

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. EDUCATION

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major Field</u>	<u>Minor Field</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
Post-Grad	University of Pennsylvania	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner		August, 1993
Ph.D.	University of Maryland	Human Development		May, 1989
M.S.	University of Maryland	MCH Nursing Education		January, 1979
B.S.	St. Joseph College	Nursing		June, 1971

II. REGISTRATION

Connecticut R55939 (RN), 001953 (APRN)

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

A. Experience in Higher Education (Present position first)

<u>From – To</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Academic Status</u>
3/13- present	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Dean	Professor
9/11-3/13	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Interim Dean	Professor
3/11-4/11	University of Brighton, UK	Visiting Fellow	
8/07 – 8/11	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Associate Dean, Academic Affairs & Advanced Practice	Professor
9/06- 8/07	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Faculty Chairperson Coordinator, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program	

9/04-10/04	King's College, Florence Nightingale School of Nursing & Midwifery, London	Visiting Professor	
9/03-5/05	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Coordinator, PhD Program	
1/99-6/00	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Interim Chairperson Health Restoration Unit	
8/98-present	U. of Connecticut School of Nursing	Professor & Director, NNP Track	Professor
6/96 – 5/98	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Chairperson Maternal Child Health Nursing	
2/95 - 5/96	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Acting Chairperson Maternal Child Health Nursing	
7/94 - 5/98	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Nursing Instruction Maternal Child Health Director: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program	Associate Professor
7/92 - 7/94	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Nursing Instruction Maternal Child Health Director: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program	
1/91 - 6/98	U. of Pennsylvania School of Nursing	Adjunct Faculty	Assistant Professor
1/90 – 5/98	U. of Maryland Graduate School	Graduate Faculty Member	
7/90 - 6/92	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Nursing Instruction Graduate Pediatric Trauma Critical Care	
7/87 - 6/90	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Nursing Instruction Senior year	Assistant Professor
7/85 - 7/87	U. of Maryland Human Development Dept.	Research	Instructor

1/79 – 6/87	U. of Maryland School of Nursing	Nursing Instruction Junior & Senior	Instructor
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B. Experiences in other than Higher Education

<u>From - To</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Position</u>
6/93 - 6/95	Mercy Medical Center	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	
6/89 - 12/90	John F. Kennedy Ins.	Developmental Assessment	
1/82 - 5/89	University Hospital NICU	Clinical Practice Patient Care	
1/78 - 12/93	Breastfeeding Consultant	Private Practice	
2/74 - 9/77	University Hospital Open Heart ICU	Patient Care/Staff Development	Nurse Clinician
11/73 - 2/74	Children's Hospital	Staff Development	In-service Director
9/72 - 11/73	University of Maryland Shock-Trauma Unit Open Heart ICU	Patient Care Staff Development Initiated Open Heart ICU	Nurse Clinician
6/71 - 6/72	University of Maryland Surgical ICU	Patient Care Evening Charge Nurse	Clinical Nurse

IV. PUBLICATIONS

A. Books and Journals

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J.M., Cong, X., Brownell, E., & Cusson, R. (under review). Impact of Direct-Breastfeeding in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Breastfeeding Duration for Premature Infants.

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J.M., Cong, X., Brownell, E., & Cusson, R (Accepted). Direct-Breastfeeding Premature Infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, *Journal of Human Lactation*.

Meharry, P., Cusson, R., Stiller, R., & Vazquez, M. (2014). Maternal influenza vaccination: Evaluation of a patient-centered pamphlet designed to increase uptake in pregnancy. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, *18*, 1205-14.

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J.M., Cong, X., & Cusson, R. (2014). An integrative review of factors that influence breastfeeding duration for premature infants after NICU hospitalization. JOGNN, 43, 273-281.

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J., Cong, X., & Cusson, R. (2014) State of the Science: A contemporary review of feeding readiness in the preterm infant. Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing, 28, 51-58.

Cong X., McGrath, J.M., Cusson, R.M., & Zhang, D. (2013). Pain assessment in neonates: An updated review. Advances in Neonatal Care, 13, 379-95.

Bellini, S., McCauley, P & Cusson, R.M. (2012). The doctor of nursing practice graduate as faculty member. Nursing Clinics of North America, 47, 547-556.

Cong, X., Cusson R.M., Walsh, S., Hussain, N., Ludington-Hoe, S., & Zhang, D. (2012). Effects of Skin-to-Skin Contact on Autonomic Pain Responses in Preterm Infants. The Journal of Pain, 13, 609-714.

Cong, X., Cusson, R.M., Hussein, N., Zhang, D., & Kelly, S. (2012). Kangaroo Care AND Behavioral and Physiologic Pain Responses in Very Low Birth Weight Twins: A Case Study. Pain Management Nursing, 13, 127-138.

Bellini, S., Cusson, R.M. (2012). The DNP for Entry into Advanced Practice: The Controversy Continues as 2015 Looms. Newborn & Infant Nursing Reviews, 12(1), 12-16.

Cook, L., Bellini, S., Cusson, R. & Dowling, D. (2011). Heparinized Saline vs Normal Saline for Maintenance of Intravenous Access in Neonates: An Evidence-Based Practice Change. Advances in Neonatal Care, 11, 208 – 215.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2011). The role of the practitioner. In Dreher, H. M. & Smith Glasgow, M.E. (eds.) Role Development for Doctoral Advanced Nursing Practice. 123-140. NY: Springer

Teti, D.M., Black, M.M., Viscardi, R., Glass, P., O'Connell, M.A., Baker, L., Cusson, R.M., & Hess, C.R. (2009). Intervention with African American, premature Infants: Four-month results of an early intervention program. Journal of Early Intervention, 31, 146-166.

Cusson, R.M. & Strange, S.N. (2008). Neonatal nurse practitioner role transition: The process of re-attaining expert status. Journal of Perinatal Neonatal Nursing, 22, 329-337.

Cusson, R.M. (2008). State of the science of NNP education 2008. Advances in Neonatal Care, 8, 255.

Cusson, R.M., Buus-Frank, M.E., Flanagan, V.A., Miller, S., Zukowsky, K., & Rasmussen, L. (2008). Surveying the current neonatal nurse practitioner workforce. Journal of

Perinatology, Epub July 24, 2008.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: What is a pilot study? Advances in Neonatal Care. 7, 202.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: Multiple t-tests: Types, uses and corrections. Advances in Neonatal Care. 7, 203.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: What is a cross-over design with random effects modeling? Advances in Neonatal Care. 7, 90.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: Methods of achieving randomization: Blocked randomization? Advances in Neonatal Care. 7, 92.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: Why use qualitative descriptive research? Advances in Neonatal Care. 6, 334.

Cusson, R.M. (2007). Research Tutorial: Considerations when audiotaping and transcribing interviews. Advances in Neonatal Care. 6, 336.

Merkle, D & Cusson, R.M. (2006). Research Tutorial: What is a logistic regression analysis? Advances in Neonatal Care. 5, 292.

Merkle, D. & Cusson, R.M. (2006). Research Tutorial: What is an odds ratio? Advances in Neonatal Care. 5, 293.

Engler, A., Cusson, R. et al. (2004). Neonatal staff and advanced practice nurses' perceptions of bereavement/end-of-life care of families of critically ill and/or dying patients. American Journal of Critical Care, 13, 489-498.

Cusson, R. M. (2003). Factors influencing language development in preterm infants. Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing, 32, 402-409.

Engler, E.J., Ludington, S.M., Cusson, R.M., et al (2002). Kangaroo care: National survey of practice, knowledge, barriers and perceptions. American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing, 27, 146-153.

Cusson, R.M. & Viggiano, N.M. (2002). Transition to the neonatal nurse practitioner role: Making the change from the side to the head of the bed. Neonatal Network, 21(2), 21-27.

Cusson, R., Madonia, J., & Taekman, J. (1997). The effect of environment on body site temperatures in full-term neonates. Nursing Research. 46, 202-207.

