



ELNEC Award Winners, 2017



Andra Davis, PhD, MN, RN is an assistant professor at Washington State University (WSU) College of Nursing – Vancouver with clinical experience in oncology, palliative care and hospice nursing. She has taught ELNEC to practicing nurses and nursing students for over 12 years. Her research interests include nurse-led symptom support for cancer patients and end of life/palliative care education. Dr. Davis is integrating ELNEC-Undergraduate at WSU and co-leads ELNEC implementation research efforts aimed at instrument development and multi-site evaluation with her colleague Dr. Megan Lippe. She strives to empower students to think critically and apply evidence-informed compassionate care. andra.davis@wsu.edu



Tracy English, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, CHPN serves veterans in Orlando Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Geriatric Extended Care and provides outpatient palliative care and educational programs to staff. Since becoming ELNEC trained in 2011, Dr. English has taught ELNEC-For Veterans and ELNEC-APRN to more than 400 nurses and other health care professionals. She successfully incorporates the ELNEC curriculum bi-monthly for nursing orientation. As a member of the palliative consult team, Dr. English works to improve veterans and families comfort and confidence in the provisions of excellent palliative care. Tracy.English@va.gov



Barbara Head, PhD, RN, CHPN, ACSW, FPCN is an associate professor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and the Kent School of Social Work. Dr. Head helped to develop and teach the ELNEC-Geriatric course, since its inception in 2006. She has taught this curriculum at ELNEC Summits as well as in India and Malaysia. In addition, she led efforts to hold two local ELNEC-Core courses in Louisville and Lexington, KY. Her research interest includes interdisciplinary education, advanced symptom management, telehealth, quality of life in indigent patients with cancer. "It has been a highlight of my career to contribute to ELNEC and see its impact on nursing practice and education," stated Dr. Head. Barbara.head@louisville.edu



Megan Lippe, PhD, MSN, RN is an Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing. She earned her BSN ('09), MSN ('11), and PhD ('16) degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She teaches graduate and undergraduate palliative care courses that integrate the ELNEC content. Her research focuses on palliative care education and simulation. Dr. Lippe currently co-leads ELNEC Undergraduate research efforts aimed at instrument development and multi-site evaluation with her colleague, Dr. Andra Davis. melippe@ua.edu



Carol O. Long, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN has been an ELNEC trainer since 2001, teaching both Core first and later ELNEC-Geriatric. Revising the curriculum in 2014 to broaden the content to community-based care, Dr. Long has taught ELNEC-Geriatric throughout Arizona, at the national ELNEC Summits in the US, for NICHE, in Singapore, and Japan. Recently, she revised and updated the ELNEC-for Veterans curriculum. Upon her retirement this year, the national ELNEC Project Team would like to thank Dr. Long, an original ELNEC trainer, for her commitment to palliative care education, research, and practice. carolongphd@gmail.com



Susan Meskis, MSN, RN, attended her first ELNEC course in August 2007 in Anaheim, CA. In 2009, Susan joined the ELNEC team in India to present ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care. In 2017, Susan was working in Alaska and saw the tremendous need for palliative care. Knowing that practice could never be changed without education, she orchestrated and led a team of ELNEC trainers in providing a two-day ELNEC course, hosted by the Alaska Native Medical Center. This course laid the foundation for future discussions and palliative care projects throughout Alaska. "ELNEC has become a core part of my nursing journey," stated Susan. smeskis@msn.com



Karla Schroeder, DNP, MHA, ANP-BC, NE-BC is Director of Palliative Medicine and Geriatric Services at Stanford Health Care in Northern California. Over the past 2 years she has provided multiple ELNEC courses at Stanford including ELNEC Core, Critical Care, and Geriatrics reaching over 250 nurses. Additionally, Karla was part of a team that provided ELNEC Core education for the Alaska Native Tribal Consortium. Currently she is working with Alameda Alliance to understand the educational needs of underserved populations in Northern California. KSchroeder@stanfordhealthcare.org