

Bio Statement for Dr. Lynda Wilson, RN, PhD
Professor Emerita
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
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Dr. Lynda Wilson was a Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) from 1997 until her retirement in November 2015. Following her retirement, she was named a Professor Emerita at UAB. While at UAB Dr. Wilson served as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies (1997-2002), Deputy Director of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center on International Nursing (2002-2015), and Assistant Dean for International Affairs (2008-2014). She also served on the faculty at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing in Tuscaloosa (1986-1997), and the University of Tennessee Knoxville (1978-1985). She has held clinical nursing positions in pediatric nursing, adolescent psychiatry, adult medical-surgical nursing, and public health. She has a BSN from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MSN in maternal-child nursing (where she was also prepared as a pediatric nurse practitioner) from the University of Delaware, and a PhD from the University of Tennessee. At the University of Tennessee in Knoxville she helped to establish and then coordinated the first pediatric nurse practitioner program at that school of nursing. At the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing in Tuscaloosa she served as the Director of Nursing Research and subsequently held a part-time position as the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Wilson has a long-standing interest in global health and international nursing. She is fluent in Spanish and has led numerous study-abroad courses to Guatemala. In addition, she has been involved with a number of health and development projects in Guatemala and with the Latino community in Alabama. She served as Fulbright Scholar and Specialist in Chile, Zambia, and Malawi. She has consulted on nursing education programs in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Jamaica, Malawi, and Zambia. Her earlier research focused on promoting positive parent-infant relationships, and on developing and evaluating tactile interventions to reduce stress for hospitalized premature infants. Her more recent research has focused on health needs of Latino immigrant families; the development, implementation and evaluation of the first HIV Nurse Practitioner program in Zambia; and identification of global health competencies. From 2009-2012 she received funding from the National Institutes of Health to develop, implement, and evaluate four distance education courses for 166 study coordinators at international sites in 45 different countries. She has received funding for her research and educational projects from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, International, the March of Dimes, the U.S. Department of State, among others.

From 2013-2016, Dr. Wilson served as Chair of the Subcommittee to Identify Interprofessional Global Health Competencies of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH). She is currently serving on a panel to identify Planetary Health Competencies convened by the Harvard University Planetary Health Alliance.

In 2016 Dr. Wilson lead the establishment of a Refugee Interest Group for the Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham. This group has incorporated members from many different faith-based and community organizations. In October, 2019 the group was incorporated as a 501C3 charitable organization named the [Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership](#). Dr. Wilson serves as the President of this organization, and chair of the 11-member board of directors.

Dr. Wilson is married to Dr. Craig Wilson, UAB Professor Emerita, and Former Director of the UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health. She has 2 children, 2 step-children, and 5 grandchildren. Since her retirement, she has enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, learning American Sign Language, and leading the establishment of the Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership.