Heller, B. & Cusson, R. (1997). School-linked community partnership program. In S. Seifer & K. Connors (ed.) Community-Campus Partnerships for Health. A Guide for Developing

Community-Responsive Models in Health Professions . (pp. 145-146), San Francisco: UCSF.

Wilson, J., Arnold, C., Connor, R., & Cusson, R. (1996). Evaluation of oxygen delivery and pulmonary mechanics using naso-pharyngeal catheters and nasal cannulas in the NICU. Neonatal Network, 15, (4), 15-22.

Cusson, R. & Lee, A. (1994). Parental interventions and the development of the preterm infant. Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing, 23 (1), 60-68.

Cusson, R. (1994). Nursing strategies: Altered digestive function. In Foster, Hunsberger, Anderson, & Wright (ed.) Family Centered Nursing Care of Children. (pp. 1413-1505), Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders.

DiPietro, J., Caughy, M., Cusson, R., & Fox, N. (1994). Cardio-respiratory functioning in preterm infants: Stability and risk associations for measures of heart rate variability and oxygen saturation. Developmental Psychobiology. 27(3), 137-152.

DiPietro, J., Cusson, R., Caughy, M., & Fox, N. (1994). Behavioral and physiologic effects of non-nutritive sucking during gavage feeding in preterm infants. Pediatric Research, 36, 207-214.

Cusson, R. (1994). Research Utilization: Applying research findings to practice. Neonatal Network, 14 (2).

Cusson, R. (1993). Instruments in neonatal research: Measuring attachment behavior. Neonatal Network, 12 (4), 69-71.

Gunderson, L.P., & Cusson, R. (1993). Biological measures for nursing research: Pulse oximetry. Neonatal Network, 12 (8), 71-72.

Cusson, R. (1992). The research project: Getting started. Neonatal Network. 11 (3), 62-63.

Cusson, R. (1992). Innovations in cardio-pulmonary care of the low birth weight neonate. In D. Brooten (ed.) NAACOG's Clinical Issues in Perinatal and Women's Health Nursing: Issue on Low Birth Weight Infants. 3 (1), 62-74.

Cusson, R. (1992). Ricelyte: A rice-based oral rehydration fluid. Journal of Pediatric Nursing, 7 (6), 414-415.

Cusson, R. (1991). (Interview) Surfactant: Rescue from RDS. American Journal of Nursing. 91, 37.

Cusson, R. (1991). High-risk environmental care: The next frontier. Waves. (Newsletter of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of AACN). Spring, 5-7.

Cusson, R. (1989). Attachment disruption in the preterm infant. In E. McFadden (ed.) Case Studies in the Nursing of Children and Families. (pp. 22-24), Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins.

Cusson, R. (1989). Environmental stimulation in the preterm infant. In E. McFadden (ed.) Case Studies in the Nursing of Children and Families. (pp. 24-26), Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins.

Cusson, R. (1989). Respiratory distress syndrome in the preterm infant. In E. McFadden (ed.) Case Studies in the Nursing of Children and Families. (pp. 87-88), Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins.

Cusson, R. (1986). Knowledge of Breastfeeding Scale. Health Instrument File. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Cusson, R. (1986). Attitudes Towards Breastfeeding Scale. Health Instrument File. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA .

Cusson, R. (1985). Attitudes towards breastfeeding among female high school students. Pediatric Nursing, 11, (3), 189-191.

Cusson, R. (1980). Pre and post-operative monitoring and stabilization of the pediatric cardiac surgery patient. Proceedings of the 1st Annual Neonatal-Pediatric Clinicourse (pp. 58-68). Birmingham, AL; Pasadena, CA; Detroit, MI.

Cusson, R. (1979). Attitudes towards breastfeeding among female high school students. Proceedings of The 4th Maternal-Child Nursing Conference, University of Maryland, Parenting: Everyday and High-Risk (pp. 43-51). Baltimore, MD.

B. Other Creative Efforts:

Op-ed publications

Cusson, R. (March 5, 2014). Finding nursing faculty. (The nursing faculty shortage: Effective recruitment strategies), Inside Higher Ed.

Cusson, R. & Long, T.L. (March 26, 2014). Joining the nursing faculty. (Early Career Success for the Nursing Scholar: What a Dean Expects, What Search and Tenure Committees Expect), Inside Higher Ed.

Cusson, R. & Alexander, I. (February 21, 2014). Take reins off advanced practice nurses. The Hartford Courant.

Development of Videotape (For parents of high-risk infants)

Cusson, R. & DeWeese, M. (1992). Premie talk: Understanding your premature infant's behavior.

Development of Scales (originally published in the Health Instrument File by the U. of Pittsburgh.)

Cusson, R. (1979). Knowledge of Breastfeeding Scale.

Cusson, R. (1979). Attitudes towards Breastfeeding Scale.

IV. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

A. Grants and Contracts: Federal, State, Local and Foundation

- 2011-2014 Middlesex Hospital Magnet Consultation Contract.
8/23/2011-5/22/2014. \$48,000.
- 2010-2012 Connecticut Association of School-based Health Centers.
Title: Integrating Health Policy and Health Advocacy: School-based Health Centers engage adolescent African-American and Latino males in mental health services.
6/1/2011-1/31/2012. \$20,000
- Title: Effectiveness of school-based health clinical services. 6/2/2010-11/23/2010. \$20,000
- 2008-2011 Advanced Nurse Education Traineeship. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
7/1/08-6/30/09. \$38,824
7/1/09-6/30/10. \$46,285
7/1/10-6/30/11. \$55,711
7/1/11-6/30/12. \$54,453
- 2001-2006 National Institute of Child Health & Development. RO1 HD 38982
Title: Interventions with preterm infants: Moderators of efficacy.
PI Doug Teti (UMD), Co-I Maureen Black (UMD), Co-I Regina Cusson (U of CT), Penny Glass (Children's Hospital,DC), Rose Viscardi (UMD)
8/1/01 – 6/30/06. \$2.2 million. Subcontract with U of CT, \$70,000
- 2000 – 2004 Donaghue Medical Research Foundation.
Title: Program for the study of health care relationships. PI: Sally Cohen, Site Director, U of CT: Regina Cusson
7/1/00 – 12/31/04. \$3.1 million. Subcontract with U of CT, \$256,975
- 1997 - 98 Baltimore County Public Schools
Title: Baltimore County Public Schools Wellness Centers Proposal
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Barbara Heller
8/16/97 - 6/39/98. \$151,322
- 1997 - 98 Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professionals
Title: A School-linked Wellmobile for the Rural Underserved
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
8/1/97 - 7/31/98. \$240,348

- 1996 - 97 Department of Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland
 Title: Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Phyllis Sharps
 7/1/96 - 12/30/97. \$80,000
- 1995 - 97 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland
 Title: Expansion of Wellmobile Primary Care Services
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
 7/1/95 - 6/30/97. \$50,000
- 1995 - 96 Department of Health and Human Services
 Title: Perinatal Care System Development to Reduce Infant Mortality
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
 1/1/95 - 6/30/96. \$75,000
- 1994 - 97 Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland
 Title: Community Health Nurse for the Governor's Wellmobile
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Barbara Heller
 10/17/94 - 6/30/97. \$145,220
- 1994 - 97 Baltimore County Public Schools and Department of Health
 Title: Baltimore County School-Based Clinics
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Barbara Heller
 7/1/94 - 6/30/95. \$ 84,036
 8/14/95 - 6/30/96. \$116,497
 8/14/96 - 6/30/97. \$135,624
- 1994 - 97 Total Health Care
 Title: Total Health Care Sandtown-Winchester school-based health centers
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Barbara Heller
 9/1/94 - 6/30/97. \$402,473
- 1994 - 95 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland
 Title: Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
 7/1/94 - 6/30/95. \$10,400
- 1994 - 95 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland
 Title: Maryland Perinatal Regionalization Project
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
 7/1/94 - 6/30/95. \$25,000
- 1993 - 96 Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Human Services
 Title: Incorporating primary care in neonatal nurse practitioner education.
 Principal Investigator & Project Director: Regina Cusson
 9/30/93-6/30/96. \$558,457

