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Herr Receives 2015 HPNA Distinguished Researcher Award

Keela Herr, professor, associate dean for faculty, and co-director of the Iowa John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at the University of Iowa, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Keela Herr, PhD, RN, professor, associate dean for faculty, and co-director of the Iowa John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at the University of Iowa, is the recipient of the 2015 HPNA Distinguished Researcher Award, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association announced today. Herr was selected for her major contribution in the area of palliative nursing research.

For more than 25 years, Herr has been engaged in a program of research, scholarly, and professional activities focused on the problem of pain in older adults, with a focus on assessment strategies, improving practices through translational research, and improving quality at end of life. Her research has supported advances in pain assessment and strategies for improving pain management across care settings.

Herr has been the recipient of research funding from NIH/National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Cancer Institute, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Mayday Funds. She has most recently served as the co-chairperson of the Clinical User Panel of the AAHPM and HPNA “Measuring What Matters” quality initiative.

Herr has served on the board of directors for the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), American Pain Society, and American Society for Pain Management Nursing and as expert panel member on guideline development for pain in older adults by AGS. Dr. Herr is inducted as a Fellow in AGS and the American Academy of Nursing.

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