

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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NAME Gilmer, Mary Jo		POSITION TITLE Associate Professor	
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EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	BSN	1971	Nursing
University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill	MSN	1978	Nursing
Queens University, Charlotte, NC	MBA	1989	Business Admin
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	PhD	1997	Nursing/Psychology

**A. Positions and Honors**

**Positions and Employment**

- 1973 – 1974 Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse, Pediatric Oncology, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill
- 1974 – 1975 Charge Nurse, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
- 1876 – 1978 Staff Nurse Specialist, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
- 1979 – 1982 Clinical Specialist, Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
- 1984 – 1998 Joint Appt, Director of Research, Carolinas Medical Center and Clinical Assistant Professor, Queens University, Charlotte, NC
- 1998 – 2002 Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2002 – pres Associate Professor of Nursing and of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

**Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

- 1974 Project Nurse (Professional LOA), SS Hope, Maceio, Brazil
- 1983 Visiting Professor, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina
- 1996 President, Metrolina Society of Pediatric Nurses
- 1998 Associate Member, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center
- 2001 Director, Pediatric Advanced Comfort Team, Research Working Group, Vanderbilt University
- 2002 Associate Member, Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, Vanderbilt University

**Honors**

- 1988 – 1989 Blumenthal Fellowship to pursue MBA
- 1988 – 1990 Commonwealth Fund Executive Nurse Fellowship, 1988-90
- 1992 – 1994 Merit Assistantship Award - UNC-Chapel Hill
- 1993 National Co-Alliance for Teaching Excellence Award
- 1995 Great 100, North Carolina Foundation for Nursing Award
- 1996 Sigma Theta Tau Research Award
- 1998 McColl Faculty Award, Queens College
- 2000 Julia Hereford Teaching Award, Vanderbilt University
- 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award, Educational Resources, Inc.

**B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)**

Gilmer, M.J. (1981). Nurses’ perception of stresses in the pediatric intensive care unit, *Readings for Nursing Research*, St. Louis: CV Mosby Co.

- Gilmer, M.J., Speck, B., Bradley, C., Harrell, J., Belyea, M. (1996). The Youth Health Survey: A pilot study. *Journal of School Health*, 66 (3), 106-111.
- Gilmer, M.J. (1999). Health behaviors of young adolescents in three family risk groups that place them at risk for CHD as adults. *Journal of Child and Family Nursing*, 2 (5), 376.
- Gilmer, M.J. (2002). Pediatric Palliative Care: A family-centered model for critical care. *Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America*, 14 (2), 207-214.
- Gilmer, M.J. Harrell, J., Miles, M. & Hepworth, J. (2003). Youth characteristics and contextual variables influencing physical activity in young adolescents of parents with premature coronary heart disease. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 18 (3) 159-168.
- Rasch, R., Norman, L., & Gilmer, M.J. (2003). Developing an International Partnership for Nurse Practitioner Education. *Nurse Practitioner World News*, 8 (4), 8.
- Gilmer, M.J., Murley, J. & Kyzer, E. (2003). Evaluation of a computerized testing procedure in coursework for nursing students. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 42 (8), 377-380.
- Cook, R., Bess, C., & Gilmer, M.J. (2003). Beginning nursing students' definitions of nursing: An inductive framework of professional identity. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 42 (7), 311-317.
- Scott, P., Gilmer, M.J., & Johannessen, W. M. (2004). Response to "No Nit" policy: Use of a Nit Rating Scale. *Journal of School Health*, 74 (3), 108-110.
- Carter, B., Howenstein, M., Gilmer, M.J., Throop, P., France, D., & Whitlock. J. (2004). Circumstances surrounding deaths of hospitalized children: A retrospective medical record review. *Pediatrics*, 115 (9), 361-66.
- Frader, J., Morgan, D., Levinson, R., Morrow, J., Saroyan, J., Gilmer, M.J., and Carter, B. (2004). Barriers to pediatric palliative care. In B. Carter, M. Solomon, (Eds.), *Palliative Care for Infants, Children, and Adolescents: A Practical Handbook*. Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins Press.
- Carter, B., Howenstein, M., Gilmer, M.J., Throop, P., France, D., & Whitlock. J. (2004). Circumstances surrounding deaths of hospitalized children: A retrospective medical record review. *Pediatrics* 115(9), 361- 366 .
- Scott, P., Gilmer, M.J., & Johannessen, W. M. (2004). Response to "No Nit" policy: Use of a Nit Rating Scale. *Journal of School Health* 74(3), 108-110.
- Koskinen, L., Jokinen, P., Blackburn, D., Gilmer, M.J., & McGill, J. (2005). Learning intercultural competence in a transatlantic nurse education project. *Diversity in Social and Health Care*, 99-106.
- Caines, K; & Gilmer, M.J. (2006) Beyond "I don't know". (Abstract) *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 38(2), 159-160.
- Foster, T. & Gilmer, M.J. (2008). Continuing bonds: A human response. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, 14(2), 83-91.
- Gilmer, M.J. & Carter, A. (2008). To comfort always. In B. Kennedy, & D. Ruth, (Eds.), *Intrapartum Management Modules: A Perinatal Education*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York, NY: Lipincott, Williams, & Wilkins.
- Gilmer, M.J. (in press). Clinical guidelines in Pediatric Oncology Palliative Care: Communication challenges, Children's Oncology Group and the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses.
- Gilmer, MJ. (in press). Communication. Clinical guidelines in Pediatric Oncology Palliative Care. Children's Oncology Group and the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses.

