

Research/Academic Interests

A nurse leader, educator, scientist and nationally recognized expert in gerontological nursing and rural health care, Heather M. Young is national director of the Betty Irene Moore Fellowship Program for Nurse Leaders and Innovators and a professor in the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis.

Young researches healthy aging with a particular focus on the interface between individuals, family and formal health care systems. She is co-PI of the California Caregiver Resource Center Evaluation and associate director of the Family Caregiving Institute at UC Davis. She co-leads the Healthy Aging in a Digital World initiative and is a Senior Policy Fellow with the AARP Public Policy Institute focusing on policy and systems supports for family caregivers.

Her research has played an instrumental role in shaping long-term care policies in Washington state and beyond and she conducted several longitudinal studies of family caregiving in the context of cognitive and functional decline associated with Alzheimer's Disease. Her systems research includes use of technology, such as telehealth, and community-based strategies to promote healthy aging and management of chronic conditions. Young was co-director of the Latino Aging Research Resource Center, one of seven National-Institutes of-Aging-funded Research Centers for Minority Aging Research. She was the principal investigator for a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) study seeking to improve health for individuals with diabetes through technology-enabled nurse coaching.

She was a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Group for the California Master Plan on Aging, released in early 2021. She also served as a Commissioner on the California Future Healthcare Workforce Commission, contributing to a vision for a future health care workforce that can meet the needs of older adults and persons with disabilities and their families.

As founding dean and Associate Vice Chancellor for Nursing for UC Davis Health, Young led the establishment of the School of Nursing, the development of five new graduate programs in Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership, the design and construction of the 70,000-square-foot Betty Irene Moore Hall and the formation of a nursing science research program focused on healthy systems and healthy people.

Prior to moving to California, she was the Grace Phelps Distinguished Professor at the OHSU School of Nursing, where she directed the John A. Hartford Center for Geriatric Excellence and the Office of Rural Health Research.

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Honors and Awards UC Davis Dean's Hero Award for Diversity, 2016

Women Who Mean Business, Sacramento Business Journal, 2015

Dignity Health Dean's Chair in Nursing Leadership, Endowed Deanship, 2015

Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award, Gerontological Society of America Health

Sciences Section, 2014

Excellence in Writing Award, Nursing Outlook editorial board, American Academy of Nursing,

2013

Health Care Hero, Sacramento Business Journal, 2012





Anna M. Shannon Mentorship award, Western Institute of Nursing, 2012
Best Practices in Innovative Education, Association of California Nurse Leaders, 2012
Regional Geriatric Nursing Research Award as Senior Researcher, Western Institute of Nursing, 2007

Select Recent Publications

Faculty Senate Recognition for Outstanding Research, Oregon Health & Sciences University, 2006 Fishman SM, Young HM, Lucas Arwood E, Chou R, Herr K, Murinson BB, Watt-Watson J, (et al) (2013) Core Competencies for Pain Management: Results of an Interprofessional Consensus Summit. Pain Med. 2013 Apr 11. doi: 10.1111/pme.12107. [Epub ahead of print].

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