

Visiting Scholar

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Channeling Pearl Parvin Coulter: Advancing the Art and Science of Nursing for Maximum Impact

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Rachel Adler is Professor/Clinical of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Associate Member of the affiliated Mays Cancer Center. She received her PhD in anthropology from Arizona State University in 2000. She was a tenured Professor of Anthropology at The College of New Jersey, where she served as chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and held numerous elected and appointed leadership positions, including chairing tenure and promotion committees. She spent her first sabbatical earning the academic credentials to become a registered nurse and her second sabbatical becoming a nurse practitioner currently credentialed in both Psychiatric Mental Health and Adult Gerontology Primary Care. Dr. Adler made a career change to academic nursing and joined UT Health San Antonio in 2021. Her nursing practice is primarily in psycho-oncology at Mays Cancer Center, where she created a nurse practitioner-led clinic to meet the mental health needs of cancer patients. Her program of research is translational in focus, as she seeks to make impact by discovering culturally appropriate interventions to promote the emotional and psychosocial wellbeing of the diverse patients she serves. A seasoned ethnographer in Mexico and the US, and skilled in anthropologically grounded qualitative methods, her expertise includes men's mental health, psychosocial oncology, suicide prevention and medical anthropology. She has broad clinical and research experience with vulnerable populations such as men and intimate partners living with prostate cancer, veterans with urogenital combat injuries, Latino immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, and both incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.