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My Fuld project at the Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, under the mentorship of Dr. Christine Goeschel, was evaluating and beta testing an online patient safety certification program that the Armstrong Institute is developing to use the Internet to widely disseminate patient safety training to clinicians throughout the U.S. and globally. It is hypothesized that training as many clinicians as practicable online in the science of safety, , could significantly reduce preventable medical errors, morbidity and mortality that occur often.

I am currently a BSN candidate graduating in December, 2013. I earned my J.D. from the Albany Law School, and my M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. I come to the School of Nursing from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where I helped clinicians, hospitals and consumers understand how electronic health records and health IT can improve health. Prior to that, I was Deputy Editor of the health policy journal Health Affairs, where I developed thematic volumes on health care delivery, financing, access and quality of care.

My passion in nursing is utilizing evidence-based practice and the science of patient safety to improve the quality and safety of care in the critical care setting. Both my research background and clinical training have taught me that patient safety errors account for an unacceptably large percentage of morbidity, mortality and poor outcomes in hospitals. I've learned through the Fuld Fellowship that applying the science of safety to clinical practice can be a powerful tool to turn the tide on preventable errors.

As a new clinician, my goal is to leverage my knowledge of health policy and health systems, combined with my quality and safety training, to provide evidence-based, patient-centered critical care that improves health outcomes. I aspire to be a nurse leader who helps other clinicians understand both the “big picture” in health care delivery, and how to translate what works at the bedside in a way that improves the care experience of critically-ill patients.