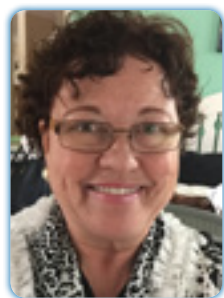


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### Cuban-US cross-cultural experience: Nurses' storytelling of its impact

The purpose of this study was to gather an ethnographic perspective of nurses participating in a cross-cultural experience in Cuba, including site visits and daily professional meetings organized by the Cuban Society of Nursing. Participants wrote stories about their week-long experience and its impact on their roles in nursing leadership and education, particularly on their learned perspectives on cross-cultural differences in public health, tertiary care, palliative care, women's health and skilled nursing, as well as perspectives on a government-funded system of care. The significance of this project was its use of narrative storytelling and analysis, which captures meaning unavailable through other research methods. Storytelling was an effective method; additional prompts might have been helpful to gather additional impact of the experience on participants' roles. Narrative analyses was conducted by two nurse faculty trained in qualitative analysis; 4 content themes were identified 1) community-based preventive health care model, 2) RN-MD relationships, 3) collaboration, and 4) nursing education. Most significant comments addressed the value of the RN-MD collaboration, the emphasis on prevention with easy access to neighborhood care, and the value of a seamless nursing education system. Dissemination of this research will enhance the cross-cultural awareness of providers and improve their capacity in addressing needs of patients from a multitude of global locations and cultures.

### Biography

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