- 1992 - 94 The Thomas Wilson Foundation
 Title: Enhancing parenting of preterm infants.
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson
 Co-Principal Investigator: Rose Viscardi (U of MD, Medicine)
 Co-Investigator: Barker Bausell (U of MD, Nursing)
 7/1/92-6/30/94. \$16,500
- 1987 - 90 National Institutes of Health, Center for Nursing Research RO1 NRO1684
 Title: Manifestations of Stress in preterm infants.
 Principal Investigator: Nathan Fox. (U of MD, Education)
 Co-Principal Investigator and Author: Regina Cusson
 9/1/87-8/31/90. \$234,811.
- 1987 - 89 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
 Title: Vagal tone and developmental outcome in high-risk preterm infants.
 Principal Investigator: Nathan Fox (U of MD, Education)
 Co-Investigator and Project Director: Regina Cusson
 3/1/87-2/28/89. \$40,000. Competing continuation renewed
- 1985 - 87 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
 Title: Vagal tone and developmental outcome in high-risk preterm infants.
 Principal Investigator: Nathan Fox (U of MD, Education)
 Co-Investigator and Project Director: Regina Cusson
 3/1/85-2/28/87. \$40,000.

B. Grants: University

University of Connecticut

- 2011 Research Advisory Council, U of CT Graduate School, Large Faculty Grant
 Title: Impact of the Professional Nursing Doctorate: Preparation,
 Outcomes
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$5429
- 2004 Research Advisory Council, U of CT Graduate School, Large Faculty Grant
 Title: Examination of advanced practice neonatal nursing roles in Great Britain.
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$4500
- 2004 Research Foundation, U of CT Small Faculty Award
 Title: Examination of advanced practice neonatal nursing roles in Great Britain,
 Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$1,000
- 1999 Research Advisory Council, U of CT Graduate School

Title: Development of a scale to measures nurses' roles in end of life care for infants and their families
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$1000

University of Maryland:

- 1992 School of Nursing Center for Nursing and Health Services Research Designated Research Incentive Fund
Title: The effectiveness of a developmentally focused education program on mother-preterm infant interaction.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$2000.
- 1991 Special Research Incentive Support and Graduate Research Assistantship from UMAB-UMBC Graduate School.
Title: The relationship between mother-preterm infant interaction and attachment in low socioeconomic status Blacks.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Co-Investigator Rose Viscardi, (Medical School). \$13,300.
- 1991 School of Nursing Center for Nursing and Health Services Research Designated Research Incentive Fund
Title: The prediction of attachment from face-to-face interaction in low socio-economic status preterm infants.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$2500.
- 1991 School of Nursing Center for Nursing and Health Services Research Designated Research Incentive Fund
Title: The relationship between indicators of infant stress and behavioral organization in preterm infants.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$2500.
- 1990 Special Research Incentive Support and Graduate Research Assistantship, UMAB
Title: Development of a culturally relevant measure of maternal-infant interaction in a Black, low socioeconomic group.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, Co-Investigator Rose Viscardi. \$18,800.
- 1990 School of Nursing Center for Nursing and Health Services Designated Research Fund
Title: Examination of social-emotional development in 26 month old high risk preterm infants.
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson. \$2000.
- 1986 Vice-chancellor's Designated Research Incentive Fund
Title: A longitudinal study of heart rate variability and development in preterm infants.
Principal Investigator Regina Cusson, Co-investigators Nathan Fox (Education) and Lillian Blackmon (Medical School). \$2600.

- 1986 School of Nursing Research Center and University of Maryland Graduate School Award.
Title: A longitudinal study of heart rate variability and development in preterm infants.
Principal Investigator Regina Cusson, Co-investigators Nathan Fox (Education) and Lillian Blackmon (Medical School). \$2000.
- 1985 School of Nursing Research Center and University of Maryland Graduate School Award.
Title: Vagal tone and developmental outcome in preterm infants at 18 months
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, \$2024.
- 1984 School of Nursing Research Center and University of Maryland Graduate School Award.
Title: Measurement of heart rate variability among a high risk infant population,
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, \$640.
- 1981 University of Maryland at Baltimore Graduate School Research Award.
Title: Effect of support on long-term success at breastfeeding
Principal Investigator: Regina Cusson, \$1500.

VI. HONORS RECEIVED/SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS

- A. Honors Received**
- 2008 Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing
- 2007 Induction into Phi Kappa Phi
2006-07 Fellow, AACN Leadership Institute
- 1996-97 Who's Who in American Nursing, 7th Edition
- 1996-97 Who's Who in the World
- 1995-96 Who's Who in American Nursing, 6th Edition
- 1994 University of Maryland School of Nursing First Annual Alumni Excellence in Research Award
- 1993-94 Who's Who in American Nursing
- 1993-94 Who's Who in the East: 25th Anniversary Edition
- 1993 Nominee for National Association of Neonatal Nurses Local Chapter (WECANN) Excellence in Clinical Practice Award
- 1991-92 Fellow: Summer Nursing Research Institute. University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Sponsored by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and The Center for Low Birthweight Research.

- 1987 Chancellor's Colloquium: Prediction of development during infancy
- 1986 School of Nursing nominee to the Chancellor for Young Scholar's Colloquium.
- 1979 Induction into Sigma Theta Tau
- 1968-71 St. Joseph's College Student Scholarship
- 1967-71 Maryland State Senatorial Scholarship

B. Special Certifications

- 1993 - Certification as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner by NCC
- 1987 - 88 Attachment Classification Certification Training Course, Christine Maslin, Ph.D., Reliability achieved January, 1988.
- 1985 Brazelton Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale Certification achieved Jan. 1986

VII. REVIEW ACTIVITIES AND EDITORIAL BOARDS

A. Journal Reviewer/Editorial Boards

Advances in Neonatal Care	Editorial Board 2002 – 2011 Co-Editor: Research Tutorials 2006–07
Developmental Psychology	Reviewer 2001- present
Biological Research In Nursing	Ad hoc Reviewer 2001
Advances in Nursing Science	Editorial Board 1999 – 2002 Reviewer 2003 - present
Nursing Research	Reviewer 1998 – 2003
Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics	Reviewer 1997 – present
Journal of Advanced Nursing	Reviewer 1997 – 98
AACN Clinical Issues in Critical Care Nursing	Reviewer 1990 - 98
Neonatal Network	Reviewer 1989 - 90, Editorial Board 1991- 2009 Contributing Editor 1993-1995

B. Other Review Activities

- 2008 Chairperson, OB/GYN Departmental Review Committee, UConn Health Center
- 2007 Abstract Reviewer: Eastern Nursing Research Society 19th Annual Scientific Sessions
- 2003-8 Member: Institutional Review Board (IRB) University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- 2003 Abstract Reviewer: Eastern Nursing Research Society 16th Annual Scientific Sessions
- 2002 Ad hoc Reviewer: The Donaghue Medical Research Foundation
- 2002 Abstract Reviewer: Eastern Nursing Research Society 15th Annual Scientific Sessions
- 2001 Abstract Reviewer: Eastern Nursing Research Society 14th Annual Scientific Sessions
- 1999 Abstract Reviewer: Eastern Nursing Research Society 12th Annual Scientific Sessions
- 1997 Ad hoc Referee: Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
- 1996 Grant Reviewer, Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Human Services, Advanced Nurse Education Grants
- 1994 Grant Reviewer, Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Human Services, Advanced Nurse Education Grants
- 1993 Review Panel: Sound. National Resource Center, Physical and Developmental
-94 Environment of the High-Risk Infant. Supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Public Health Service, and the National Institute for Nursing Research
- 1992 Basic Sciences Panel: Community Addictions Nursing Project
- 1992 Reviewer: Sigma Theta Tau Pi Chapter Research Grants
- 1991 Reviewer: U. of Maryland Graduate School Special Research Incentive Support
- 1991 Faculty preceptor NIH Summer Minority Research Internship Program
- 1991 Grant Reviewer: National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- 1989 Reviewer: Southern Nursing Research Society 4th Annual Research Conference.
- 1988 Program Committee: High Risk Infant Panel, Sixth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies.

