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Sally Heller Rankin, Ph.D.

Training: After earning a BA in Sociology, she received her BSN from California State University, Los Angeles, in 1974. She worked as a staff nurse at Duke University Medical center and in in-service education; she obtained her MSN from Duke University in 1978 where she taught for two years in the Duke University School of Nursing. Returning to California in the early 80s, she taught at Mt. St. Mary's College and the University of Southern California and then moved to the San Francisco area. Sally completed her Ph.D. at UCSF in 1988.



Department and Position: Professor and Chair at the University of California, San Francisco in the Department of Family Health Care Nursing.

Career Profile: Dr. Rankin began her career in social work in the 1960s, working in Appalachia in upstate New York for Family Service Agency. She became convinced while making home visits that clients needed more than she could offer as a caseworker. She noted their multiple needs for health care and began her career in nursing. Her clinical practice areas have included cardiac nursing, diabetes education, and primary care practice in student health. From 1993 to 1998, Dr. Rankin taught at Boston College where she also directed the Family Nurse Practitioner program. She received the Distinguished Alumna award from Duke University School of nursing in 1994, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1995, and received the 2004 Doctoral Mentor of the Year award from the UCSF doctoral students.

Dr. Rankin is the lead faculty in a core doctoral course on the philosophy of science and also co-teaches in a graduate HIV course. Dr. Rankin is the author, with Karen Stallings, of *Patient Education: Principles and Practice*, a textbook on patient education that in its fifth edition. She has been funded as Principal Investigator by the National Institutes of Health six times and is currently conducting a study, funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Development titled, Malawi Christians and Muslims: HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care.

Personal Profile: Sally is married to Dr. William Rankin, founder and president of the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance. With him she has traveled to Malawi, Central Africa 8 times. She has 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

