

# Rebecca M. Singer, DNP, ND, MA, RN

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

- 2018            Doctorate of Nursing Practice  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois  
DNP Project: Enhancing Nurses' Professional Quality of Life: An Innovative Writing and Performance Workshop
- 2004            Nursing Doctorate  
University of Colorado College of Nursing (Formerly University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing), Denver, Colorado  
ND Project: Female Torture Survivors' Experiences Accessing Reproductive Health Care in the United States
- 2004            Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
University of Colorado College of Nursing (Formerly University of Colorado Health Sciences Center), Denver, Colorado
- 1994            Master of Arts, Middle Eastern and North African Studies  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1991            Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 1989-1990     Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 TO  
PRESENT        Clinical Assistant Professor  
*University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois*
- 2016-2018     Teaching Associate  
*University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois*
- 2014-2015     Executive Director  
*Coffee Kids, Chicago, Illinois*
- 2012-2014     Senior Program Officer  
*Grounds for Health, Waterbury, Vermont*
- 2005-2018     Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders  
2018: Medical Coordinator, *Anglophone Crisis Project, South West Region, Cameroon*  
2017: Project Medical Director, *Boga and Adi, Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of Congo*  
2016: Project Medical Director, *Wau Shilluk, Upper Nile State, South Sudan*  
2015: Sexual Violence Response Manager, *Nyaragusu Refugee Camp, Kigoma, Tanzania*  
2015: Project Medical Director, *Emergency Response Team, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo*

2010-2011: Project Coordinator, *Family Support Center, Lae, Papua New Guinea*  
2007-2008: Sexual Violence Field Technical Support, *Based in Barcelona, Spain with frequent field visits*  
2006-2007: Nurse Supervisor, *Awere Health Centre, Gulu, Uganda*  
2006: Writer/Researcher, *Advocacy Unit, Barcelona, Spain*  
2005-2006: Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, *Benson Hospital, Paynesville, Liberia*

2009-2010 Director of Healthcare Services  
*Rocky Mountain Survivors Center, Denver, Colorado*

2003-2005 Clinical Nurse, Surgical and Family Medicine Unit  
*University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, Colorado*

2003-2004 Clinical Faculty, Public Health Nursing Outreach to New Americans  
*University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, Denver, Colorado*

2002-2010 Clinical Nurse, Therapeutic Abortion Services  
*Planned Parenthood of Rocky Mountains, Denver, Colorado*

2002-2004 Gynecological Teaching Associate  
*University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, Denver, Colorado*

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 Vera S. Paster Award for significant contribution to the social, education, physical, or psychological well-being of persons of color, Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice

2018 Beverly McElmurry Nursing Award for Contributions to International Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Lambda Chapter

2017 Teaching Learning Scholar, Teaching Learning Center, UIC

2009 Every Woman Counts Award Recipient, Lifetime TV Network

2006 Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, Denver, Colorado

2003 Inducted to Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Alpha Kappa-At Large Chapter, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

1994 Top Thesis Award, University of Michigan, Middle East and North African Studies Department, Ann Arbor, Michigan

1993-1994 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,

## Michigan

1992-1993 Otzma Service Fellow for Jewish Communal Leadership Development, Israeli Forum, Jerusalem, Israel

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Singer, R. & Gorman, G. (2018). From High Street to Main Street: Revising and utilizing the Richter Scale for Health in an urban center in the United States. *Perspectives in Public Health*. 138(3): 140-141. doi.org/10.1177/1757913918763015
- Gorman, G., Singer, R., Christmas, E., Herbstritt, C., Miller, L., Murphy, M., Shannon, C. & Wyss, K. (2018). In a spirit of restoration: A phenomenology of nursing practice and the criminal justice system. *Advances in Nursing Science*. 41(2): 105-117.
- Gorman, G., Singer, R. & Blacksin, B. (2018). Editorial: Taking Lillian at her word. *Public Health Nursing*. DOI: 10.1111/phn.12376
- Singer, R.M. (2017). Dear Lady Liberty. In *Is the America we have the America we want?* Eds. A.K. Ream & R. C. Spargo. Retrieved from <http://voicesandfaces.org/emails/feb2017-Liberty/index-mobile.html>
- Singer, R.M. (2015). Treating sexual violence: A long-term commitment: A “scourge” in stable places. In M. Pracht (Ed.), *Because tomorrow needs her: The fight for women’s health* (pp. 153-159). Retrieved from <http://womenshealth.staging6.nt-nyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/womens-health-book.pdf>.
- Grounds for Health. (2013). *We can prevent cervical cancer: A course for community health promoters*. Retrieved from <http://www.groundsforhealth.org/community-health-promoter-curriculum/>
- Médecins Sans Frontières (2010). *Hidden and neglected: The medical and emotional needs of survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea*. Retrieved from <http://www.msf.ca/en/article/report-hidden-and-neglected>.

