

## **WIN Emeritus**

### **Nominee:**

JoAnne (Joie) Whitney, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor Emeritus

University of Washington and Harborview Medical Center

### **Sponsor:**

Hilaire Thompson, PhD, RN, ARNP, FAAN

Professor and Executive Dean

University of Washington School of Nursing

### **Co-Sponsor:**

Brenda Zierler, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor and Chair

University of Washington School of Nursing

### **Co-Sponsor:**

Pamela Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor Emeritus

University of Washington School of Nursing

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WIN Emeriti Selection Committee  
Western Institute of Nursing  
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Dear Members of the WIN Emeriti Selection Committee:

It is my absolute honor to nominate Dr. JoAnne (Joie) Whitney for recognition as a WIN Emeriti. Dr. Whitney is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Informatics at the University of Washington (UW). She has been active in WIN since 1992 when she first presented her work at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference on “Effects of Activity and Bed Rest on Tissue Oxygen, Tissue Perfusion, and Plasma Volume” in San Diego, CA. She has regularly presented since that time, and also subsequently mentored students and clinical nurses to do so. Dr. Whitney was elected to the Western Academy of Nursing in 2013 for her dedicated service to WIN and for her federally-funded program of research in the physiology of wound healing and wound care.

Dr. Whitney previously served in several leadership roles within the University of Washington, including as Associate Dean for Research (ADR; 2011-2021) where she encouraged regular participation of students and faculty within WIN as an organization as well as participation in the Annual WIN Conference. Notably, as ADR she held pre-conference preparations sessions for students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career faculty together with WIN Emeriti Dr. Marty Lenz. At these sessions coaching and feedback were provided on posters and presentations in order to better position UW School of Nursing presenters for success at WIN. She twice served on the planning committee for WIN during her tenure as ADR, as well as reviewed abstracts.

Since 2004, she has also served as Nurse Research Scientist at Harborview Medical Center (level I trauma center and safety net hospital). In this role she encouraged, mentored, and supported clinical nurses to engage in evidence-based practice, practice inquiry, and research activities. For many, this was their first (but not last) exposure to the power of nursing research to improve health and wellbeing. Several of these individuals have gone on to graduate study and future research careers of their own.

Dr. Whitney also has a long history of advancing nursing practice through continuing education which both expanded ability to provide advanced wound care and increased access for nurses to wound management education. This work was funded through several HRSA grants spanning 10 years, and was a national model.

In summary, Dr. Whitney is very well deserving of this honor, and I hope that the committee agrees.

Sincerely,



Hilaire J. Thompson, PhD, RN, ARNP, FAAN  
Robert G. and Jean A. Reid Executive Dean, School of Nursing  
Professor, Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Informatics

WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING  
WIN Emeriti Award Nomination

Nominee: Dr Joanne (Joie) Whitney

Co-Sponsor: Brenda K. Zierler, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Joie Whitney, an inductee of the Western Academy of Nursing in 2013, has made numerous contributions to WIN as a scientist and mentor to students, faculty, and clinical nurses. While serving as the Associate Dean of Research at the University of Washington, she was a strong advocate for faculty and graduate student attendance at WIN. Joie held “modeling parties” for students and faculty to practice their WIN presentations and to receive feedback prior to the conference. She was instrumental in soliciting funds for doctoral students to make posters and travel to WIN conferences.

In her role as Nurse Research Scientist at Harborview Medical Center, she supported bedside nurses in conducting research and disseminating their results at WIN conferences and at the Seattle Nursing Research Conference. Joie is a true collaborator. Over the past several years, she has led research panels highlighting the work of direct care clinicians and the importance of academic-service partnerships. At a WIN lunchtime seminar, Joie shared her expertise on the successful creation of academic-service partners where attendees learned about various models to develop these partnerships, as well as the benefits of these relationships in enhancing the professional growth of direct care nurses and health care across the region. The significance of her mentorship to these nurses and guided introduction to the world of the scholar was evidenced by the fact that many of these nurses pursued graduate education and are now leaders of research and EBP in our community. She also presented on this topic at the 2012 WIN conference in Portland, Oregon on “Clinical Academic Partnerships: Building a Culture of Inquiry.” Joie supported two PhD nurses in a WIN panel related to pressure injury prevention, one of her areas of research. She also brought together scientists from three western states to discuss various aspects of this complex issue, resulting in the subsequent collaborations between these teams of scientists.

Joie’s contributions as a mentor to students, bedside nurses and early career faculty aligns with WIN’s mission and goals. In addition to her roles as Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Informatics at the University of Washington School of Nursing, she was the Associate Dean of Research and co-led the Institute for Translational Health Sciences TL1 training program for interdisciplinary predoctoral students.

Joie has served WIN in many capacities. She was the Co-Chair of the Local Planning Committee in 2013-14 for the annual conference, “Taking it Global: Research, Practice, and Education in Nursing”, Seattle, WA. Joie also participated as a member of the local planning committee for the 2018 WIN conference in Spokane, Washington. She has served as a reviewer for WIN conference abstracts, too. Joie has had numerous research presentations, panel discussions and workshops at WIN over the last 25 years, always including her academic clinical partners,

students and early career faculty. She has provided support and mentorship for the development, implementation, and dissemination of clinical and research projects.

Supporting statement for Joanne Whitney for WIN Emerita-Dr. Pamela Mitchell (500 Words)

I am pleased to provide a statement in support of Joanne (Joie) Whitney's candidacy as WIN Emerita. Joie has been a member of WIN since her student days (first presenting her findings with respect to wound healing in 1992, and has taken a very active role in WIN presentations, abstract review and mentoring of both faculty and students to participate in the annual meetings. She presented findings at WSRN and WIN from her research in wound healing, along with her students from 1992 through 2014, as well as in numerous publications indexed in PUBMED. While Associate Dean for Research, Joie sponsored annual sessions to prepare students and faculty for presentation at WIN. Further, she provided support to staff nurses at Harborview Medical Center to present their unit based research at WIN. The Western Academy of Nursing (WAN) inducted her into membership in 2013 in recognition of these achievements. She continues as an active member up to the present. I have no doubt that Dr. Joanne Whitney more than meets the criteria for WIN Emerita.