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Dr. Christopher Blackwell is a national, award-winning, tenured Associate Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Central Florida. He teaches in, and directs, the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner graduate programs. He conducts research in health and social policy disparities in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) persons. His research has been funded through the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Gurecki Foundation, Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation, and Evelyn Frank McKnight Research Fund through the Florida Nurses Foundation. In addition to authoring several textbook chapters and serving on several journal editorial review boards, his work has been published in over forty prestigious peer-reviewed academic journals, garnering hundreds of citations. Dr. Blackwell maintains his clinical practice in pulmonary/critical care and is board-certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). He is an item writer panelist in ANCC's AGACNP board certification program and a Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing. He also serves on the certification examination panels for the CNE and CNE-cl certification programs and is a nationally elected Commissioner on the NLN CNE Board of Commissioners. He is a past recipient of the Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Educator Award by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and has been identified by POCN as one of the Top 10 Nurse Practitioners in the United States. In 2016, Dr. Blackwell was inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. In 2019, he was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a distinction reserved for a select few nurses demonstrating monumental impactful contributions to the profession.