1985 Scale validation: Tami Kephart, Factors associated with breastfeeding failure

1984 Reviewer; Contemporary Women's Health: A Nursing Advocacy Approach.
(Published 1986) Menlo Park, California: Addison Wesley Publishing Company.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Invited Addresses

2014 Invited Speaker: Expert to novice: Supporting the development of clinical faculty. AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference: Professional Competency: Putting the Pieces Together. Baltimore, MD. (November 20-22, 2014)

2012 Invited Master Class: Advanced practice role transitions: Qualitative and quantitative approaches. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Nursing and Midwifery Faculty 31st Annual International Conference. Dublin, Ireland (February 22, 2012)

2012 Invited Plenary Session: Advanced practice role transition: The process of re-attaining expert status. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Nursing and Midwifery Faculty 31st Annual International Conference. Dublin, Ireland (February 23, 2012)

2011 Invited Keynote Speaker, Brighton University: Current developments in advanced nursing practice from a USA perspective. Brighton University, Brighton, England. (March 16, 2011).

2010 Invited Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2010. Washington, DC (May 27, 2010).

2010 Invited Keynote Speaker & Clinical Scholar in Residence, Drexel University: Developing a program of research in transitions: Lessons from the health disciplines. Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. (June 22-23, 2010).

2010 Invited Keynote Speaker & Clinical Scholar in Residence, Drexel University: The Practice Doctorate: Musings & Methods of Establishing the Credibility of a New Degree with Multidisciplinary Implications. Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. (June 22-23, 2010).

2010 Invited Keynote Speaker & Clinical Scholar in Residence, Drexel University. Qualitative and quantitative approaches to examining role transitions Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. (June 22-23, 2010).

2010 Invited Keynote Speaker: The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Changing the Research Landscape. Rockefeller University, New York Presbyterian Hospital - Cornell Weill Medical Center. (June 13, 2010).

- 2009 Invited Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2009. Washington, DC (May 28, 2009).
- 2008 Invited Participant/Speaker: The U.S. neonatal nurse practitioner workforce: Is there a mismatch between supply and demand? National Association of Neonatal Nurses Research Summit (April 1-3, 2008).
- 2008 Invited Discussant: Nursing practice with neonates. Paper session presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA. (March 27, 2008).
- 2008 Invited Speaker: Challenges of role transition among NNPs in the UK and the US: Similarities and differences. Neo 2008: The conference for Neonatology. Orlando, FL. (February 7-8, 2008).
- 2008 Invited Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2008. Washington, DC (May 29, 2008).
- 2007 Invited Keynote Speaker: Role transition and the neonatal nurse practitioner workforce. Neonatal Update 2007. New York Presbyterian Hospital - Cornell Weill Medical Center. (March 12, 2007).
- 2007 Invited Speaker: Is the NNP role in danger of becoming extinct? Neo 2007: The conference for Neonatology. Orlando, FL. (February 7, 2007).
- 2007 Invited Keynote Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2007. Washington, DC (May 30, 2007).
- 2006 Invited Keynote Speaker: Precepting the next generation of NNPs: How to become an effective mentor. Ohio State University School of Nursing 1st Annual Preceptor Conference. Columbus, OH (September 7, 2006)
- 2006 Invited Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2006. Washington, DC (May 31, 2006).
- 2006 Invited Endnote Speaker: Creating the next generation of neonatal nurse practitioners. Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2006. Washington, DC (June 2, 2006).
- 2005 Invited Keynote Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2005. Washington, DC (May 28, 2005).

- 2005 Invited Keynote Speaker: Neonatal nursing research: Putting the evidence into practice. CT Organization of Neonatal Nurses. Hartford, CT (November 10, 2005).
- 2005 Invited Endnote Speaker: Images in nursing: Historical influences on neonatal and pediatric roles. Neonatal-Pediatric Symposium. Arizona State University. Mesa, AZ. (April 29, 2005).
- 2005 Invited Keynote Speaker: GI physiology: Review and clinical application. Neonatal-Pediatric Symposium. Arizona State University. Mesa, AZ. (April 28, 2005).
- 2004 Invited Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2004. Washington, DC (May 29, 2003).
- 2004 Introduction Speaker: Competence in NNP education. APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2004. Washington, DC (May 29, 2004).
- 2003 Invited End-Note Speaker: Narratives from the nursery: APNs as nurturers, leaders and teachers. Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003. Washington, DC (May 31, 2003).
- 2003 Invited Speaker: Enhancing role transition: Helping novice NNPs become valued team members. Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003. Washington, DC (May 30, 2003)
- 2003 Invited Keynote Speaker: State of the science of NNP education. Pre-Conference APN Faculty Forum, Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum 2003. Washington, DC (May 29, 2003).
- 2002 Invited Speaker: Preterm infant development: Impact of genetic and environmental interaction. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL (October 18, 2002)
- 2002 Invited Speaker: Kangaroo Care: Research and practice update. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL (October 18, 2002)
- 2002 Invited Speaker: Interpreting Research. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL (October 17, 2002)
- 2002 Invited Speaker: Role transition: Moving from the neonatal nurse to neonatal nurse practitioner role. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium, FL Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Clearwater Beach, FL (October 15, 2002)
- 2002 Invited Symposium: Meta-Analysis: Methods, pitfalls & application. Pre-conference

- session conducted at the Eastern Nursing Research Society (March 21, 2002)
- 2002 Invited Speaker: Transition from neonatal nurse practitioner student to nurse practitioner Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Preceptor Workshop, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (Feb 8, 2002).
- 2001 Invited Keynote Speaker: Brain development: Embryonic, genetic & environmental influences. CT Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Conference, Cromwell, CT (November 5, 2001)
- 2001 Invited Speaker: Roundtable on neonatal advanced practice issues. Florida Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Conference, Tampa, FL (October 31, 2001).
- 1996 Invited Speaker: Reading and Interpreting Research. National Association of Neonatal Nurses 12th Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, (September 13, 1996).
- 1996 Invited Keynote Speaker: NICU Practice: Fact or Fiction? National Association of Neonatal Nurses 12th Annual Conference, Nashville, TN (September 13, 1996).
- 1996 Invited Speaker: Innovative Academic-Community Partnerships: Meeting the Needs of Underserved Children. University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University Schools of Nursing 7th Annual Research Conference: Enhancing Nursing Research through Creative Partnerships. Baltimore, MD (May 10, 1996).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Flexibility in NNP Graduate Education. NANN Educator's Forum. San Antonio, TX (September 7, 1995).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Flexibility in Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Education. National Association of Neonatal Nurses 2nd Annual Nurse Education's Forum, San Antonio, TX (September 6, 1995).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Options in Advanced Practice: Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Specialists and Managers. Nat'l Conference of Neonatal Nursing. Washington, DC (June 24, 1995).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Effects of the Environment on the Premature Infant. National Conference of Neonatal Nursing. Washington, DC (June 23, 1995).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Issues In Bio-behavioral Research Neonates. University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University Schools of Nursing 6th Annual Research Conference: Methodological Challenge in Bio-behavioral Research. Baltimore, MD (April 7, 1995).
- 1995 Co-Chair: National Association of Neonatal Nurses Clinical Update, Baltimore, MD (March 17-19, 1995).
- 1995 Invited Speaker: Evaluation of Expanded Nursing Roles/Preparation Debate. National

