

Maryalice Jordan-Marsh

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Biography

Maryalice Jordan-Marsh, a nurse psychologist, joined in 2004. Her research, practice and teaching focus on educating and empowering people about health issues, and her work has been published in several areas of health care and health technology, including health issues for older adults, pain management, breast cancer, interdisciplinary collaboration, organizational change, and innovative curriculum designs for teaching gerontology.

Jordan-Marsh's current interest lies in how interactive media and access to technology affect health care decisions and behaviors. This year she is building on her work in health technology literacy to create patient-centered assessment tools using interactive media, creating health behavior-specific games and promoting development of health technology skills for consumers and health professionals. This focus on participatory e-health will explore opportunities powered by mobile devices for transforming health systems and practices across the globe. Along with colleagues in Brazil and Hong Kong, she is working on a project to address three e-health capacity components: empowering partnerships among health professionals, patients and community leaders; enhancing health literacy orientations, skills and device engagement; and creating habits of attending to the socioecological impact of technology in a health context. A key outcome of this study would be a product that uses interactive, multi-media features targeted to specific audiences.

Jordan-Marsh is also currently working with faculty from the Keck School of Medicine of USC to develop an interactive tablet application that would provide a comprehensive assessment of the decision needs of young people with a cancer diagnosis. Her other current research projects include an evaluation of the safety and effectiveness of a simulation game for the mental health of military family members following deployment.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

Areas of Expertise

Health Care, Psychology, Social Work Education, Social Work, Technology, Interactive Media

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

PhD

California State University, Long Beach
MSN

University of Oregon
MS

University of Wisconsin, Madison
BSN

Accomplishments

Distinguished Faculty Service Award, Academic Senate, University of Southern California
2012

Book of the Year, American Journal of Nursing
2012

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