**PRESENTATIONS****Peer Reviewed Podium Presentations**

- Working within the System: Providing Health Education to Correctional Staff at Cook County Jail*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 2018. Co-presented with Geraldine Gorman, RN, PhD.
- Tell Well: An Innovative Approach to Strengthen the Nursing Workforce*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 2018.
- Tell Well: An innovative creative writing workshop to disrupt systems that foster compassion fatigue and burnout*. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 2018.
- Tending to the physical and emotional well-being of the detained population: the uneasy alliance between health care and criminal justice*. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 2018. Co-presented with Geraldine Gorman, RN, PhD.
- Psychosocial and Mental Health Needs of Individuals in Complex Emergencies*. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 2018.
- Strengthening Nursing Workforce by Improving Professional Quality of Life*. Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders Annual Conference, Oak Brook, Illinois, September 2018. Co-presented with Kathryn Kruse, MFA, and Susan Swart, EdD, RN, CAE

- Tell Well: An Innovative Creative Writing Workshop to Address Compassion Fatigue.* National Summit on Promoting Well-Being and Resilience in Healthcare Providers, Columbus, Ohio, September 2018.
- Cook County Jail: Stories that Arise and Intertwine.* Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL, May 2018.
- Tell Well: An Innovative Creative Writing and Storytelling Approach to Interrupting Nurses' Compassion Fatigue.* Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL, May 2018.
- Fostering Community Engagement: A New Approach to Teaching about Community Health Assessment.* American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2017
- Exploring New Opportunities for Civic Engagement in Public Health Nursing Education: An Assessment of the Climate within Cook County Jail.* American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2017
- Breaking Down Barriers: Health Promotion Within the Confines of Cook County Jail.* Illinois Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Springfield, 2017
- Civic Engagement and Academic Responsibility: Story Telling Across the Divide.* Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL, 2017
- Power of Community Collaborations: Change in Access to Services in Coffee Growing Communities Involved in Implementing Cervical Cancer Prevention Programs,* International Cancer Control Conference 5, Lima, Peru, 2013
- We Can Prevent Cancer: The Value of Community Engagement,* Breast Cancer Conference, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, 2013
- Nurses and Vinegar: Increasing Access to Cervical Cancer Prevention Services.* Global Nursing Caucus Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 2012
- Contributors and Barriers to Successful Integration of Cervical Cancer Prevention into Existing Health Services in Rural Coffee Farming Communities in Nicaragua,* Union for International Cancer Control, Montreal, Canada, 2012
- Adherence to Post Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV among Victims of Sexual Violence, Liberia, 2005-2007,* Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2009
- Using Data to Improve Sexual Violence Response in Liberia,* Médecins Sans Frontières-UK Scientific Days, London, England, 2008

### **Peer Reviewed Poster Presentations**

- Reviving the spirit of Jane Addams: Linking the proud past to the challenging present.* American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 2018. Co-presented with Geraldine Gorman, RN, PhD.

### **Invited Presentations**

- Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict.* Hostility Elimination Liaison Program, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, Illinois, November 2018.
- Once Upon a Time: Using Creative Writing and Storytelling to Strengthen the Nursing Workforce.* Illinois Public Health Nursing Academic Practice Partnership Workgroup Conference, Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, September 2018.
- Domestic Violence and Women's Health,* International Women's Day Event for Office of Health Literacy, UIC, at Puerto Rican Cultural Center, March 2018.
- Sexual Violence in Conflict and Non-Conflict Settings,* UIC, School of Public Health, Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health, November 2017.