- Association of Neonatal Nurses Clinical Update. Baltimore, MD (March 18, 1995).
- 1994 Invited Speaker: Pain Management: An Update. West-East Chesapeake and Washington Area Associations of Neonatal Nurses. Columbia, MD (November 11, 1994).
- 1994 Invited Speaker: Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Role. Nurse Practitioners Symposium, University of Maryland School of Nursing. Baltimore, MD (August 1, 1994).
- 1994 Invited Speaker: Preterm Infant Behavior: Interpreting the Language of Premature Infants. Baltimore County Department of Health. Hunt Valley, MD (March 30, 1994).
- 1993 Invited Speaker: Nursing Research in High-Risk Infant Care. West-East Chesapeake Association of Neonatal Nurses. Baltimore, MD (December 2, 1993).
- 1992 Invited General Session Speaker: Optimizing Outcomes: A Look at Developmental Concerns. West-East Association of Neonatal Nurses First Clinical Conference: Neonatal Nursing Challenges: Care of the Extremely Low Birthweight Infant. Baltimore, MD (November 2, 1992).
- 1992 Invited Paper: Neonatal Pain: The Nurse's Role in Assessment and Management. West-East Chesapeake Association of Neonatal Nurses. Baltimore, MD. (August 20, 1992).
- 1992 Invited Paper: The Impact of the Environment on the High-Risk Infant. AACN Chesapeake Bay Chapter: The Future is Now. Columbia, MD. (February 28, 1992).
- 1992 Invited Paper: Assessment of Stress in the Preterm Infant. University of Pennsylvania, Center for Low Birthweight Research. Philadelphia, PA. (January 27, 1992).
- 1991 Invited Paper: The NICU Environment: The Effects of Stress on the Preterm Infant. The Third Perinatal Nursing Conference, March of Dimes. Baltimore, MD. (March 15, 1991).
- 1991 Invited Paper: Assessing The Infant's Contribution to Mother-Infant Interaction. U of Pennsylvania, Center for Low Birthweight Research. Phila, PA. (Feb 11, 1991).
- 1990 Invited Paper: Stress In Preterm Infants: Physiologic And Behavioral Aspects. University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Department of Physiology. Baltimore, MD.
- 1990 Invited Paper: The NICU Environment: The Effects Of Stress On The Preterm Infant. The Second Annual Perinatal Nursing Conference of the March of Dimes. Baltimore, MD. (May 7, 1990).
- 1989 Invited Paper: Environmental Care In The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: The Next Frontier. University of Maryland School of Nursing 100th Anniversary Research Conference. Baltimore, MD. (September 29, 1989).
- 1987 Invited Colloquium: The Chancellor's Colloquium. Prediction of Development during

Infancy. University of Maryland at Baltimore, Baltimore, MD. (April, 1987).

- 1987 Invited Paper: Measuring And Relating Vagal Tone In High-Risk Infants. American Association of Critical Care Nurses, New York City Chapter, NY.
- 1986 Invited Symposium: Chairperson, An Examination Of Stress During Infancy. Southern Conference for Collegiate Education in Nursing, Shreveport, LA.
- 1986 Invited Paper: The Use Of Vagal Tone Monitoring In Nursing. American Association of Critical Care Nurses, New York City Chapter, NY.

B. International Presentations (Refereed)

Briere, C. E., McGrath, J., Cong, X., Brownell, E., Beck, C., & Cusson, R. (2014, September) Direct breastfeeding in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and breastfeeding outcomes after discharge. 2014 State of Science Congress on Nursing Research, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Washington, DC.

Cusson, R.M. & Bellini, S. (2014, April). Enhancing rigor and scholarly outcomes in professional doctoral education in nursing. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Professional Doctorates Cardiff, Wales.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2014, April). Leadership Composition of Professional Nursing Associations and the Emerging Struggle for Stewardship of a Practice Discipline. Poster presented at the 4th International Conference on Professional Doctorates Cardiff, Wales.

Cusson, R.M. Bellini, S (2014, April). Counterpoint: The evolution of professional nursing practice upon entry into the academy. Poster presented at the 4th International Conference on Professional Doctorates Cardiff, Wales

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2012, April). Professional Clinicians of Faculty in the Academic Setting: Bridging the Knowledge-Practice Gap. Poster presented at the 3rd International Conference on Professional Doctorates, Florence, Italy.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. The adoption of the clinical practice dissertation among U.S. Doctor of Nursing Practice programs: revolution or evolution. Poster, 3rd International Conference on Professional Doctorates, Florence, Tuscany, Italy. (2012, April).

Dreher, M., Stoddart, K., Fealy, G., McNamara, M., Bugge, C., & Cusson, R.M. (2012, April). A Framework Toward Global Standards for the Professional Doctorate in Nursing: A Workshop. Paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Professional Doctorates, Florence, Italy.

Cong, X., Cusson, R., & Zhang, D. (2011, July). Effects of Kangaroo Care on Reducing Bio-behavioral Pain Responses in Preterm Infants. Paper presented at Sigma Theta Tau

International's 22nd International Nursing Research Congress, Cancun, Mexico.

Cong, X., Cusson, R., & Zhang, D. (2011, June). Effects of Maternal Skin-to-Skin Contact on Reducing Bio-behavioral Pain Responses in Preterm Infants. Paper presented at the 5th Hong Kong International Nursing Forum, Hong Kong, Republic of China.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2011, April). DNP Faculty: Operationalizing Clinical Scholarship. Poster presented at the 2nd International Conference on Professional Doctorates, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2011, April). The Clinical Practice Dissertation as the Terminal Scholarly Product for Nursing DNP Students. Poster presented at the 2nd International Conference on Professional Doctorates, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Cusson, R. M. & Edwards, S. (2005, July). Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Role Transition in Great Britain. Poster presented at the 16th Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress, Hawaii.

Cohen, S, Cusson, R, Krauss, J & Selles, J. (2002, May) Structures to promote caring: The Heath Care Relationship Project. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Human Caring "Creating Caring Environments" Boston, MA.

Cusson, R.M. & Engler, A.J. (2002, April). Neonatal nurses and end of life care for families of critically ill and dying newborns. Poster presented at the International Society for Infant Studies, Toronto, CA

Cusson, R.M., Engler, A.J. & Ludington, S. (2002, April). Kangaroo care practices, knowledge, barriers & perceptions: A national survey. Poster presented at the International Society for Infant Studies, Toronto, CA.

Engler, A., Ludington, S. & Cusson, R. (1999, Sept). Kangaroo care: American practice, knowledge, beliefs & barriers. Paper presented at the International State of the Science Congress, Washington, D.C.

Engler, A., Ludington, S. & Cusson, R. (1999, June). Kangaroo care: Practice, knowledge, beliefs & barriers: The American experience. Poster presented at ICN's Centennial Conference, London, England.

Wessel, G., Cusson, R., Heller, B., Brown, G. (1998, June). Using collaborative partnerships to evaluate outcomes of care. Paper presented at the American Nurses' Foundation/ANA Council of Nurse Researchers 1998 Research Utilization Conference "Evidence-Based Nursing Practice", San Diego, CA.

Cusson, R. & Yin, T. (1998, April). Face-to-face interaction between preterm infants and mothers: Use of the still-face procedure. Poster presented at the International Conference on Infant

Studies, Atlanta, GA.

Cusson, R. & Yin, T. (1998, April). Maternal and preterm infant contributions to interaction. Paper presented the National Association of Neonatal Nurses International Research Update: Caregiving of the High-Risk Infant, Dallas, TX.

Cusson, R., Yin, T., Li, R., Brown, G., Parks, P., & Viscardi, R. (1997, April). Maternal-preterm infant dyadic interaction during the still-face procedure. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. & Li, R. (1996, June). Stress and coping in preterm infants. Poster presented at the American Nurses' Foundation/ANA Council of Nurse Researchers 1996 Scientific Session "Shaping Our Future Through Nursing Research". Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. & Yin, T. (1996, June). Comparison of mothers and examiner's perceptions of temperament. Poster presented at the ANF/ANA Council of Nurse Researchers 1996 Scientific Session "Shaping Our Future Through Nursing Research". Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. Yin, T. Holbrook, T. & Hobelman, J.G. (1996, June). Oxygen delivery using variants of nasal prongs in preterm infants. Poster presented at the American Nurses' Foundation/ANA Council of Nurse Researchers 1996 Scientific Session "Shaping Our Future Through Nursing Research". Washington, D.C.

