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Professor Bei Wu is the Vice Dean for Research and Dean's Professor in Global Health at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. With extensive expertise in large-scale data analysis and behavioral interventions, she co-leads two NIH-funded centers focused on improving Asian American health. Additionally, she serves as the Principal Investigator for NIH-funded clinical trials aimed at enhancing health outcomes for Chinese and Korean dementia caregivers and improving oral health in individuals with mild dementia. Professor Wu also leads an NIH-funded R01 study investigating the links between oral health and dementia subtypes, with a particular focus on biological pathways and social determinants.

A globally recognized leader in gerontology, Professor Wu has built a distinguished career through interdisciplinary collaborations, particularly in nursing and dentistry. She has authored over 800 publications, including 411 peer-reviewed manuscripts, on topics such as dementia caregiving, geriatric oral health, and risk factors for cognitive impairment. Her contributions have earned her numerous honors, including being named a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the New York Academy of Medicine, as well as recognition as an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and an honorary member of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Professor Wu's recognitions include the Distinguished Scientist Award for Geriatric Oral Research from the International Association for Dental Research, the 2022 Wei Hu Inspiration Award from the China Health Policy and Management Society (CHPAMS)—the organization's highest honor—the 2023 Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Contributions to Healthy Aging from the Gerontological Society of America, and the 2024 Public Service Award from the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR).