

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Nursing Science, 2026
University of Illinois Chicago

Bachelor of Science, Nursing, 2019
University of Illinois Chicago

Associate in Science, 2017
College of Lake County, Grayslake, Illinois

LICENSURE

2019- Present Illinois Registered Nurse (Active) #041.482227

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2026-Present **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing

RESEARCH FUNDING

2025-2026 NIH National Research Service Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (1F31NR021614-01)
2025-2026 UIC College of Nursing Seth and Denise Rosen Memorial Research Award (\$2500)
2024-2025 UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Dissertation Grant (\$1900)
2024-2025 Midwest Nursing Research Society Founders Circle Dissertation Grant (\$2500)

FELLOWSHIPS & RESEARCH TRAINING

2026-2027 **Inaugural Scholar**, Scholars for Applied Research and Impact (SARI) Program, Villanova University M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and Howard University College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (NIH/NINR R25NR021776; Rice, Alexander and Okunji, MPIs)
2023-2025 **Fellow**, Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship, Illinois Board of Higher Education

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Darkwa, A., Rouse-Fowles, B., **Lenon, P.P.**, Davis, C., Patil, C.L., & Liese, K.L. (2026). “Everybody else sucked it up, so I will too”: Healthcare experiences and resilience of black mothers. *SSM - Qualitative Research in Health*.

Singer, R., Crooks, N., Gelbort, J., Neely, J., & **Lenon, P.** (2021). Nursing student-led health education for sixth graders on Chicago's south side. *SAGE open nursing*, 7, 23779608211029070. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23779608211029070>

Book Chapters

Mukerjee, R., Singer, R., Wesp, L., & **Lenon, P.** (2021). Afterword: A call to action. In Mukerjee, R., Wesp, L., Singer, R., & Menkin, D. (2021). *Clinician's guide to lgbtqia+ care: Cultural safety and social justice in primary, sexual, and reproductive healthcare* (pp. 190-192). Springer Publishing Company.

Published Conference Abstracts

Chen, P., Wang, Y., Wang, B., yuan, J., **Lenon, P. P.**, Bourjeily, G., ... & Izci-Balserak, B. (2024). 0411 The Effect of Non-pharmacological Interventions for Sleep During Pregnancy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Sleep*, 47(Supplement_1), A176-A177.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023-2026

Research Assistant

Yurok NET Wellness: Adapting a peer-based intervention to address trauma in the Yurok tribal court community of Northern California (Alex and Rita Hillman Foundation, Grant Number: G0836).

University of Illinois Chicago, PI Kylea Liese

- Supported a feasibility and acceptability study on Narrative Exposure Therapy
- Engaged with community stakeholders. Assisted with data collection, analysis, and manuscript writing

2022-2024

Research Assistant

Obstetric Disruptions: Structural Violence and Maternal Stress in the Black Birthing Community (Institute for Minority Health Research, Grant Number: 088917).

University of Illinois, Chicago, PI Kylea Liese

- Supported a maternal health study on structural violence and stress among Black birthing people
- Contributed to IRB submissions and protocols

2021-2025

Research Assistant

Black Midwives for Black Women: Maternity Care to Improve Trust and Attenuate Structural Racism (PCORI, Grant Number: AD-2020C3-21229).

University of Illinois, MPIs Kylea Liese & Stacie Geller

- Supported community-engaged research focused on maternal health disparities among Black women
- Assisted with participant recruitment, data collection, qualitative interviews, and manuscript writing

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Darkwa, A. Rouse-Fowles, B., & **Lenon, P.** (2025, Aug 9). Diary of a superstrong black woman: Centering the voices of the black birthing experience. [Roundtable Presentation]. 120th American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Smith, A., Smith, C., Schultz, C., Rivera, E., Eldeirawi, K., Calik, M., **Lenon, P.**, Lee, S.Y., Choe, C., Osei, E., Bimbi, O., Hernandez, R., & Matthews, P. (2025, Mar 29). Boosting Success and Retention: Evaluating the Seminars for Excellence in Nursing Science (SENS) Program for Underrepresented Minority Nursing Students. [Paper Presentation]. 2025 Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (**Presented by Lenon, P.**)

Bodunde, A., **Lenon, P.**, Nickum, A., & Abboud, S. (2025, Mar 29). Weight Management in Individuals Treating Mental Illness: A Scoping Review. [Postcard Presentation]. 2025 Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (**Distinguished Abstract Award Winner**)

Lenon, P.; Patil, C.; Liese, K. (2025, Mar 20). Adapting Narrative Exposure Therapy in a Pacific Northwest Tribe. [Colloquium Presentation]. UIC Graduate College Fellows Colloquium. Chicago, IL.

