

Editorial

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It is my honor to introduce you to the inaugural issue of *Asian Pacific Island Nursing Journal*. As an East-West Center Grantee during my doctoral education, I was exposed to many cultural groups from the East and their acculturation and assimilation issues. Most of the research at that time focused on the East with a few Western studies on cross-cultural methodologies and psychological and sociological areas such as emotions and marriage and family. There was little research specific to Asian Pacific health except in comparison to the majority group or a few seminal medical studies. Later, in my role as professor and associate dean for research at the University of Hawaii I noticed a great deal of interest in nursing related to culture and cultural differences in health care and individual responses to illnesses. Then, there was one journal dedicated to the health of this fastest growing population. My grants through the National Institute of Health institutes such as the National Institute for Nursing Research, the National Institute for Child Health Development, and the National Institute for General Medical Science, all focused on Asian and Pacific Islander health disparities. In addition, training grants such as the Minority Access to Research Careers and the Health Services Research Award for a PhD program focusing on Asian Pacific Islander development as scientists increased my awareness and need to share these findings.

Another observation was that most studies combined and reported data on the different Asian and Pacific Islands cultures as if they were similar to each other, although each had specific and distinct health issues, needs, and responses. This

journal will serve as a venue to provide information on the richness of these cultures, their specific health needs, and their unique responses to intervention, education, and health professionals. While focusing on nursing, health care, and education for this group, we welcome contributions from other disciplines. Their specific knowledge and practices will add relevance towards a Team Science approach to tackling the many problems and responses of these varied groups. *Asian Pacific Island Nursing* is the only journal focused specifically on health and health care of and for this group. As the official journal of the Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association, Inc., we welcome members' submissions. We are soliciting manuscripts of original research, integrative literature reviews, evidence based practice, policy issues, brief research reports on feasibility or pilot studies, methodological and tool development, as well as other related areas. We also encourage the inclusion of biological, behavioral, social, educational, library, science, and public health topics to build the foundational knowledge necessary for optimal and comprehensive patient care. Our editorial board consists of experts in their areas with extensive editorial and review experiences. Along with consulting editor Dr. Carolyn Yucha, managing editor Ms. Kirsten Connelly, and our entire editorial board, I welcome your contributions to the science of *Asian Pacific Island Nursing*.

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