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## CHILE

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Her academic qualifications include a Master's degree in Health Administration University of Trinidad and Tobago, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. At present, she is a Ph.D candidate at the University of Trinidad and Tobago.

Currently, she is a Fellowship member and an ISQua Expert. (International Society for Quality in Health Care). This position allows her to give advice on current and new ISQua programmes, such as external evaluation of healthcare services, education activities, furthering innovation in health care, supporting quality and safety in lower and middle income countries and healthcare research and development.

She is a Director on the Board of COSTAATT and is also a member of the COSTAATT Academic and Audit Committee.

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Dr. Walsh currently teaches content on health prevention, promotion, and maintenance across infancy, childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. She also teaches advanced clinical and pharmacological management of acute and chronic illness in pediatric ambulatory health care settings. With a team of other faculty, she is an instructor for clinical practicum courses while also serving in a faculty clinical preceptor role and as a synthesis project faculty mentor for Doctorate of Nursing Practice students. In preparation for global health experiences, she co-teaches a course that develops foundations for practice in global health.

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global experience span over a decade and position him well to lead us into the future of global health.

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Dean Lorraine Frazier joined Columbia Nursing in 2018 from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), where she was professor and dean of the Cizik School of Nursing. Dr. Frazier is an accomplished cardiovascular and genetics researcher and regarded as a pioneer in developing and promoting state-of-the-art translational research programs. She also is a national expert in biobanking, the emerging science of collecting, storing, and sharing blood and tissue samples for the purpose of advancing medical research and providing access to genetic information. She serves on the board of directors of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Dr. Frazier completed her PhD at UTHealth in 2000 and joined the faculty in 2002, rising to professor, associate dean, and chair of the Department of Nursing Systems in 2008. Prior to that, she was the dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

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**Jennifer Dohrn, DNP, CNM, FAAN** is a Professor and Assistant Dean of the Office of Global Initiatives and its PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center for Advanced Practice Nursing at Columbia University School of Nursing. As Director of Midwifery Services, she initiated the first freestanding maternity center in an inner city in the United States in the Bronx, New York. She has worked in Sub-Saharan African countries since 2003, helping to expand the role of midwives in primary and HIV care. She was also Principal Investigator for a study of Syrian refugee women living in Jordan's view of their reproductive health needs. At CUSON she has led the expansion of global clinical practicum experiences as central to nursing and midwifery education. Dr. Dohrn is currently leading an initiative to study the role of nurses and midwives in pandemic response, especially at policy and leadership levels, through gathering oral histories of nurses who were on the frontline of care during the Ebola outbreak in western African countries, and nurses and midwives responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City. She has integrated her global experiences in complex humanitarian emergencies and racial injustice into two decades of teaching in midwifery and global health equity.

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**Tonda Hughes, RN, PhD, FAAN** is the Henrik H. Bendixen Professor of International Nursing, Associate Dean for Global Health, and Director of the Center for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research in the School of Nursing at Columbia University. She also has an interdisciplinary appointment as Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. In addition to Deakin University, she holds/has held honorary or visiting professorships at the University of Melbourne and the University of Technology-Sydney as well as at Oxford-Brookes University (England), the University of Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt University (USA). Dr. Hughes has a distinguished research career focusing on sexual minority women's mental health and substance use and is recognized internationally as a leading expert on sexual minority health. Her pioneering studies with sexual minority women have received nearly continuous funding since 1999 from the U.S. National Institutes of Health. She has served as co-investigator on numerous other funded studies with multidisciplinary researchers from major U.S., Chilean and Australian institutions. Dr. Hughes also serves or has served as consultant to many U.S. Federal agencies and institutes such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Mental Health, and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and to researchers in the U.S., Canada, Chile, India, Thailand, South Africa, South Korea, Rwanda, Malawi, Australia and New Zealand.

