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2025 Annual Conference

On behalf of ISPN and the ISPN Conference Planning Committee, we are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 Conference, *Advancing Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: Innovation, Practice, and Culture*, taking place March 19-22, 2025, at the [New Orleans Marriott Hotel](#).

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming response to our call for abstracts. With a record-breaking 116



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submissions, we are excited to host an extraordinary event, featuring a dynamic lineup of presenters who will share cutting-edge insights and innovative practices in psychiatric mental health nursing.

What to Look Forward To:

- Over 46 education sessions and 30 poster presentations
- Networking with professionals throughout the world!
- Raffles and door giveaways
- **Two Pre-Conference Workshops (March 19th):**
 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Psychotherapy Focus
 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Psychopharmacology Focus
- **Opening Night Celebration (7:30 PM):**
 - Enjoy a local Jazz Band, a Cash Bar, and a 360 Photo Booth, Network with Vendors and Sponsors!
- **Keynote Speakers & Special Lectures:**
 - March 20th: Dr. Katie Boston-Leary (Opening Keynote, 8:30 AM) & Dr. Teresa Brockie (Diversity Award Plenary Lecture, 4:00 PM)
 - March 21st: Dr. Phillip Olla (Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship) & *Everybody's Workshift* Film Screening and Panel (7:30 PM - 10:00 PM)
 - March 22nd: Susan McCabe Lecture and Endnote by Carlton Spotswood (1:00 PM)

While you're in New Orleans, don't miss exploring the city's iconic sights:

- French Quarter: Experience vibrant music, cuisine, and architecture.
- Garden District: Stroll through historic streets lined with stunning mansions.
- Jackson Square: Visit the beautiful St. Louis Cathedral and surrounding artists' markets.
- City Park: Enjoy the tranquil landscapes and the New Orleans Museum of Art.
- Frenchmen Street: Discover live music and local art in this cultural hub.

We can't wait to share this incredible experience with you! Be sure to mark your calendars, and prepare for an unforgettable conference and exploration of New Orleans. **Reserve** your hotel room at [New Orleans Marriott Hotel](#). **Registration will open soon!** In the meantime - please like, comment, and repost our save the date!

Warm regards,
Dr, Gabrielle P. Abelard
ISPN Conference Chair

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President's Message

Barbara Peterson, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, APRN, FNAP
ISPN President

I am eager to see many of you in New Orleans for ISPN 2025 Annual Conference, March 19-22, 2025! The theme for this year is *Advancing Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: Innovation, Practice, and Culture*. What an appropriate theme for our time! Thinking about this theme I am reminded about the growing demand for mental health care, and the need for



innovative approaches to address this increased demand. The emphasis on practice and culture reflects our multifaceted work as advocates, educators, and practitioners within diverse contexts and populations. ISPN members lead essential changes in mental health care delivery through pushing for policies, system changes and holistic practices. I'm grateful to the ISPN 2025 conference committee, under the excellent leadership of Dr. Gabrielle Abelard, for their work and dedication in planning a truly stellar conference! See you in NOLA!

The Value of Our Members: The Heart of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN)

Brayden Kameg, PhD, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, CNE, FIAAN
ISPN Connections Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

In the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN), members are not just participants—they are the foundation of our community. Each member contributes a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion that drives ISPN forward. The diverse perspectives and backgrounds of members within ISPN foster a rich environment for collaboration, allowing us to address the complex challenges facing psychiatric nursing today.

Members benefit from access to a wide range of resources, including continuing education programs, networking opportunities, and advocacy or policy initiatives that amplify our collective voice. These tools empower psychiatric nurses to enhance their skills and stay updated on the latest developments in practice, ultimately leading to better patient care.

Moreover, the relationships formed within ISPN create a support system that encourages personal and professional growth. By sharing insights and best practices, members help one another navigate the evolving landscape of mental health care, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of our field.

In this edition of ISPN Connections, you will hear from some of our members who are engaged in important work to advance the goals and missions of ISPN, including regional leaders and committee chairs. Moving forward, we would like to utilize the ISPN Connections Newsletter to highlight the important work of our members. Thus, we are launching a feature on our website where members can provide us with updates about their professional accomplishments and accolades, cutting-edge research and best practice data, and/or policy and advocacy information so that we can more widely disseminate this information in ISPN Connections.

It is essential to recognize that our strength lies in our unity. Every member plays a vital role in shaping the future of ISPN and our profession. Thank you for being an invaluable part of ISPN's journey – we appreciate you!

ISPN Call for Awards

We are currently accepting ISPN Award Nominations. The ISPN Awards provide an opportunity for the association to formally recognize some of the many outstanding contributions of psychiatric-mental health nurses throughout the world.

