

Dr. Holly Harner, GNU97 GR01 Bio:

Dr. Harner is a Practice Professor of Women's Health and the The Afaf I. Meleis Director of the Center for Global Women's Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is also a women's health nurse scientist and a nationally certified Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHCNP-BC). She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (2001) in the area of forensic mental health, and she completed additional training, receiving a Master of Public Health (MPH) focusing in Family and Community Health at the Harvard School of Public Health (2002) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from La Salle University (2014). Throughout her career, Dr. Harner has focused her research and clinical practice on women undergoing extraordinary stress: inpatient psychiatric treatment, adolescent pregnancy, pregnancy termination, and incarceration. She completed one year of post-doctoral training as a fully-funded Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Harner's scholarship addresses gender-related health disparities with a specific emphasis on women's mental health and violence. She is particularly interested in examining the role of childhood physical and sexual trauma as a pathway to incarceration.

Areas of Expertise

- Nursing
- Public health
- Women's health
- Women and incarceration
- Violence prevention

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