



American Academy of Nursing Selects Three Health Leaders as Honorary Fellows

Academy Will Present Honorific Titles at Annual Policy Conference in October

Washington, DC (August 12, 2019)—The American Academy of Nursing will officially name three exceptional health leaders as Honorary Fellows at the Academy's [Transforming Health, Driving Policy conference](#) in Washington, DC on October 26, 2019. Noteworthy within their fields, these extraordinary individuals have championed better health and prompted positive change through their work to advance and recognize the expertise of the nursing profession.

"These three individuals have heightened the nation's health through collaboration with our profession and innovation in their strategies," said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN. "The Academy is proud to recognize these leaders as Honorary Fellows and welcome them into the ranks of our membership."

This distinction is only given to top candidates who have demonstrated a firm commitment to nursing and to transforming health policy and practice.

American Academy of Nursing 2019 Honorary Fellows:

Fitzhugh Mullan, MD, has a long history of engagement with nursing education and dedication to US and international health workforce issues. Dr. Mullan's work focuses on equity in health professions education. He served 23 years in the United States Public Health Service, starting as a physician in the National Health Service Corps and later as director of the program. He subsequently directed the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions and attained the rank of Assistant Surgeon General. Currently, Dr. Mullan is a professor at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University (GWU) and Professor of Pediatrics at the GWU School of Medicine. In 2019, GWU renamed its Health Workforce Institute, of which Dr. Mullan is a founder, the Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity in recognition of his lifelong commitment to social justice, health equity, and health workforce improvement.



Peri Rosenfeld PhD, a sociologist and health services researcher, has devoted her 30-year career to studying aging, the nursing workforce, and nursing care across hospital and home/community care settings. Dr. Rosenfeld's commitment to nursing is evidenced in the more than 80 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters she has published (almost two-thirds of which include RN co-authors) and the over 100 conference podium presentations on nursing topics at premier conferences such as the American Public Health Association, the Gerontological Society of America, and AcademyHealth. She has also been honored by prominent nursing organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau. Dr. Rosenfeld is the Director of Outcomes Research and Programs Evaluation and the Director of the Center for Innovations in the Advancement of Care at NYU Langone Health. Dr. Rosenfeld is also an adjunct professor at the NYU Meyers College of Nursing.



Annette Sobel, MD, MS, is a researcher and scientist focused on the integration of biomedical innovation and human factors principles into a wide range of interprofessional solutions for humanitarian and disaster medicine challenges. During her time as a former Major General in the Arizona Air National Guard, she led a telemedicine demonstration program which promoted nurse-led “care in the air” in C-9 aircraft. This demonstration was the first operational technology simulation of the real-world aeromedical environment. Her contributions to telemedicine technology are now the standard of care for civilian and military transport worldwide. Additionally, Dr. Sobel leads interprofessional training workshops using the “reverse concept” method for facing and responding to emergency challenges. Dr. Sobel is currently an Associate Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in the Department of Medical Education and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and an Adjunct Professor in the School of Nursing, teaching bioinformatics to doctoral nursing students.



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