Smith, C., Rabin, N., Heller, B., Goldwater, M., Pinckney, C., & Cusson, R. (1996, June). Building bridges to a health care "home". Poster presented at the American Nurses' Foundation/ANA Council of Nurse Researchers 1996 Scientific Session "Shaping Our Future Through Nursing Research", Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R., Viscardi, R., Tyhala, L., Yin, T., & Okunski, G. (1996, April). Enhancing parenting of preterm infants with a video-assisted maternal education program. Poster presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Providence, R.I.

Cusson, R., & Parks, P. (1993, November). Social interaction and maternal perception of preterm infant temperament. Poster presented at the ANA Council of Nurse Researchers' 1993 International Nursing Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. (1993, November). Symposium Organizer: Maternal-infant interactive influences on preterm infant development. Symposium presented at the ANA Council of Nurse Researchers' 1993 International Nursing Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. (1993, November). The effect of mother-infant interactive characteristics on preterm development. Paper presented at the ANA Council of Nurse Researchers' 1993 International Nursing Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R., Parks, P., Arndt, E., Lee, A., Byrnes, B., Remsberg, R., & Viscardi, R. (1993,

May). Maternal-preterm infant interaction during a still-face procedure. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, LA.

Cusson, R., Byrnes, B., & Remsberg, R. (1992, May). Mental, motor and language development in 26 month old preterm toddlers. Poster presented at the Eighth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Miami Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. (1992, April). Developmental outcome in high-risk preterm infants throughout the first two years of life. Paper presented at 1st NANN Research Conference, Washington, DC

Cusson, R. (1991, April). Social interaction in preterm infants: Links between attachment and temperament. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Cusson, R. (1990, April). The preterm infant's contribution to the developing attachment relationship. Poster presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference on Infant Studies, Montreal, CA.

Cusson R. (1989, September). Prediction of maternal-infant attachment during the first year in preterm infants. Poster presented at the ANA Council of Nurse Researchers' 1989 International Nursing Research Conference: Unity in Diversity: Spectrum of Nursing Research, Chicago, IL.

Cusson, R., McCarthy, N., Ismeurt, J., & Campbell, N. (1988, April). A longitudinal study of developmental outcome in preterm infants. Poster presented at the Sixth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R. (1987, October). The relationship between heart rate variability, medical status and developmental outcome in preterm infants. Poster presented at the ANA Council of Nurse Researchers' 1987 International Nursing Research Conference: Nursing Advances in Health: Models, Methods, and Applications, Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R., McCarthy, N. (1987, April). Heart rate variability as a predictor of developmental outcome in high-risk infants. Paper presented in N. Fox (Chair), Medical complications and outcome of preterm infants. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1986, August). Measurement of heart rate variability among a high risk infant population. Poster presented at the 2nd Annual International Intensive Care Nursing Conference, The Hague, Netherlands.

Cusson, R. (1986, April). Neonatal intensive care unit nurses' interactions with preterm infants. Poster presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Los Angeles, CA.

Cusson, R. (1986, April). The relationship between vagal tone and medical variables in a high-risk infant population. Poster presented at the Int. Conference on Infant Studies, LA, CA.

Cusson, R. (1984, October). Attitudes towards breastfeeding among female high school students. Paper presented at the 1st International Congress on Women's Health Issues, Halifax, N.S.

C. National Presentations (Refereed)

Cusson, R., Engler, A. Meehan, C. & Tackett, M. (2014, Oct.). Using a nursing “Shark Tank” to develop skills as a change agent and entrepreneur. AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference: Professional Competency: Putting the Pieces Together. Baltimore, MD. (November 20-22, 2014)

Cong, X., Cusson, R., Walsh, S., & Vazquez, V. (2014, April). Oxytocin mechanism in modulating parental stress and anxiety during skin-to-skin contact with preterm infants. Paper presentation, 9th Annual Research Summit of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Scottsdale, AZ.

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J., Cong, X., Brownell, E., Beck, C. & Cusson, R. Direct-Breastfeeding in a Level IV NICU. (2014, February). The 27th Annual Gravens Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Briere, C.E., McGrath, J., Cong, X., Brownell, E., Beck, C. & Cusson, R. (2014, April). Characterization of Direct-Breastfeeding in a Level IV NICU. National Association of Neonatal Nurses 9th Annual Research Summit. Scottsdale, AZ.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2014, Jan.) Joint Appointments as Models for Successful Faculty Practice. Poster presented at AACN's faculty Practice Conference, Naples, FL.

Bellini, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2013, Jan.). Tenure Policies Linked to Faculty Practice: A Successful Business Plan for Schools of Nursing. Poster presented at AACN's faculty Practice Conference, Coronado, CA.

Bellini, S., Cusson, R. & McCauley, P. (2012, Jan.). Faculty Practice, Teaching, and Program Administration: An Innovative Strategy for Blended Roles and Successful Academic and Clinical Partnerships. Poster presented at AACN's Annual Doctoral Conference, Naples, FL.

McCauley, P., Cusson, R. & Bellini, S. (2012, Jan.). Facilitating faculty transition to doctoral degrees: One university's success. Poster presented at AACN's Annual Doctoral Conference, Naples, FL.

Cong, X., Cusson, R.M., & Zhang, D. (2010, Sept.). Effects of Skin-to-Skin (Kangaroo) Care on Reducing Bio-behavioral Pain Responses in Preterm Infants: A Pilot Study. Paper presented at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Washington, D.C.

Bellini, S., Van Hoof, T. & Cusson, R (2009, March). Developing a DNP Program and advancing Quality Improvement through collaborative partnerships. Paper presented at the 2

Biennial Doctor of Nursing Practice Conference, Drexel University, Hilton Head, SC.

Bellini, S., Cusson, R., Van Hoof, T. (2009, Jan.) A DNP Program with a Focus on Community-based Quality Improvement Initiatives. Poster presented at AACN's Annual Doctoral Conference, San Diego, CA.

Cusson, R., Strange, S., & McLean, L. (2008, Oct.) Challenges of role transition among NNPs in the US and UK: Similarities and differences.

Cusson, R., Strange, S., Conelius, J., Duran, B., Merkle, M. & Mokel, M. (2008, Oct.) Development of scale to measure nurse practitioner role transition. Paper presented at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R., Buus-Frank, M.E., Flanagan, V.A., Miller, S., Zukowsky, K., & Rasmussen, L. (2008, Oct.) The US neonatal nurse practitioner workforce: Is there a mismatch between supply and demand? Poster presented at Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Washington.

Cusson, R. (2006, June). Nurse Practitioner Role Transition: Perspectives for Novice and Preceptor. Paper presented at the Association for Women's Health, Obstetric, & Neonatal Nursing 2006 Convention "Innovate, Lead, Care", Baltimore, MD.

McGrath, J., Cusson, R., Harrison, L., & Robinson, C. (2005, September). Neonatal nurse, practitioner online education consortium: Implementation to prepare culturally competent NNPs to provide best practice in diverse settings. Paper presented at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 21st Annual Conference "Tiny Babies, Big Dreams", Anaheim, CA.

Wessel, G. & Cusson, R. (1998, April). Innovative education models for integration of nurse-managed care: The community as a pediatric learning lab. Paper presented at the SCCEN Conference, Collaboration in Schools: Exemplars in Nursing Education & Practice, Atlanta, GA.

Heller, B., Cusson, R., Wessel, G., Lucas-Trumbull, D., Oros, M. (1998, September). The clinical enterprise as an educational model for integrating teaching, practice and research in maternal child health. Poster presented at the National League for Nursing 1998 meeting, "Refocusing the Lens: Nursing Education for the New Millennium", Chicago, IL.

Heller, B., Cusson, R., Kolodny-Katz, S., Scarinzi, G., Wessel, G., Rabin, N. (1997, May). The community as a family/pediatric learning lab. Paper presented at the 32nd Anniversary Conference of the Association for the Care of Children's Health, Washington, D.C.

Wessel, G., Cusson, R., Heller, B., Michael, M., Holbrook, T., Green, S., House, D., & Brown, G. (1997, May). Evaluating the Sandtown-Winchester Schools using HEDIS indicators. Poster presented at the 17th Nurse Practitioner Symposium: Interface with the Future, Balto, MD.

