President’s Message

While we have not reached the first day of summer, the Board, staff, and volunteer leadership are in full swing preparing for the fall. As an organization, the Academy has two distinct roles—impact policy and honor those in our profession who have made incredible contributions to health and wellness. It is at our policy conference in October where we fully embrace this dual purpose.

*Our Social Responsibility to Health: Impact and Influence* is the theme for this year’s conference. Whether we consider the importance of the upcoming 2020 election or the laws being passed at the state level that are reversing women’s rights, we are reminded that the voice of nursing must have impact and influence. Chaired by Dr. Kenneth White and co-chair Dr. Mary Gullatte, the planning committee has been hard at work inviting dynamic speakers who can provide insight into current policy issues both locally and globally. It is the intent of the planning committee that fellows and guests walk away with a renewed sense of our social responsibility to health and strategies that will empower a better future.

At our conference we will also induct an impressive new class of fellows and look forward to making the announcement later this month. I would like to personally thank the Chair of the Fellow Selection Committee, Dr. Anne Gross and co-chair, Dr. David Keepnews as well as the full committee for their time, dedication, and commitment. The Academy received a record number of applications this year. To me, this signals two things— the astonishing contributions an individual can make and just as importantly, the firm commitment these individuals have to being a part of our collective impact.

I hope you will be joining us in the fall. In addition to the conference, please consider attending two programs prepared by the Academy’s signature initiatives, the Institute for Nursing Leadership’s Workshop and Luncheon and the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science’s Advanced Methods Conference: Sensor Technology in Research. We are excited to share more details on these events later this summer.

I close with a note about the Academy’s Board. Through our own evolution and as we process the organization’s transition to impact, we have been considering how we could help open the
lines of communication to fellows beyond my messages or individual emails. Therefore, we will be launching a new communication called Boardroom Bulletin. Not only will it advance our fourth strategic goal, (Assure Academy organizational excellence, communication, transparency, integrity and accountability), but provide a quick summary of the actions the Board has taken during our meetings. It is our goal that we move together, but to do that you must have information on important decisions.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to the Academy!

Sincerely,

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Meet Our Newest Staff Member

Austin Hunte joins the American Academy of Nursing staff as the Executive Assistant. Austin recently graduated from the George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Political Science. During his studies, he worked as a Junior Associate at Advanced Network Strategies. Other notable accomplishments include studying at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England for a year of his undergraduate studies and his huge heart for all breeds of dogs. Join us in welcoming Austin to the Academy!
Jane H. Barnsteiner, PhD, RN, FAAN, has received the University of Michigan School of Nursing’s 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. Barnsteiner is a Professor Emerita of Pediatric Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she created the first pediatric critical care advanced practice nursing graduate program.

Dr. Barnsteiner was inducted into the Academy in 1991 and serves on the Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel.

Caroll Estes, PhD, FAAN, will be presented with the Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievements in Social Insurance from the National Academy of Social Insurance on June 7, 2019.

Dr. Estes is recognized as a founding scholar in the field of "political economy of aging" and has devoted her life's work to improving the health and economic security of vulnerable and underserved populations. Dr. Estes is Professor Emerita at the University of California, San Francisco, where she founded the Aging Health Policy Center (now the Institute for Health and Aging).

Dr. Estes was inducted as an Honorary Fellow into the Academy in 2008.

Joyce Griffin-Sobel, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN has been named the Helene Fuld College of Nursing’s new President and CEO.

Dr. Griffin-Sobel joins Helene Fuld with extensive professional experience in nursing as a practitioner, researcher, administrator, fundraiser, tenured professor, and college dean. A Navy veteran, Dr. Griffin-Sobel was the first Director of Nursing Research for the US Navy Nurse Corps.

Dr. Griffin-Sobel was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

Susan J. Kelley, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the Mark Chaffin Outstanding Research Career Achievement Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).

This award recognizes an APSAC member who has made repeated, significant, and outstanding contributions to research on child maltreatment over his or her carer. APSAC is a multidisciplinary national organization focused on meeting the needs of professionals engaged in all aspects of services for maltreated children and their families. Dr. Kelley is the first nurse to be selected to this award.
Dr. Kelley was inducted into the Academy in 1990 and serves on the Violence Expert Panel.

Cathy Maxwell, PhD, RN, FAAN Associate Professor at Vanderbilt University was named one of the School of Nursing's first Valere Potter Distinguished Dean Faculty Fellows.

The new Valere Potter Distinguished Dean's Faculty Fellows program supports tenure-track faculty in their research and scholarship and includes funding for two fiscal years. Dr. Maxwell is recognized as an authority on geriatric trauma and aging, with research directed at understanding outcome trajectories of older adults after physical injuries.

Dr. Maxwell was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

Deborah Reed, PhD, RN, FAAOHN, FAAN, was featured in O The Oprah Magazine for her Didactic Readers Theater, a designated Edge Runner model of care.

Good Samaritan Endowed Chair in Community Health Nursing at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, Dr. Reed is also the state of Kentucky's official agricultural health nurse. For the past 27 years, Dr. Reed has worked with farm families throughout the nation and is internationally known for her research with agricultural populations.

Dr. Reed was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

In Memoriam

Carol Hanley Germain, EdD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing and distinguished nurse ethnographic researcher, educator, and author, died on May 10, 2019.

Among the first nurses in the U.S. to be awarded a doctoral degree, Dr. Germain taught generations of nursing students over several decades at the University of Pennsylvania. Internationally recognized for her contributions to nursing science and as a qualitative researcher, Dr. Germain was a lifelong nurse leader.

For information on Dr. Germain's service, click here.

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