The Awards are:

- Jeanette Chamberlain Psychiatric Leadership Award
- ISPN Clinical Practice Award
- ISPN Diversity and Equity Award
- ISPN Education Award

- ISPN Research Award
- Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship Award
- Living Legends Award
- ISPN Psychiatric Mental Health Advocacy Award

Nominate a Deserving Person Today!

Grant & Scholarship Applications Are Now Open!

THE PEGGY DULANEY CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Complimentary registration for ISPN 2025 Annual Conference and the Foundation Event.
Applications are now open! The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2024.



LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT [ISPN-PSYCH.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTS](https://ispn-psych.org/scholarship-grants)

A top-down view of travel items including an orange suitcase, a black camera, a silver suitcase handle, and a small airplane icon on a blue background.

ISPN Foundation Travel Scholarship Applications are Now Open!

The deadline for submissions is
December 31, 2024
ispn-psych.org/scholarship-grants

A close-up of two hands, one larger and one smaller, gently holding a bright red heart against a light wood-grain background.

ISPN Foundation Grant Applications are now open!

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2024
ispn-psych.org/scholarship-grants

The ISPN logo, which consists of a globe icon above the letters "ISPN".

2025 ISPN Foundation Auction & Dinner Event

Innovation With Heart

A TRIBUTE TO PEGGY DULANEY

ISPN Foundation Auction and Dinner Event
Thursday, March 20, 2025 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

*Proceeds fund research, wellness, and travel grants for
psychiatric-mental health nurses and the ISPN Historical Archives.*

Standard Ticket: \$125 (Early Bird: \$100)
Student Ticket: \$50



- PURCHASE TICKETS VIA THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM OR EMAIL INFO@ISPN-PSYCH.ORG -

Opportunities with Federal Boards, Committees, Councils, and More

Are you a nurse who is interested in serving on a federal panel or advisory committee/council? Please click the button below for more information about available opportunities and application instructions.

[View the Nomination Form](#)

Update your ISPN Membership Profile Today!

ISPN uses the information you provide in your profile in many ways. Please take a few moments and update your information. Please login to the ISPN website and go to "Member Home" in the quick links. Once on that page, you will see a "My Profile" link. Then you will be able to click edit and change or update your responses to different questions. Thanks in advance for taking the time to do this!

[Update your ISPN Profile Now](#)

Gift of Membership

Think of a student - or two - whose membership you might sponsor by paying the student's first year of ISPN membership dues. A special way to reach out to graduates as well is to support their entry into ISPN by sponsoring their first year of ISPN membership dues.

[Sponsor a Membership](#)

Regionalization Corner

Stay up-to-date with your region by visiting the [Regional Initiative webpage!](#)

Regional Coordinator: Marian Newton

The idea of ISPN Regional activities grew from ISPN Members who expressed interest in seeing ISPN activities occur on a more local level in Members' communities of residence. ISPN Members noted that several nursing organizations operated actively on both a national and a local level. ISPN was already divided into Regions, so a natural area existed for more active participation. For the past few years, the progression of more active ISPN participation within the Regions has grown to the point that meetings occur in the Regions 2-4 times each year with an average of 6-12 or more in attendance. Meeting format now includes a brief presentation by one of the members on a topic of their choice. Members convey issues of importance to them for group discussion. We thank all of the Regional Co-Leaders that keep this initiative moving forward. The various ISPN regions welcome additional members who are interested in participating!

International

Co-Leaders: Amanda Bailterra, DNP, PMH, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC; and Adebayo Fasheyitan

If you have an interest in what you'd like to see from this region and/or if you'd like to get involved, please email info@ispn-psych.org. We'd love to hear from you!
Amanda and Adebayo

Midwest

Co-Leaders: Beth Bonham, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN; and Linda Jo Volness, MS, APRN, CHTP

The Midwest Regional group meets quarterly by zoom for one hour with a usual attendance of 6-8 ISPN members. Due to member support, the meeting format now includes a brief presentation by one of the members on a topic of their choice. Open discussion follows with topics of importance by members. At the recent September 18, 2024 meeting, new member Randall Gray presented his DNP project topic, Uncertainty Diagnosing Non-Cardiac Chest Pain Among Psychiatric Patients. That meeting we used zoom, which was a Meeting Summary with AI capacity for the first time which we found to be very helpful in writing minutes. We also find helpful the quarterly new ISPN member list sent by Jess Retzlaff. We use that to invite new members to the next scheduled regional meeting who live in the Midwest region. Our next meeting is January 15, 2025.

Northeast

Co-Leaders: Jennifer Graber, EdD, APRN, PMHCNS-BC; and Susan Glodstein, DNP

On September 11th, the Northeast Region had a great turnout at the fall meeting! The meeting started with remembering everyone that we lost and the tragedy of 911 with a moment of silence. We did introductions followed by a discussion on open opportunities for work with the UN among other global organizations. Joe Tulip gave a brief presentation on his DNP project which addresses Psychological First Aid for Healthcare Workers in the Dominican Republic. The next regional meeting will be held in person at the ISPN conference.