Rabin, N., Wessel, G., Cusson, R., Turkeltaub, M., Klein, R., Goldwater, M., & Heller, B. (1997, May). Mobilizing health care toward the future by applying a clinical teaching model.

Poster presented at the 17th Annual National Nurse Practitioner Symposium: Interface with the Future, Baltimore, MD.

Smith, C., Rabin, N., & Cusson, R. (1996, August). Governor's Wellmobile: An innovative faculty clinical practice model. Poster presented at the National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium, Washington, D.C.

Smith, C., Rabin, N., Kolodny-Katz, S., Heller, B., Goldwater, M., Pinckney, C., & Cusson, R. (1996, June). When "gown" hits the road to "town": A look at innovative health services provision and advanced practice education. Paper presented at the National Association of School Nurses, 28th Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Smith, C., Rabin, N., Kolodny-Katz, S., Heller, B., Goldwater, M., Pinckney, C., & Cusson, R. (1996, June). When "gown" hits the road to "town": A look at innovative health services provision and advanced practice education. Paper presented at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Smith, C., Rabin, N., Kolodny-Katz, S., Heller, B., Goldwater, M., Pinckney, C., Oros, M., & Cusson, R. (1996, April). Governor's Wellmobile: An innovative faculty clinical practice model. Poster presented at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties' 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Cusson, R., Viscardi, R., Tyhala, L., Yin, T., & Okunski, G. (1996, January). Assessing an education program for parents of low birthweight infants. Paper presented at the 2nd Annual Conference: The Physical and Developmental Environment of the High-Risk Infant. Sponsored by University of South Florida, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Cusson, R. (1991, March). The relationship between preterm infant temperament and social interactive behavior. Paper presented at The University of Maryland and The Johns Hopkins University Second Annual Nursing Research Conference: Research; A process of Collaboration and Negotiation, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1990, March). The effect of infant temperament on maternal preterm attachment. Paper presented at The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland First Annual Research Conference: Patient Outcomes: Measures, Use, and Costs, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R., Fox, N., Porges, S. McCarthy, N. (1986, March). The relationship between vagal tone and medical variables in preterm infants. Paper presented at the National Annual Conference on Nursing Research: Research into Practice, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1983, October). The effect of support on long term success at breastfeeding. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Nursing Research Conference Research for Clinical Nursing, Its Strategies and Findings, Tucson, AZ.

Cusson, R. (1983, October). Attitudes towards breast feeding among female high school

students. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Nursing Research Conference Research for Clinical Nursing, Its Strategies and Findings, Tucson, AZ.

Cusson, R. (1979, February). Attitudes towards breastfeeding among female high school students. Paper presented at the 4th Maternal-Child Nursing Conference, Parenting: Everyday and High-Risk, Baltimore, MD.

D. Regional Presentations

Cong, X., Cusson, R., Walsh, S., & Vazquez, V. (2014, April). Effects of skin-to-skin contact with preterm infants on parental bio-behavioral responses. Paper presentation, Eastern Nursing Research Society 26th Annual Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA.

McLean, L. & Cusson, R.M. (2009, March) Challenges of role transition among NNPs in the US and UK: Similarities and differences. Poster presented the Eastern Nursing Research Society, Boston, MA.

Strange, S. & Cusson, R.M. (2009, March). Nurse practitioner role transition: A content analysis of survey data. Poster presented the Eastern Nursing Research Society, Boston, MA.

Cusson, R.M., Buus-Frank, M., Flanagan, V., Miller, S., Zukowsky, K. & Rasmussen, L. (2007, April). National assessment of the neonatal nurse practitioner workforce. Paper presented the Eastern Nursing Research Society, Providence, RI.

Cusson, R.M. (September, 2006). How to interpret meta-analysis. Paper presented at the Hartford Hospital Research Conference, Hartford, CT.

Cusson, R. M., (2006, April). Transition to the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Role in Great Britain. Paper presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Cusson, R. M., (2006, April). Symposium Organizer: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Examining the Role of the Health Care Relationship on Outcomes in Patients with Chronic Illness. Symposium presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Cusson, R. M., (2006, April). The Health Care Relationship and Adherence: How the Health Care Relationship Impacts Adherence in Chronic Illness. In symposium: A multidisciplinary Approach to Examining the Role of the Health Care Relationship on Outcomes in Patients with Chronic Illness. Symposium presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Cusson, R.M., Resnick, B. (2004, March) Symposium Organizer: Methods of measurement: Using structural equation modeling for measurement. Symposium presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Boston, MA.

Cusson, R.M., (2004, March). Introduction to structural equation modeling as a

measurement technique. Paper presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, Boston, MA.

Cusson, R.M., Resnick, B., Doswell, W., & Fineout-Overholt, E. (2003, March) Symposium Organizer: Methods of measurement: Using structural equation modeling for measurement. Symposium presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, New Haven, CT.

Cusson, R.M., (2003, March). Introduction to structural equation modeling as a measurement technique. Paper presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, New Haven, CT.

Engler, A.J. & Cusson, R.M. (2002, March). Neonatal nurses and end of life care: Comfort, Roles, Involvement. Paper presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, State College, PA.

Cusson, R.M., Cohen, S., Krauss, J & Selles, J. (2002, March). Program for the study of health care relationships. Poster presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, State College, PA.

Engler, A., Ludington, S. & Cusson, R. (1999, April). National survey of kangaroo care practice, knowledge, beliefs & barriers. Paper presented at Eastern Nursing Research Society, New York, NY.

Engler, A., Ludington, S. & Cusson, R. (1999, February). Kangaroo care in the US: A national survey. Paper presented at Eastern Society for Pediatric Research, Atlantic City, NJ

Cusson, R. (1998, May). Emotional expression in mothers and preterm infants during face-to-face interaction. Poster presented at the Joint Research Conference sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD.

Wessel, G., Cusson, R., Heller, B., Dudley-Brown, S., Callanan, S., Michael, M., Trumbull, D., Holbrook, T. (1998, April). The community as a pediatric learning lab: Roles of school nurse and school nurse practitioner. Poster presented at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, "Evidence of Excellence", Baltimore, MD.

Wessel, G., Cusson, R., Heller, B., Feroli, K., Goulden, D., Gardella, S. (1998, April). School nurse/school nurse practitioner/ University of Maryland School of Nursing. The School-based team. Poster presented at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, "Evidence of Excellence", Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R., Madonia, J., & Taekman, J. (1998, February). The effect of environment on body site temperatures in full-term neonates. Poster presented at the Eastern Society for Pediatric Research, Atlantic City, NJ.

Cusson, R. (1986, December). Stress in the preterm infant: Implications for practice and research. Invited paper presented at the 6th Annual SCCEN Research Conference: The Tao of Nursing Research, Shreveport, LA.

Cusson, R., Fox, N., & Porges, S. (1985, December). Measurement of heart rate variability among a high risk infant population. Paper presented at the 5th Annual SCCEN Research Conference: Extending Nursing Science and Practice Through Research and Theory Formulation, Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Cusson, R. (1985, May). Breastfeeding for high-risk infants and mothers. Paper presented at the 2nd Annual Perinatal Symposium, March of Dimes, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1984, May). Teaching strategies and their effect on long term success at breastfeeding. Paper presented at the Sigma Theta Tau Research Conference, Newark, DE.

Cusson, R. (1984, May). Enhancing breastfeeding success in difficult circumstances. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Perinatal Symposium, March of Dimes, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1984, April). The effect of support on long term success at breastfeeding. Paper presented at the Sixth Biennial Eastern Nursing Research Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

Cusson, R. (1983, December). The effect of support on long-term success at breastfeeding. Paper presented at the 3rd Annual SCCEN Conference: Research in Nursing Practice & Education: Collaborative, Methodological, and Ethical Implications, Baltimore, MD.

Cusson, R. (1980, April). Post-operative monitoring and stabilization of the pediatric cardiac surgery patient. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Neonatal Pediatric Clinicourse, Detroit.