- A New Approach to Resettlement: South Sudanese Refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo*, Global Health Brown Bag, UIC CON & Northwestern University, Global Brigades, October, 2017
- Humanitarian Response: One Women's Path*. Korbel School of International Affairs, University of Denver, January 2017.
- Civic Engagement in Uncertain Times: Re-thinking Community Assessment and Connection*, UIC, The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, March 2017
- How (Not) to Do Global Work in Six Lessons*. Northwestern University, Global Health Certificate Program, May 2017.
- Beyond the Bedside: Global Health Nursing*, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing UCONSA event, November 2016
- Civic Engagement in Uncertain Times: Using Storytelling to Foster Engagement*, University of Illinois at Chicago, The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, November 2016
- Context is Everything: The Provision of Healthcare in South Sudan*, Global Health Brown Bag, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing, October, 2016
- Because Tomorrow Needs Her: The Fight for Women's Health*. Various locations throughout Illinois and Wisconsin, 2015-2016
- Collaborating with Coffee Communities: Empowering and Enhancing Self-Determination*, Specialty Coffee Association of Europe World of Coffee Expo, 2014
- Developing Programming in Response to Sexual Violence*, Médecins Sans Frontières Violence Response Training, Geneva, Switzerland, 2007

### **Regular Guest Lectures**

- Doctors Without Borders: Humanitarianism in Action*. Northwestern University, Global Health Certificate Program, Quarterly, 2015 to the present.
- Gender Based Violence: A Global Health Concern*. University of Colorado Boulder, Introduction to Global Public Health, Every semester, 2014 to the present.

### **Media Appearances**

- The Dr. Paula Show*, UIC Radio, March 2018. <https://ohl.uic.edu/the-dr-paula-show-tuesday-102-at-11-am-dr-rebecca-singer>

### **GRANTS**

- 2017-2018 Hillman Foundation Grant: "A Nurse Driven Model of Care for the Department of Corrections"

### **CONSULTANCIES**

- 2015 *Grounds for Health, Williston, Vermont*  
Assessment, planning and pilot training for cervical cancer prevention programming, Nyeri County, Kenya
- 2015 *Coffee Kids/Neumann Foundation, New York, New York/Hamburg, Germany*  
Transition planning for merger of these two development organizations
- 2010 *The Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado*  
Researcher and member of community advisory board for academic-community partnership project to identify the barriers to healthcare faced by newly arrived refugees

- 2010 *United Nations Population Fund-American Refugee Committee*  
Content expert for development of gender-based violence and health module for  
“Multi-Sectorial GBV Program Management Course”
- 2009 *International Rescue Committee, Karamoja Region, Uganda*  
Evaluation of readiness of healthcare facilities to provide clinical care to survivors of  
sexual assault
- 2008 *Médecins Sans Frontières, Barcelona, Spain*  
A comprehensive evaluation of the organization’s response to sexual violence

### RELEVANT LICENSURE

Illinois Board of Nursing #041-343556

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2018-Present Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice  
Elected to Board of Directors in 2019
- 2017-Present ANA-Illinois
- 2016-Present American Public Health Association
- 2005-Present Médecins Sans Frontières Association Member

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017-2018 College of Nursing Faculty Retreat Planning Committee
- 2017-Present Graduate Entry Nursing Program Revision Working Group

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2016-Present Family Focal Point, Critical Incident Response Team, Médecins Sans Frontières,  
New York, New York
- 2016-2017 Interpreter, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, Illinois
- 2016- Present Speakers Bureau, The Voices and Faces Project, Chicago, Illinois
- 2015-Present Regional Focal Point, Médecins Sans Frontières Association, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013-2014 Technical Advisor, Vermont Ibutwa Project, Burlington, Vermont

### COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

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| Spring 2019 | Population Focused Nursing (Clinical and Didactic)             | Graduate Entry Program |
| Fall 2018   | Population Focused Nursing (Clinical and Didactic)             | Graduate Entry Program |
| Spring 2018 | Population Focused Nursing (Clinical and Didactic)             | Graduate Entry Program |
| Spring 2018 | Health Promotion Theories and Population-Focused Nursing       | DNP Program            |
| Fall 2017   | Health Promotion Theories and Population-Focused Interventions | DNP Program            |

Fall 2017	Cultural Fluency, Communication and Ethics	Graduate Entry Program
Fall 2017	Special Topics: India—A Global Health Experience	Graduate Level Students
Spring 2017	Population Focused Nursing (Clinical and Didactic)	Graduate Entry Program
Spring 2017	Health Promotion Theories and Population-Focused Nursing	DNP Program
Fall 2016	Clinical Concepts and Processes in Population-Focused Nursing	BSN Program
Fall 2016	Health Promotion Theories and Population-Focused Interventions	DNP Program
Spring 2016	Population Focused Nursing	Graduate Entry Program

**LANGUAGE**

Working proficiency in spoken French and Spanish. Mid-level proficiency in Hebrew. Basic proficiency in Arabic and Bulgarian.

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