Lenon, P.; Liese, K.; Patil, C. (2023, Sept 8). Yurok NET Wellness. [Symposium Presentation]. NET.Collect Annual Symposium. Cupramontana, Italy.

RESEARCH POSTERS

Lee, S.Y., **Lenon, P.P.**, Duangjina, T., Fritsch, C., Rivera, E., Koenig, M.D., Kilroy, S., Martyn-Nemeth, P. (2025, Jan 16). PhD peer mentorship to cultivate belonging. [Poster Presentation]. AACN 2025 Doctoral Education Conference, Coronado, CA.

Rivera, E; Perry, R; Iroegbu, C; **Lenon, P.**; Clark-Cutaia, M.N; Lofton, S; Raszewski, R. (2024, March). EHR coding for social determinants of health: A systematic review of ICD-10 z codes usage. [Poster Presentation]. 2024 Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Rivera, E; Perry, R; Iroegbu, C; **Lenon, P**; Clark-Cutaia, M.N; Lofton, S; Raszewski, R. (2024, March). EHR coding for social determinants of health: A systematic review of ICD-10 z codes usage. [Poster Presentation]. 2024 Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. (**Presented by Lenon, P.**)

Lenon, P; Hart, A; Houston, H; Stewart, K; Liese, K; Patil, C. (2023, April 7). Racial, ethnic, and cultural concordance on patient outcomes: A scoping review. [Poster Presentation]. UIC Minority Health Conference, Chicago, IL.

Houston, H; **Lenon, P**; Rabelais, E; and Patil, CL. (2022, May). Healthcare providers' role in human milk feeding support for black families: An integrative review. [Poster Presentation]. American College of Nurse Midwives, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2026-Present | Clinical Assistant Professor , Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing |
| 2024-2026 | Graduate Assistant , University of Illinois Chicago, Urban Health Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted in the Seminars for Excellence in Nursing Science (SENS) Program, providing teaching and early exposure to Pathophysiology and clinical skills to incoming nursing students |
| 2021-2023 | Teaching Assistant , University of Illinois Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted graduate students in understanding complex disease pathology |

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2025-Present | Registered Nurse , Observation Unit, Northwestern Medicine Catherine Gratz Griffin Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest, IL |
| 2019-2023 | Registered Nurse , Progressive Care Unit, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville, IL |
| 2020-2021 | Registered Nurse , Labor and Delivery, Vista Medical Center - East, Waukegan, IL |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

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| 2026 | American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Student Policy Summit, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing Representative |
| 2025 | 2025 Career Development Symposium, Planning Committee Member, University of Illinois Chicago |

2024-2025	2025 Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Student Event Planner, Northern Illinois University
2024- 2026	“Your Future in Science” Committee, College of Nursing Representative, University of Illinois Chicago
2022-2025	PhD Nursing Student Association, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing • President, Summer 2024-Spring 2025 • Member, 2022-2025
2023-2025	Academic People of Color Collective (APOCC), Founder & Member, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing
2020-2020	Unit Shared Governance Committee Member, Progressive Care Unit, Advocate Condell Medical Center
2020-2020	Safety Committee Lead Safety Coach, Progressive Care Unit, Advocate Condell Medical Center
2020-2020	Research Committee Member, Advocate Condell Medical Center,
2018-2019	Undergraduate Peer Mentor, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing
2017-2019	Honors College Member, University of Illinois Chicago
2017-2019	Urban Health Program College of Nursing Student Association Member, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing
2016-2017	Asian Student Alliance, Secretary, College of Lake County
2016-2017	Phi Theta Kappa, Co-Vice President of Public Relations, College of Lake County

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023-2026	Dean Joan L. Shaver Scholarship, University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing
2022	Top Grade Award, Bioethics & the Law, University of Illinois Chicago, College of Law
2021-2023	Dean’s PhD Student Award, University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing
2021-2022	Dean Joan L. Shaver Scholarship, University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing
2017	All-Illinois Academic Team, Illinois Community Colleges, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation & Phi Theta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS)
American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
American Association of Critical Care Nurses