Highlights from the 2016 Midwest Chapter Conference

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The most interesting paper that I saw presented was *Inventory of Professional Nursing Association EBP CE Training and Instruction* by Kerry Dhakal from The Ohio State University. I found this paper to be interesting because of its relevance to my liaison area of nursing at UIC. The goal of her research project was to see if librarians were involved with nursing associations in offering evidence-based practice continuing education opportunities. By looking at nursing organizations’ websites, she found that not many librarians were involved in these continuing education opportunities. The majority of the evidence-based practice courses that she found were offered by nurses with PhDs and Master’s. She will be surveying librarians about their experience teaching evidence-based practice for continuing education for professional organizations or societies and nurse educators that she located during her initial searches.

Besides Jenny Taylor’s award winning systematic review poster, one that caught my eye was a topic I had never heard of before. The Clifton StrengthsFinder 2.0 Assessment is a strengths-based employee development tool that measures the presence of talent in 34 areas or themes. The lead author on the poster was Heather Collins from University of Kansas Medical Center. Heather’s unit met with Gallup certified coaches individually and as a unit. This assessment tool allowed her unit to be more supportive of each other, improved communication, and was helpful in delegating roles for new projects and year-end evaluations. I think doing something like this at UIC Library could be beneficial to its organization and improving teamwork.

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