Cusson, R. (1980, April). Pre-operative preparation of the pediatric patient. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Neonatal-Pediatric Clinicourse, Pasadena, CA

Cusson, R. (1980, April). Pre-operative preparation of the pediatric patient. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Neonatal-Pediatric Clinicourse, Detroit, MI.

E. Workshops and Institutes Presented.

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| 1997 | May 5 | Provider education through the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Presented to local Health Officers in Maryland |
| 1992 | September 24 | How to apply for a NANN grant, National Association of Neonatal Nurses, New Orleans, LA |
| 1992 | June 13-14 | Pediatric CCRN Review Course Gastrointestinal Review, Baltimore, MD |
| 1992 | June 5-6 | Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Taught for MIEMSS Nursing and Specialty Care. |
| 1992 | April 30 | Preterm infant development: Physiology and psycho-social assessment and interventions. Towson State University |

- 1991 February 7-8 Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Taught for MIEMSS
 April 11-12 Nursing and Specialty Care throughout Maryland.
 May 2-3
 December 2-3
- 1990 February 16 Pediatric Trauma Resuscitation, Pediatric Advanced Life Support.
 March 16 Taught for MD Institute for Emergency Medical Services (MIEMSS)
 May 18 Nursing and Specialty Care throughout Maryland
 June 22
 April 3-4
 June 6-7
 November 2-3
- 1987 March 10 Physical and developmental assessment of infants and young children.
 Presented at the Pediatric Home Health Care Conference, U. of Maryland
 School of Nursing and the VNA, Timonium, Md.
- 1986 February 7 Vagal tone and developmental outcome in high-risk infants. Report of
 research in progress to the nursing staff on the infant unit at University of
 Maryland Hospital.
- 1985 December 10 Thermoregulation in the preterm infant. In-service presented to the nursing
 staff on the infant unit at University of Maryland Hospital.
- 1985 November 21 Interpretation of blood gases: Application to infancy. In-service presented
 to the nursing staff on the infant unit at University of Maryland Hospital
- 1985 November 15 Breastfeeding the preterm infant. Frederick, MD. Maryland High-risk
 Infant Program for Community Health Nurses.
- 1985 October 14 Assisting parents of preterm infants. University of Maryland Human
 Development Department. Workshop presented for Community Health
 Nurses.

X. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- A. Membership in Professional Organizations**
- 2008- American Academy of Nursing
- 2007- Phi Kappa Phi
- 2007 - National League for Nursing
- 2004 - Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

1999 - CT Organization of Neonatal Nurses

1998 - Eastern Nursing Research Society
2002 - 2010 Methods and Measurement group facilitator
2008 Annual Conference Planning Committee

1996-2002 Foundation for Neonatal Education and Research:
1996-2002 Chairperson, Research Review Committee
1997- 2002 Vice-President & Secretary

1995-98 Maryland Perinatal Association
1996-98 Secretary

1994- Association for Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing

1994- 97 National Association of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

1990- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
1991- Special Interest Group: Advanced Practice
1992-96 Research Committee: Member: National
1991-92 Communications Liaison
1993-94 Research Column: Contributing Editor
1995-96 Research Committee Chairperson
2006-07 Research Tutorials: Contributing Editor
2005- Neonatal Faculty Special Interest Group Coordinator

Local chapter (WECANN)
1990-93 Strategic Planning Committee Chairperson
1992 Needs assessment for NNP Program at U of MD

1990- 97 American Association of Critical Care Nurses
1990-92 Neonatal and Pediatric Special Interest Group Steering Committee

1989-98 Southern Nursing Research Society

1989- International Society for Infant Study

1987- 96 American Academy for the Advancement of Science

1986- Society for Research in Child Development

1979- American Nurses Association
1990- 98 ANA Council of Nurse Researchers

1979- Sigma Theta Tau

1985-86 Pi Chapter Research Committee
 1992 Pi Chapter Grant Reviewer
 1998-00 Mu Chapter Research Review Committee
 2002-4 Mu Chapter Research Review Committee

B. Professional Consultation Activities

2010 Consultant to U. of Oklahoma School of Nursing, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program Evaluation

2004-07 Consultant to Jefferson University School of Nursing NNP program.

2003-06 Consultant to University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Grant: A Culturally Competent Online Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program

2003-06 Collaborator (with 5 partner schools) NNP Online Education Consortium

2003 - Coordinator, Faculty Forum: Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum

2002 - Advisory, Planning and Program Faculty: Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum

2002 The National Certification Corporation of the Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Specialties (certifies NNPs). January 28, 2002. One of four NNP Faculty consultants invited nationwide to advise NCC on eligibility criteria and NNP program requirements for the NCC NNP exam.

2000-01 U of Connecticut Health Center Neonatal ICU: Pain assessment in preterm infants. Consulted on measures to assess neonatal pain. Participated in pilot instrument development

2000-03 Consultant to Arizona State University School of Nursing NNP program

1997 Consultant to U of Cincinnati School of Nursing, Nurse Managed Clinics

1996-98 Consultant to Pennsylvania State University, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program

1994 Consultant to Florida International University, School of Nursing, Neonatal Program Development

1991 -98 University of Maryland at Baltimore Speakers Bureau
 1991 Faculty Mentor: International Nurse Residency program

1991 Pediatric Consultant to the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Nursing Division: Pediatric Trauma

1985-87 Faculty member: Maryland high-risk infant training grant.

1983 Pediatric In-service for U.S. Army nurses stationed in Germany.

XI. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

A. Undergraduate

Junior and Senior Year clinical courses in pediatrics and obstetrics
Electives in neonatal nursing, critical care nursing
Undergraduate courses in critical thinking, life span developmental issues, nursing research & nursing leadership

B. Graduate

Taught in masters Trauma-Critical Care specialty track
Developed masters specialty in Pediatric Trauma-Critical Care
Developed/Revised Neonatal Nurse Practitioner specialty track at two universities
Taught and coordinated all Neonatal Nurse Practitioner courses
Taught in doctoral core courses: quantitative methods, responsible conduct of research
Taught masters nursing research course
Developed and taught doctoral seminar in portfolio development
Developed doctoral elective: Aspects of stress and coping across the lifespan
Supervised over 60 masters seminar papers, including 40 research projects
Chaired 6 masters thesis committees, member of 10 thesis committees
Chaired/Co-Chaired 21 doctoral dissertation committees
Member of 27 doctoral dissertation committees
Chaired/Member of 25 doctoral comprehensive exam committees
Chaired committee that developed Doctor of Nursing Practice Program from curriculum through all levels of university and state approval
Member of 4 clinical practice dissertation committees

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, 1998 - present:

3/13 - Dean
9/11 – 3/13 Interim Dean
8/07 - 8/11 Associate Dean, Academic Affairs & Advanced Practice
7/06 – 5/08 Coordinator, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
7/06 - 8/07 Faculty Chairperson
9/03 – 5/05 Coordinator, Doctoral Program in Nursing
1/02 – 7/02 Faculty Chairperson
1/99 – 7/00 Health Restoration Unit Chairperson
1998 - Coordinator, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program

Acting Chairperson/Department Chairperson, Maternal Child Health Nursing, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 2/95 - 5/98

Accomplishments:

- Expanded MCH Department faculty from 18 to 23 positions
- 1997-98, 9 FTE positions covered by grants and contracts, 41% of faculty positions
- 1997-98, over 80% of MCH faculty brought in at least 20% salary support
- 1997-98, over \$1,000,000 in grant and contract funding
- 1996-97 MCH Department generated most FTEs for graduate courses
- Oversaw expanded enrollment in Pediatric NP specialty track, establishing satellite site in D.C./MD suburbs
- Established Family NP program in 1997; 45 students enrolled within 2 years
- Revised curriculum in all MCH department specialty tracks (4) so that all could be completed in 12-15 months full-time study, while maintaining part-time options
- Established post-masters options in all 4 specialty tracks
- Developed flexible master's options to recognize prior experience and NP certification
- Established options for undergraduate specialty experience and graduate elective credit