Below please find important conference information!
We encourage you to share this conference information
with your colleagues!

We hope to see all of you in Los Angeles!

Conference Website -
https://www.msmu.edu/learning-and-research-communities/roy-adaptation-association(raa-i-conference/)

Conference Program -
RAA-I_2023_Workshop_and_Conference_Program.pdf

Conference Schedule -
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Conference Registration and Housing -

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THOUGHTS FROM THE THEORIST
SISTER CALLISTA ROY

All the global chapters of the Roy Adaptation Association International join me in anniversary congratulations for St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's School of Nursing in Kurume, Japan. The hospital has been a leader in health care in the southwest Asian region for 70 years and the school of nursing in nursing education for 50 years. Your leadership is based on strong values both for the principles of improving health care for people and for nursing. In addition, you add the heritage and values of the Catholic faith in an area where you are a model and leader in the faith community that is smaller than in other parts of the world. We are proud of your leadership and of including you in RAA-I.

In the USA, we are celebrating Nurses’ month in May, the anniversary of Florence Nightingales’ Birthday. We know some of the story of Florence Nightingale. Her observations identified that more British soldiers were dying in the Crimean war from illness than from battle. She brought women to carry our basic health practices, clean air, adequate nutritious food, and rest. But Florence Nightingale was only in the Crimea for two years. When she returned to England, she spent the rest of her long life, living until 90 years old, working with the heads of government to change the conditions under which soldiers fought. At the time, major changes were made in India, where the British were fighting. Nurses know that the environment is a key factor in maintaining health. The theme for this year’s nurses’ week is “You make a difference.” The theme is a great choice. I have always believed that when the nurse is there, everything goes right. Our patients and our student nurses need everything to go right.

We are proud of Nightingale and Wald as nurse leaders and founders. We are also proud of today’s nurses. Nurses are at the forefront of re-designing the health care system. Nurses know the changes needed and nurses have put themselves in major administrative positions to make change. Every nurse is in an important position, whether managing a system, a unit or managing care of a patient. We look forward to celebrating together again at the Roy Adaptation Association workshops and conference at Mount Saint Mary’s University Doheny campus on June 8 and 9, 2023.

Callista Roy
As we come into the “Spring” Easter Season, I would like to take the time in this edition of the Roy Adaptation Association – International (RAA-I) newsletter to express gratitude, joy, and hope as we move forward into 2023! The etymology of the word Easter in Norse is eostur, eastur, or ostara, which means “the season of the growing sun” or “the season of new birth.”

I find these descriptions quite uplifting as I am happy to report that since the peak of the Omicron surge at the end of January 2022, daily COVID-19 reported cases are down 92%; COVID-19 deaths have declined by over 80%, and new COVID-19 hospitalizations are down nearly 80% (see: Health and Human Services, Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap, 2.9.23). As nurses we certainly need a new season to celebrate our success as practitioners, educators, researchers, administrators and policy makers while caring for patients, families, communities, and populations through nearly three years of a pandemic. And what a more fitting time to come together to celebrate than at the annual in-person Roy Adaptation Association – International Workshop and Conference being held on Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th at the Doheny Campus of Mount St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, California. This year's theme emphasizes Health Across the Lifespan and will feature award winning presentations applying and demonstrating the Roy Adaptation Model across multiple populations during different circumstances and conditions.

Day Two (Friday, June 9, 2023) will spotlight our theme – The Roy Adaptation Model: Health Across the Lifespan, View of the Theorist. Sister Callista Roy will address the conference attendees with her keynote speech. Dr. Mildred Kowalski will then present her work on Animal assisted activities: Clinical research from pediatrics to older adults; followed by Gladiz Marcos Hernández and Dr. Aracely Díaz Oviedo's research on The labor adaptation process in the nursing operative of a second level hospital. In the afternoon, the RAA-I conference attendees will attend a business meeting and then we will concentrate on three additional research papers, as follows: Dr. Carolina Gutiérrez López will review her work on the Spanish validation of coping and adaptation process scale-short form in caregivers with relatives post COVID-19. Next, Laura Garcia will discuss Stimuli and their influence on coping in Mexican truck drivers; and last, Dr. Sandra Melena Velasquez will examine The role of males in nursing, the underlying recognition and emotions in the professional practice. The conference will conclude with strategic remarks to move RAA-I scholars forward!

I would like to thank the RAA-I Officers, Executive Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members, RAA-I interns and all the RAA-I members that have contributed to this year’s 2023 RAA-I Workshop and Conference, and also for all the operational support that you all have provided throughout this calendar year. Your dedication to the RAA-I organization is truly amazing and I appreciate each and every one of you more than you know!

I am looking forward to a successful and joy “filled” in-person celebration! See you all in Los Angeles!

In gratitude and health, Carolyn
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Welcome to New RAA-I Member Corinne Settecase-Wu, PhD, RN!

Dr. Wu is currently Assistant Professor, Nursing, Touro University, New York, NY. She joined us this year as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, working with Dr. Sandra Russo and others on the RAM Theory and Knowledge Committee. Dr. Wu holds a BA (Nursing) and MA (Nursing Education) from New York University and a Ph.D. (Nursing) from the City University of NY (CUNY).

Her dissertation work was a qualitative hermeneutic study on “Living as a Dying Child: A Gadamerian Analysis of the Poetry of Mattie J. T. Stepanek.” Dr. Martha Velasco-Whetsell was her dissertation chair in this fascinating discussion. This analysis of 499 poems of their author, who was a dying child, revealed themes of tenderness, time, and transcendence. Gadamer’s hermeneutics method aims to explore the “meaning of individual experiences in relation to understanding human interpretation.” Dr. Wu coupled that with a conceptual guide to show the processes of theory interpretation. Her discussion of implications for nursing includes, “By providing open, therapeutic communication and paper and pencil, nurses can encourage both children and adults to document stories, emotions, poetry, and experiences in written form. Writing can be incorporated into recreation, allowing language, individuality, creativity, and experiences to be freely expressed at will, in a comfortable manner, without provocation, confrontation, or questioning. Written data can be readily accessible and may be easily shared with health care providers and researchers.”

Dr. Wu encourages us all to be intentional in our theoretical work both in practice and in research, supporting adaptation and collaboration with our patients and their families.
Renewal of your annual membership dues can be made anytime before the conference in June. Use the following website to renew your membership: https://www.msmu.edu/about-the-mount/nursing-theory/roy-adaptation-association/raa-membership/

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· Inclusion on the RAA mailing list
· Semi-annual newsletter
· Discount on the annual conference
· Access to the RAA Listserv
· Access to Members only Resource Portal
· Online access to all Roy Adaptation Association webinars, events, and content

Thank you and may God bless you for all you do for RAA-I.

Fernand de los Reyes had his paper accepted to the 37th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) this coming October. The study seeks to substantiate the use of the Roy Adaptation Model in generating new knowledge in promoting inclusion and equity and mitigating disparities. It further highlights the usefulness of RAM in psych nursing moving forward.