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Sincerely,
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2018 Cohort of Academy Jonas Policy Scholars Announced

The Academy has announced the fifth cohort of Academy Jonas Policy Scholars. Funded by a generous grant from Jonas Philanthropies, the program recruits highly qualified doctoral and post-doctoral nursing students for a two-year fellowship experience. Each scholar is matched with an Academy expert panel and has the opportunity to learn about major health policy issues from Academy fellows. The 2018 cohort will serve from 2018-2020 and are listed with their university and corresponding Academy expert panel:

- Kelli DePriest, BSN, RN, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; Environmental & Public Health Expert Panel
- Kristen Choi, PhD, RN, University of California, Los Angeles, National Clinician Scholars Program; Maternal & Infant Health Expert Panel
- Nicholas Giordano, PhD, RN, Defense & Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management; Military & Veterans Health Expert Panel
- Elizabeth Henderson, MSN, MS, RN, AFN-BC, NREMT-P, Northeastern University, Bouve College of Health Sciences; Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Expert Panel
- Anna Dermenchyan, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, UCLA School of Nursing; Violence Expert Panel
- Laura Britton, BSN, RN, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Nursing; Women’s Health Expert Panel

2018 Policy Conference

Have you registered yet for the Academy's 2018 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference? Less than two months remain! The conference will be held November 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

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Fellow Achievements

Judy Beal, DNSc, RN, FNAP, FAAN, has been appointed the inaugural Dean of the College of Natural, Behavioral, and Health Sciences at Simmons University (previously Simmons College). Dr. Beal had previously been dean of the School of Nursing at Simmons, and led the expansion of the Master of Family Nurse Practitioner program to the online curriculum. She was inducted into the Academy in 2012.

Barbara J. Burgel, PhD, RN, ANP, FAAN, was appointed to the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown. Dr. Burgel has been an occupational health consultant since 2017 and is professor emeritus at the University of California, San Francisco, where she served for 36 years as a professor and nurse practitioner. She was inducted into the Academy in 1997.

Cynthia Connolly, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the Arthur J. Viseltrear Prize from the American Public Health Association for her book, Children and Drug Safety: Balancing Risk and Protection in Twentieth Century America. Inducted into the Academy in 2016, she is the Greco Term Endowed Associate Professor in Advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Department of Family & Community Health.

Sherry B. Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN, was named president and CEO of University of Maryland (UM) Capital Region Health. With expertise in patient care, quality, and safety, Dr. Perkins most recently served as executive vice president and COO of UM Capital Region Health. Inducted into the Academy in 2016, she serves on the Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee and the Maryland Patient Safety Center Board.

Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN, has been appointed the new dean of the University of Colorado College of Nursing at the Anschutz Medical Campus. He is the first Latino male to earn a doctorate in nursing and to head a nursing school in the United States. Dr. Provencio-Vasquez was previously dean of the nursing school at the University of Texas El Paso. He was inducted into the Academy in 2004.

Gloria Ramsey, JD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, was appointed to serve as Johns Hopkins School of Nursing inaugural Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. A nurse and attorney, she had been an associate professor in the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Nationally recognized for her expertise in policy and research, she was inducted into the Academy in 2008.

Bruce Schoneboom, PhD, MHS, CRNA, FAAN, was appointed inaugural Associate Dean for Practice, Innovation and Leadership at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. He will advance collaboration within the Johns Hopkins Health System and expand practice innovation within the DNP program. Inducted into the Academy in 2009, his previous position was chief learning officer at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

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