

## **Josephine Etowa PhD MN RN RM IBCLC ( August 2006 – August 2008)**

**D**r Josephine Etowa completed her PhD at the University of Calgary in 2005. She holds a Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) Postdoctoral Fellowship under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Edwards and Dr Linda O'Brien Pallas. (use this link at Dalhousie university <http://nursing.dal.ca/Faculty/josephine.etowa.php>)

Dr Etowa is a faculty member at Dalhousie University School of Nursing. Her employment history span across international, diversity and community development issues. She has diverse midwifery and nursing background, which dates back to her career as a midwife and a Public health nurse in Nigeria. In Canada, Dr Etowa has worked in a number of capacities including as a nurse, an educator, a lactation consultant and a community-based, and academic researcher. As a founding member and past chair of the Health Association of African Canadians (HAAC), she has been involved in a number of community development initiatives to improve knowledge about African Canadians' health. Dr. Etowa has completed a number of funded research projects in the area of minority health, childbirth and immigrant women's health using qualitative research methods such as grounded theory and participatory action research.

In acknowledgement of the need to increase diversity within nursing, the goal of Dr Etowa's postdoctoral work is broaden her knowledge and the collaborative skills in the areas of conducting research and effectively communicating it in ways that foster appropriate changes in minority populations' health service delivery and in the policies that guide the health care system.