



Dr. Valerie Clary-Muronda is passionate about pursuing the goals of Sigma by connecting nurses and other socially conscious healthcare professionals globally for the purpose of improving life for individuals worldwide. Dr. Clary-Muronda is a full-time faculty member at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has extensive clinical experience, having served in numerous roles throughout her career such as staff nurse, lactation counselor, preceptor, clinical expert and nurse leader.

After decades of nursing in the specialty of labor and delivery, she observed the difficulty many novice nurses had transitioning to practice and changed her career trajectory by pursuing a master's degree in nursing education, continuing on to obtain a PhD in nursing science from the Medical University of South Carolina. Her research interests include neonatal resuscitation, obstetrics, and maternal outcomes. Dr. Clary-Muronda has published in peer-reviewed journals and presented both nationally and internationally on various topics such as neonatal resuscitation, diversification of the nursing workforce, and curriculum development. She has developed collaborative relationships with universities in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and the United Kingdom and has worked with nurses in South Africa and Zimbabwe on research exploring facilitators and barriers of neonatal resuscitation.

Connecting nursing students globally is a vision that Dr. Clary-Muronda works toward as she continues to develop sustainable nursing collaborative relationships on a global level. Since her induction in Sigma, Dr. Clary-Muronda has been active in the organization's research initiatives as a recipient of a research grant from the Eta Mu Chapter, and as a presenter at various Sigma meetings and conferences. She has served as a global ambassador for Sigma, sharing information regarding the benefits of membership with other nurses across the globe. Currently she serves as Vice President in Sigma's Delta Rho Chapter. In addition, she has served in different roles as a voice for nurses as a local executive board member and national board member of JNESO, a union for healthcare professionals.

A Philadelphia native, Dr. Clary-Muronda is passionate about educating young Philadelphians about the countless opportunities the nursing profession offers. She has a strong passion for the development of a nurse workforce that reflects the demographics of the populations served. Dr. Clary-Muronda serves as a faculty advisor and student mentor in the STEP-UP Nursing Program, one of Jefferson's many pipeline programs developed to provide guidance to area youths with a strong interest in nursing and the health professions. As a nurse educator, she works tirelessly to improve teaching strategies to ensure the readiness for practice of Jefferson College of Nursing graduates. Academic support, ongoing curricular evaluation and development, and student mentoring are some of the roles that she assumes as a faculty

member. Dr. Clary-Muronda is committed to curricular development initiatives at Jefferson including global health nursing, full integration of genomics and genetics throughout nursing curricula, and enhancement of immersion experiences for nursing students. Dr. Clary-Muronda enjoys spending her spare time with her family, who have been an unwavering source of support over the years. They include her husband Alf, three children—Farai, Chipo, and Alfie Jr., and a host of extended family across the globe.