise but also provide valuable exposure to a diverse range of grant applications and perspectives from fellow reviewers, further strengthening my own development as an independent researcher.

Program Committee

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Volunteers for Program Committee:

Jung-Ah Lee, PhD, MN, RN, FAAN, FGSA, FADLN

Nurse Scientist, Professor, and Associate Dean for Graduate Research Education and Senate Faculty
UC Irvine Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing
WIN member since 2003

I was on the Program Committee for one year in 2021, but was elected as President-Elect for Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) leading the AAPINA and its annual conferences for 4 years. I would like to return to the Program Committee with more skills and visions to enhance our WIN conferences. Since 2003, I have attended the WIN conference every year, presenting my scholarly work for more than 20 years.

Jisook Ko, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN

Research Associate Professor
University of Utah College of Nursing
WIN member since 2025

I would bring extensive research experience to the Committee, including the development and

implementation of interventions designed to enhance self-management of chronic disease. My work has also involved disseminating research findings to both academic and community audiences, and I am eager to apply this experience to support the Committee's goals.

Research Committee

Current Members:

Chair: Jenny Firkins, OR
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Volunteers for Research Committee:

Fang-yu Chou, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CNE

Professor and Assistant Director for Graduate Programs
San Francisco State University School of Nursing
WIN member dating back to 2007; renewed in 2022

My scholarship focuses on consumer health technology, self-management in culturally diverse populations, nursing workforce development, and nursing education, with an emphasis on integrating teaching, research, and practice. I bring to the committee substantial experiences supported by a background in domestically and internationally funded research, extensive service as a grant and award reviewer for professional associations, and key leadership roles, including chairing the university's Distinguished Faculty Award committee and the Research and Evidence-Based Practice committee for the Association of California Nurse Leaders.

Karen Hessler, PhD, FNP-BC

Research Nurse Scientist
UCHealth
WIN member since January 2026

I am a research nurse scientist with over 30 years of nursing experience with certification as a family NP. I would be honored to serve on the WIN research committee and learn more from the existing members. I believe I have a great deal to offer the group and WIN in this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Stephens, MA, PhD, RN, OCN, CCNE

Associate Professor
University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing
WIN member since 2022

I am an associate professor and early career researcher. My focus is on qualitative research methodology. I have served on the Research Committee for the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO), as well as supporting research in my own universities through mentorship.

Development Committee

Current Members:

Chair: Kyla Woodward, WA

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