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School of Nursing Alumni Awards



Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Science

Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN

Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN, is the Mary T. Champagne Professor of Nursing at Duke University School of Nursing. Her most outstanding contribution to nursing is a research program that adopts Internet and computer technologies to eliminate gender and ethnic disparities. She has taken the lead in this burgeoning field, and her current studies are among the first of their kind to use these technologies to build nursing knowledge.

Im has gained national and international recognition as a methodologist and theorist in international cross-cultural women's health. She has served on more than 45 research review panels of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is also a reviewer for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute and the American Heart Association.

Im is a senior editor of the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* and serves on the editorial boards of eight journals, including *Advances in Nursing Science* and *Research in Nursing and Health*. She has numerous national and international awards, one of which is the 2014 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Award from Sigma Theta Tau International.

Her current research focuses on gender and ethnic differences in health and illness experiences of midlife women. Her doctoral research and post-doctoral study focused on international cross-cultural women's health. Im's work has extended to oncology areas, and she has developed an Internet research methodology as an area of expertise. She serves as a principal investigator (PI) in a series of NIH-funded awards on gender and ethnic differences in cancer pain, menopausal symptoms and physical activity. She has obtained about \$17.5 million of research funding and other grants, including four R01 grants as the PI.

Im's national and international invited lectures, presentations, book chapters and service activities represent her efforts to raise the next generation of nurses and to make advances in nursing science. She has taught courses on nursing theory, nursing philosophy, critical literature review, research methods and global women's health issues.

Im earned bachelor of science and master of public health degrees from Seoul National University in South Korea and a master of science degree and a PhD in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.