

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide top-notch leadership and make a difference in the health of the military and public at the local, national and international level.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Served in multiple leadership positions and settings with increasing responsibility, scope and reach while driving quality healthcare improvement.

**DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:**

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| <b>05/12 – 06/12</b> | <b>Certified Nurse-midwife (CNM)</b>   | <b>USAF</b> | <b>Honduras</b>       |
|                      | <u>Key responsibilities:</u> Provided comprehensive obstetric/gynecologic (OB/GYN) care for over 650 Honduran women in two weeks; mentored two Honduran nurses and one medical student |             |                       |
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| <b>01/08 – 05/08</b> | <b>Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) - GYN team</b>   | <b>USAF</b> | <b>Balad AB, Iraq</b> |
|                      | <u>Key responsibilities:</u> Provided comprehensive gynecologic care to deployed clients: 10-13 pts./daily; approx. 100 pts./monthly   |             |                       |
|                      | <u>Additional duties:</u> Sexual Assault Forensic examiner (SAFE); Expectant team chief  |             |                       |
|                      | <u>Awards:</u> Tuskegee Team of the Month X 2  |             |                       |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

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| <b>07/18 – present</b> | <b>Group Commander<br/>(Hospital CEO equivalent)</b>  | <b>USAF</b> | <b>Edwards AFB, CA</b>   |
|                        | <u>Key responsibilities:</u> Responsible for establishing policies and maintaining standards of practice to govern all medical, dental and support programs for 7,500 beneficiaries and 12,500 personnel assigned to the Air Force Test Center, 412th Test Wing, the Air Force Research Laboratory, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and 49 associate units. Authority spans three squadron commanders and a staff of more than 240 personnel.  |             |                          |
|                        | <u>Additional duties:</u> Provides comprehensive GYN care to clients: 8-10 pts./monthly   |             |                          |
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| <b>06/15 – 05/17</b>   | <b>Squadron Commander<br/>(Director equivalent)</b>   | <b>USAF</b> | <b>JBSA-Lackland, TX</b> |
|                        | <u>Key responsibilities:</u> Oversaw 113 Active Duty, Government Service, and contract members with a \$3M budget providing services to a wide spectrum of beneficiaries to include primarily Basic Military Trainees and Technical Training Students, and also active flyers and international students. Mission scope included 64,000 clinic visits annually for 110,000 beneficiaries, with the two largest beneficiary groups encompassing 39,000 Basic Military Trainees and 35,000 technical school students across four Wings. |             |                          |
|                        | <u>Additional duties:</u> Provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 12-15 pts./monthly   |             |                          |
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| <b>06/13 – 06/15</b>   | <b>Deputy Squadron Commander<br/>(Deputy Director equivalent)</b>   | <b>USAF</b> | <b>Andrews AFB, MD</b>   |
|                        | <u>Key responsibilities:</u> Supported the commander to provide AF clinical, training and administrative expertise to various agencies, including partnerships with the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for 275+ assigned officer and enlisted medical professionals who perform their duties at 65 geographically separated units  |             |                          |

throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) and the world; provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 12-15 pts./monthly; 4 births/monthly  
Additional duties: Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) instructor, Electronic Fetal Heart Monitoring (EFM) intermediate instructor