### C. Research support

#### Ongoing Research Support

1D09 HP03604-01-00 Gilmer (PI) 07/01/04-06/30/07  
DHHS/HRSA

#### *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Expansion: Acute Care Track*

The goal of this project is to address the need for practitioners prepared to deliver care to acutely ill children and their families. Technological advances have made it possible for children with complex, life-threatening conditions to live longer, and this specialty program will prepare nurses to care for children in a variety of acute and critical care settings.

Role: PI

5D09 HP03346-02 Pace (PI) 07/01/04-06/30/07  
HRSA

#### *Advanced Education Nursing Grant: ANP Expansion Palliative Care Focus*

Role: Co-Investigator

R01 CA118332 Compas (PI)  
NIH/NCI

04/01/07 – 03/31/12

*Parent-Child Communication about Cancer* - The goals of this project are to use direct observation methods to describe the content, syntax, and affective style of communication between parents and children when a child receives a diagnosis of cancer, and to contrast these processes when a child has a good vs. a poor prognosis.  
Role: PI

1R01 CA098217-01 Gilmer (Co-PI) 06/01/05-05/31/10  
NIH/NCI (Subcontract w/Ohio State University/Columbus Children's Research Institute)

*Sibling and Parent Bereavement from Childhood Cancer*

The goal of this multi-site project is to evaluate the psychosocial functioning of 180 siblings and parents following the death of a child from cancer and 180 controls. Groups at risk for maladjustment and mechanisms for distress will be identified in order to develop an intervention model for future clinical trials.

Role: Co-PI

### **Completed Research Support**

Gilmer (PI) 07/01/02-06/30/05  
Philanthropic Support

*Pediatric Advanced Comfort Care*

This core service is being developed to focus on pediatric palliative care. Currently a consult service has been started and educational initiatives are on-going.

Role: PI

Gilmer (Co-PI) 07/01/02-06/30/03  
Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care (IPPC), Education Development Center (EDC)

*Palliative Care at End-of-Life: A Retrospective Medical Record Review*

Goal: To examine the documentation of palliative care of hospitalized children at end-of-life.

Role: Co-PI

Gilmer (Co-PI) 07/01/02-06/30/03  
Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care (IPPC), Education Development Center (EDC)

*Palliative Care at End-of-Life: A family survey*

Goal: To examine the perceived quality of care of children at EOL as described by their parents.

Role: Co-PI