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## USA: New York

## New York University

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**Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN****Dean & Erline Perkins McGriff Professor of Nursing**

Eileen Sullivan-Marx is Dean of NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing and the Erline Perkins McGriff Professor of Nursing. She is a renowned nursing leader, educator, and clinician known for her work on innovative approaches to primary care and payment methods for nurses, particularly through Medicaid and Medicare. She is also known for her work on developing healthcare policies in community-based settings. Dr. Sullivan-Marx holds fellowships in the Gerontology Society of America and the New York Academy of Medicine. From 2010-12, she was an American Political Science Congressional Fellow and Senior Advisor to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Medicaid and Medicare Coordination where she worked to bring models of care to scale. Dr. Sullivan-Marx was the first nurse to serve as the American Nurses Association representative to the American Medical Association's Resource Based Relative Value Update Committee, where she was able to demonstrate that the work of nurse practitioners and physicians can be valued equally through various payment structures. She received the Hippensteel Founders Award for Excellence in Practice Award (2011), and the Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award (2013). She is recipient of the Distinguished Alumni of the University of Rochester School of Nursing and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Dr. Sullivan-Marx assumed the presidency of the American Academy of Nursing in October 2019 where she is both a fellow (1997) and Edge Runner.

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Dr. Nancy Van Devanter has over 30 years of experience integrating a community based participatory research (CBPR) approach and applying, implementation science and qualitative methods to the development and testing of theory-driven behavioral interventions among populations with significant health disparities in both communicable and non-communicable diseases. She has conducted research with adolescents living with behaviorally acquired HIV, interventions to reduce diabetes, hypertension and mental health problems in Asian American populations. She is currently an investigator on two global research projects where she leads the formative research to inform systems level interventions and assessing the implementation process in the Dominican Republic and another in the republic of Georgia. Previously she assessed the implementation of a systems implementation of a tobacco intervention in Vietnam. She has been the Deputy Director of the NYU WHOCC since 2018 developing educational approaches to increasing development of skills among health providers in the PAHO region for the care of older adults to foster healthy aging and, care of older adults with chronic diseases.

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## USA: North Carolina

## University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill

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**Valerie Howard, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN** joined UNC-CH in August 2022 and serves as Dean of the School of Nursing. Prior to this role, she served for 4 years at the Duke University SON as the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Howard has over 25 years of experience in higher education, with the past fifteen years dedicated to researching, developing, implementing and evaluating innovative teaching methods and leadership and team building experiences across the curriculum. In addition to her role at Duke, she is serving as the Director for the North Carolina Future of Nursing Action Coalition, with the mission to improve health for the citizens of our state through nursing.

Dr. Howard served as Dean at Robert Morris University's (RMU) School of Nursing and Health Sciences (SNHS) in Pittsburgh, PA, where she was also a University Professor of Nursing. Prior to position as Dean, she served RMU in various leadership roles and while serving in these roles, she helped to raise over \$8,000,000 in both research and non-research funding working in tandem with the RMU Advancement Team, Office of the President, Office of Research and Grants and SNHS administrative team to support programmatic and simulation initiatives, improve the campus experience and construct a new building for the SNHS, Scaife Hall.

Dr. Howard created the Society for Simulation in Healthcare accredited RMU Regional Research and Innovation in Simulation Education (RISE) Center and served as its founding director. She was president of the International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) from 2011 to 2013 and received the INACSL Excellence Award in Research in 2010. Dr. Howard worked with a team to develop the inaugural Elsevier Simulation Learning System, a curricular support system to assist with implementation of simulation experiences that is now being used at over 400 schools of nursing. In alignment with the IOM Recommendations, Dr. Howard implemented, evaluated and sustained the Dedicated Education Unit Model for educating nurses in the Pittsburgh region, and she served on the PA Action Coalition board to provide board training in support of the national Nurses on Boards initiatives.

Dr. Howard earned her EdD in Higher Education Administration and MSN (Nursing Education) from the University of Pittsburgh and her BSN from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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Ashley Leak Bryant is an experienced oncology, gerontological, and palliative care nurse researcher, educator, and advocate. She has a love for people, particularly older adults with and without cancer.

Her overarching research goal is to develop, implement, and disseminate palliative and functional interventions starting in the hospital and extending into the home setting for adults with blood cancers and their care partners. She is dually certified as an oncology and gerontological nurse.

Dr. Bryant is an Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Global Initiatives and Interim Director of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center in Quality and Safety Education in Nursing and Midwifery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing. She

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She is also Assistant Director of the Cancer Training Research Education Coordination at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. She leads two oncology fellowship programs for UNC and North Carolina Central University students interested in careers in cancer. She is also a Trustee with the Oncology Nursing Foundation.