- 03/10 – 06/12**      **OB/GYN Flight Commander/CNM**      **USAF**      **Travis AFB, CA**  
**(Clinic Manager equivalent)**  
Key responsibilities: Led AMC's largest OB/GYN clinic of 26 staff; provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 10-12 pts./daily; 4-9 deliveries/monthly  
Additional duties: Simulation instructor, NRP instructor, EFM intermediate instructor; Nursing research representative  
Awards: Squadron Flight of the 1st Quarter '11; Recipient \$31K Clinical Investigative Facility Funds for Centering Pregnancy research '11; Squadron Flight of the 3rd Quarter '10; Recipient \$3K California March of Dimes Centering Pregnancy research grant '10
- 05/06 – 03/10**      **GYN Element Leader/CNM**      **USAF**      **Lackland AFB, TX**  
**(Assistant Clinic Manager equivalent)**  
Key responsibilities: Oversaw daily clinic operations for 54 staff and 25 OB/GYN residents; provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 14-16 pts./daily; 4-9 deliveries/monthly  
Additional duties: Centering facilitator, Perinatal Course (PNC) medical director; ROTC coordinator, NRP instructor; GYN representative, Intervention Services  
Awards: Lackland Federal Women's Annual Award '09; Recipient \$15K Texas March of Dimes Centering Pregnancy research grant '07; Group Company Grade Officer of the Year '06
- 11/03 – 04/06**      **CNM**      **USAF**      **Yokota AB, JP**  
Key responsibilities: Provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 24 pts./daily; 4-7 deliveries/monthly  
Additional duties: Alternate Delayed Team Chief, NRP instructor,  
Awards: Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year '04
- 03/02 – 10/03**      **CNM**      **USAF**      **Langley AFB, VA**  
Key responsibilities: Provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 32 pts./daily; 10-15 deliveries/monthly  
Additional duties: Chair, research committee
- 01/00 – 01/02**      **CNM**      **Civilian**      **KY**  
Key responsibilities: Provided comprehensive OB/GYN care to clients: 42 pts./daily; 10-15 deliveries/monthly
- 07/99 – 12/99**      **WHNP**      **Civilian**      **OH**  
Key responsibilities: Provided gynecologic care to woman inmates: 10-13 pts./weekly

**FORMAL EDUCATION:**

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| 2019 – present | Doctorate in Public Health (Online/in-person)<br>Focus: Leadership and Policy | U of IL at Chicago   |
| 2018           | Masters of Arts in Strategic Military Studies                                 | Maxwell AFB, TX      |
| 2012           | Masters of Arts in Military Operation Art and Science                         | Maxwell AFB, TX      |
| 1999           | Masters of Science in Nursing<br>Specialty: Nurse-Midwifery<br>Honor graduate | U of Cincinnati      |
| 1995           | Bachelor of Science in Nursing<br>Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society       | U of MD at Baltimore |

**CURRENT NATIONAL CERTIFICATION:**

1999 Certification in Nurse-Midwifery by the American Midwifery Certification Board

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)

- Vice President, Uniformed Affiliate

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Webber BJ, Pawlak MT, Jones NM, Tchandja JN, Foster GA. Sexually Transmitted Infections in U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training. *MSMR*. 2016 Feb;23(2):16-9.

- Poster/2017. American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) annual conference

Foster GA, Alviar A Women's Health While Deployed: What Women Face While in Austere Environments. *Federal Practitioner*, January 2013, 9-13.

- Speaker/2011. American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) annual conference.
- Poster/2010. Association Military Surgeons United States (AMSUS) annual conference.

Foster GA, Alviar A, Neumeier, R, Wootten, A. A Tri-service Perspective on the implementation of a Centering Pregnancy model in the Military. *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing*. 2012 Mar-Apr; (41) 315-321.

Foster, GA. New Focus on Women's Sex Disorders. <http://ce.nurse.com/ce428/new-focus-on-womens-sex-disorders>. Accessed Mar 1, 2012.

Foster, GA. Midwife Deploys to Iraq. *Quickening, Newsletter for American College of Nurse-Midwives*, Vol 41 (1), Winter 2010.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

2012 Speaker. Association of Women's Health and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) annual conference. Continuum of Care Panel: Sexual Assault Across the Life Span

**RESEARCH:**

2011 DGMC Research Grant: Evaluation of Maternal and Fetal Outcomes After Participation in Centering Pregnancy

2009 Exempt IRB protocol, Lackland AFB, TX: Women's Health While Deployed: What Women Face While in Austere Environment

2007 March of Dimes Research Grant: Evaluation of Maternal and Fetal Outcomes After Participation in Centering Pregnancy

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

National level 2017 – 2019 AWHONN Armed Forces Section Chair; 2019, 2014 AWHONN Convention Program Committee member; 2015 – 2017 ACNM Membership and Marketing Committee member; 2014 Emerging Leader; 2013 AWHONN Nominating Committee member; 2012 AWHONN Advocate of the year; Multiple CYs AWHONN/ACNM/AMSUS speaker and poster presenter

USAF level USAF Sexual Assault Training Subject Matter Expert; Expert CNM reviewer, Air Force Medical Operations Agency