Southeast

Co-Leaders: Meira Yasin, DNP, PMHNP-BC, APHN-BC; and Ann Marie Jones, DNP, PMHNP-BC

Our next meeting will be January 28, 2025 at 12:00pm ET. We look forward to seeing you there!

Southwest

Co-Leaders: Pam Lusk, DNP, RN, FAANP, FAAN; and Liz Hutson, PhD, APRN-CNP, PMHNP-BC

West

Leader: Jeff Ramirez, Ph.D., PMHNP, CARN-AP, CNE, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN and Pamela Minarik, PhD, RN, CNS, FAAN

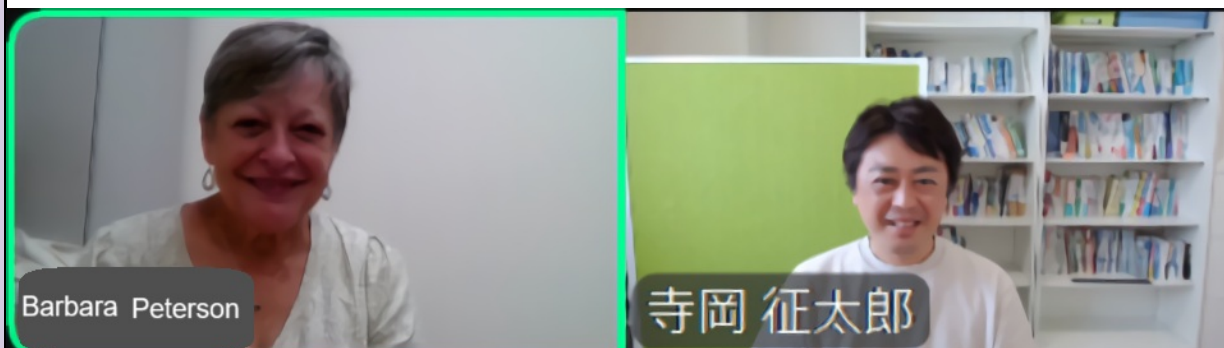


Upcoming Webinars

To register for any upcoming or on demand webinars, visit ispn-psych.org/ispn-webinars.

A New Partnership

ISPN is excited about our next partnership with the Japan Academy of Mental Health Nursing! Please see the graphics below for more information about this exciting new development.





Mutual Cooperation with Overseas Academic Societies

November 7, 2024 / notice

The Japan Academy of Mental Health Nursing has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with [the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses \(ISPN\)](#).

The MOU aims to mutually share and collaborate on knowledge, information, and expertise in mental health nursing.

This is the first time that the Society has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with an overseas academic organization.

In order to develop active academic exchange between the two societies, the Society would like to disseminate information to its members as appropriate.

Three Policy Bills

July 16 was the second anniversary of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline! Help us celebrate by taking action for 988!

Since the three-digit code replaced a longer, 10-digit number in July 2022, the 988 Lifeline has received over 9.5 million contacts, including calls, chats, and texts. Trained counselors offer support, share local resources, and connect people to care at critical moments.

Please contact your members of Congress in support of three key policy bills that will help ensure that anyone struggling with a mental health, substance use, or suicide crisis is connected to local support and services in a timely manner. Our key bills are:

Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act (S.1236/H.R.2802) to require colleges and universities to include contact information for the 988 Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and a campus mental health center on student identification cards and on their websites. Making it easy for students to find and share the 988 Lifeline number will improve access to lifesaving crisis resources and destigmatize reaching out for help.

Local 988 Response Act (S.3444/H.R.4974) to connect people contacting 988 to services in their own state as quickly and safely as possible, while protecting privacy. Connecting people to a crisis center near their physical location, a process known as georouting, improves access to local, life-saving services.

CONNECT Act (H.R.6928) to establish grant funding to support follow-up services for individuals who receive suicide prevention and crisis intervention services. Providing follow-up services, such as phone calls, mental health appointments, or information about

mental health resources significantly reduces the likelihood of suicide.

Together, we can ensure a robust and reimagines 988 system that helps save lives.
(AFSP, 2024)

A Reminder: Subscribe to the ISPN Listserv, "E-List"

Your ISPN membership includes access to our exclusive e-list (AKA, listserv). This member tool allows you to distribute messages to all members subscribing to the list, with a simple email to the list address. Think of the possibilities!

- Communicate with the membership through a single email.
- Search the online archive for valuable information and resources.
- Ask your peers the questions that are most important you.
- Manage your subscription and preferences through your member profile.

To get started:

1. Log in to your membership profile.
2. In the "My Features" tab, click "E-Lists".
3. Make sure you are subscribed to the list.
4. Make note of the list address.
5. Click "Edit" to control your preferences.
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7. To start participating, click "Post a New Message" or send an email to the list address.

Read these [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the E-List.

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