

## Dr Rosalie Starzomski, PHD 1997

### Alumni Award of Distinction

As an alumna, Dr Rosalie Starzomski has been a stellar example of the School's community of change makers in healthcare practice, education, and research. She has made a significant and sustained positive impact on nursing education at the University of Victoria, on health care and research related to kidney disease, and on practice and policy in health care ethics. She has consistently furthered the advancement of nursing through her work as an educator, researcher, ethicist and policy consultant, and her leadership in all four domains has been consistent and long-standing.

As an educator she has helped to coordinate and oversee both graduate and undergraduate programs in nursing; as a researcher she has led significant research projects in diverse areas, including transplantation; as an ethicist she has played a significant role in the design and delivery of ethics services at Vancouver Coastal Health; and as a policy consultant she has been a significant resource for the Canadian Nurses Associations' ethics-related initiatives.

In 1997, Dr Starzomski was one of the first two students to graduate from the School's new doctoral program. As a Clinical Nurse Specialist, she had already gained an extensive clinical background in nephrology. She went on to become a founding member and then president of the Nephrology Nurses' Professional Practice Group under the auspices of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia. She also served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board for the Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technicians.

While serving on local, national and international committees, writing, presenting and publishing papers, and deepening her involvement with renal transplant, End Stage Renal Disease, and many other clinical conditions, Dr Starzomski continued a teaching career that had begun in 1995. She has been recognized for her exemplary teaching style, be it in the classroom, distance education, or online learning, receiving consistently excellent student evaluations and in 2008, acknowledgement from her peers in the form of the Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Victoria. As co-author of the well-known text *Toward a moral horizon: Nursing ethics for leadership and practice*, her contributions to nursing knowledge continues.

Dr Starzomski is a cherished colleague, a woman of wisdom, an interdisciplinary player, and a strong advocate for nursing. She is a very fitting alumni award winner, and we are pleased to welcome her to the circle.



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