

Ruth McDermott-Levy, PhD

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Dr. McDermott-Levy, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN is an expert in environmental health, global health, and public health nursing

Biography

An expert in environmental health, global health, and public health nursing, Dr. McDermott-Levy has taught and conducted research in Philadelphia's Arab-American and immigrant communities, with community health workers in Nicaragua, and in the Marcellus Shale region of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She has advocated for health protective regulations for those who live in oil and gas development communities. With nurse colleagues around the U.S., Dr. McDermott-Levy has developed recommendations and teaching strategies to incorporate environmental health and climate change into the nursing curricula. Dr. McDermott-Levy is a co-editor of an open-access environmental health textbook for nurses, *Environmental Health in Nursing*. In 2018, she received the Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Health and Environmental Sciences Award for teaching and research. She spent August to December 2018 at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF), where she used this grant to research the health impact of climate change in Finland, which is at risk due to significant increases in air temperature.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

Areas of Expertise

Children's Environmental Health, Climate Change, Community & Public Health Nursing, Environmental Health/Health impacts of UOGD, Epidemiology, Fracking and Health, Global Health, Health Disparities, Immigrant Health, Lead Exposure, Public Health

Affiliations

Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project, Board of Directors, Secretary, American Public Health Association (Public Health Nursing, Environmental, and International Sections), Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE): Education Working Group and Steering Committee, Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association (PSNA) Environmental Health Committee Member

Education

Villanova University
PhD

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
MPH

Villanova University
MSN

Wilkes University
BSN

Select Accomplishments

2020 Charlotte Brody Award Recipient

2020 Health Care Without Harm and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE) annually present the Charlotte Brody award to a nurse who promotes and protects environmental health. We are proud to present Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy with the 2020 Charlotte Brody Award for exemplary environmental nursing leadership.

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Health and Environmental Sciences Award
2018

The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) "Nurse as Global Citizen" Award
2011

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