

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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**Title:** Project Director

**Education:**

Institution and Location	Degree	Year Conferred	Field of Study
Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX	PhD	1994	Nursing
Rockford College, Rockford, IL	MBA	1987	Business
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA	MSN	1976	Nursing
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL	BSN	1971	Nursing

**Certifications:**

2005 – Trainer of End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Graduate Curriculum

**Honors and Awards:**

2008 - Grant from Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (\$215,035) Year Round Residency Program for New Graduate RNs

2007 – Grant from Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (\$208,040) Year Round Residency Program for New Graduate RNs

2005 - Grant from U.S. Department of Education - UNLV Center of Excellence in Women's Health (\$6,000) Physiological Symptoms of Grief in Women

2005 - UNLV Internal Grant (\$6,000) Effect of Emotional Intelligence Exercises on Undergraduate Nurses Emotional Intelligence Abilities

1999-2000 Outstanding Faculty Member, UNLV Board of Regents

1994 UNLV Internal Grant (\$2,000) - Nevada Nurses' Attitudes regarding Assisted Suicide

**Professional Experiences:**

1994 -present School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Chair, Physiological Department from 2008

Undergraduate Coordinator 2005-2008

Associate Professor from 2000

Assistant Professor 1994-2000

1990-1994 - Senior Lecturer, University of Texas at Tyler, TX

1987-1989 - Assistant Professor, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

1986-1989 - Nursing Instructor, Indiana Vocational Technical College, South Bend, IN

1976-1985 - Nursing Instructor, St. Anthony Hosp. School of Nursing, Rockford, IL

1973-1975 - Nursing Instructor, St. Francis Hosp. School of Nursing, Peoria, IL

1971-1973 - Staff Nurse, St. Francis Hosp., Peoria, IL & St. Joseph Hosp, Bloomington, IL

**Publications:**

Bondmass, M., Moonie, S. & Kowalski, S. (2008). Comparing NET and ERI standardized exam scores between baccalaureate graduates who pass or fail the NCLEX-RN. *International Journal of Nursing Education*, 5, 1, 1-15.

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- Kowalski, S. D. (2000) Using photographs to promote caring. *Nurse Educator*, 25 (1), 6-7.
- Kowalski, S. & Rayfield, C. (1999). A post hoc descriptive study of patients receiving propofol. *American Journal of Critical Care*. 8 (1), 507-513.
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- Kowalski, S.D. (1997). Nevada nurses' attitudes regarding assisted suicide. *Clinical Nurse Specialist*. 11 (3), 109-115. (Research, Peer reviewed journal).
- Kowalski, S.D. (1997). Self-esteem and self-efficacy as predictors of success in smoking cessation. *Journal of Holistic Nursing*. 15 (2), 128-141. (Research, Peer reviewed journal).
- Kowalski, S.D. (1996). Assisted suicide: Is there a future? Ethical and nursing considerations. *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*. 19 (1), 45-54. (Informational Article, Peer reviewed journal).
- Kowalski, S.D. (1996). Withdrawal of nutritional support: A family's choice. *Gastroenterology Nursing*. 19 (1), 25-28. (Case Study & Informational Article, Peer reviewed journal).

Schwarz, J. and Kowalski, S.D. (1994). Rhetoric and reasoning on assisted suicide: An exchange of views. *Nursing and Health Care*. 15 (1), 46-49. (Bulletin Board, letters to Editor).

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