She completed her BSN and MSN-Nursing Administration at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, PhD in Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel School of Nursing and an Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and post-doctoral training at the Cancer Care Quality Training Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel School of Global Public Health. She is a Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America and American Academy of Nursing.

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## USA: Pennsylvania

## University of Pennsylvania

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**Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN** is the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and Director of the School's WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership. As a bilingual and bicultural researcher, Dr. Villarruel has extensive research and practice experience with Latino populations, health promotion, and disparities. She currently co-leads the NIH funded Philadelphia Community Engagement Alliance to address COVID-19 Inequities (CEAL) a coalition to optimize the rollout and real-time evaluation of interventions focused on COVID-19 disparities across diverse populations within the Philadelphia region.

Dr. Villarruel holds many leadership positions. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia; she serves as Chair of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Culture of Health Program Advisory Committee, Chair of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Subcommittee for the Selection Review Process and Co-chair of the Strategic Advisory Council of the AARP/RWJ Future of Nursing Campaign for Action.

She has received numerous honors and awards including the 2021 Health Care Leader Award from the American Academy of Nursing, the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Award, the Globy Award for Educational Leadership from the Global Philadelphia Association, and the prestigious Ohtli Award from the government of Mexico. Dr. Villarruel earned an MSN from the University of Pennsylvania, and her PhD in nursing from Wayne State University.

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**Eileen T. Lake, PhD, RN, FAAN** is the Edith Clemmer Steinbright Professor in Gerontology and Professor of nursing and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. A nurse and a sociologist, I am an international leader in the theory and methods of nursing systems research. Over three decades, I have studied hospitals as complex organizations and focused on measuring elements of the nurse work environment and nurse staffing and analyzing their relationship to safety and quality of care and patient outcomes. I developed and oversee the National Quality Forum-endorsed Practice Environment Scale of the Nursing Work Index, a survey measure. Translated into 23 languages, this instrument assesses the presence of features in the work environment that support professional nursing practice and has generated global evidence showing care settings that capitalize on nurses' education and skills—by providing competent and supportive managers, expecting physicians to treat nurses as partners in care, providing sufficient staff and resources, and encouraging nurse input on decisions—achieve higher quality outcomes. Most of my work over the past 15 years has focused on linking nursing system factors such as staffing and the work environment to outcomes of very low birth weight infant outcomes in the neonatal intensive care unit. I have begun to explore how nursing factors influence obstetric outcomes and outcomes for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome, both complex populations in which a registered nurse is the

principal care provider. I recently developed a measure of nurse moral distress specific to COVID-19 nursing care. My research team examined how communication from nurse managers, such as providing staff with information about policies, procedures, and expectations during the pandemic, related to nurses' moral distress and mental health. I am Associate Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research. I serve Co-PI of our T32 pre- and post-doctoral training program "Advanced Training in Nursing Outcomes Research," now in its 23rd year. This program enhances the pipeline of nurse scientists and knowledge generation by recruiting BSN to PhD candidates and expediting training to completion in 3 years. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. I have shared my research program in South America by giving keynote speeches and consultation in Spanish to nurses in Bogota, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Sao Paolo, and Mexico City.



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**Nancy Biller, MA, MPH** is the Assistant Dean for Global Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She joined Penn Nursing in 2014 after serving for ten years as the Administrative Director for Global Health Programs at Penn Medicine. In that position, Nancy had worked with the Associate Dean, Dr. Neal Nathanson, to build inclusive programs in global health, providing students with more than 800 global health experiences, and placing more than 360 students from international medical schools in clinical and research electives at Penn. At Penn Nursing, she has expanded opportunities to engage globally, for faculty, staff and nursing students at all levels. She developed the [Penn Global Nursing Fellowship](#) program to match Penn Nursing's skilled graduates with host organizations whose work is focused on improving health where resources are most limited. The Americas have been a special regional focus. In partnership with Dean Villarruel, Nancy helped to form and lead a campus-wide interest group, Penn in Latin America & the Caribbean. With an enduring interest in international relations and public health, Nancy's professional activities have included public health consulting in Central America, public health program planning and implementation for Wayne County Health Department in Michigan, working with one of the largest Arab communities outside of the Middle East, and directing health services for the culturally diverse population served by the agency of Dallas County Head Start in Texas. Nancy has strong French and Spanish skills and some knowledge of Portuguese. She has served as PANMCC Treasurer since 2017.

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