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January 10, 2024

## President's Message

Dear Fellows,

First and foremost, Happy New Year! It is incredible to think that we are already one week into 2024. So much continues to be at the forefront of our minds. The possibilities that the year will bring offers hope and yet, there are many pressing concerns. Armed conflict continues to plague areas around the world causing significant loss of human life and mental anguish. We also know natural occurrences like the earthquake that hit Japan's Noto peninsula as well as climate change related incidences will continue to impact the public's health and wellness. Not to mention, the United States is quickly speeding towards the 2024 Presidential election and the candidates' positions will indicate their approach to addressing not only these concerns but so many others we champion. It is at times like these when more voices and more action is needed and therein lies the power of the Fellowship.



At the Board's January meeting later this month, we will review 12 policy proposals put forth by the Academy's Expert Panels. From the resettlement needs of refugees to health literacy and bolstering gun violence prevention, the Academy will aim to center the voice of the profession in the most complex health care challenges. If you had a moment to watch our [New Year's message](#), Suzanne and I shared some of the priorities for the year, but also how our new database transition will help modernize our systems and allow for greater, as well as more targeted dissemination of our work to the public. In February, the Board will begin its strategic planning work. The organization has evolved significantly over the last 50 years and now we must envision the future. We will offer the opportunity for all Fellows to be a part of this process through a survey that will be released based on the Board's strategic discussion. It is our hope that you will share your thoughts on what aspects of the organization make it unique among others and how you see parts of the Academy that can be transformed.

Staying at the center of our work will be our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusivity (EDI). As you know, the Academy reflects on our [EDI statement](#) at the start of each Board, committee, and Expert Panel meeting. This year we will continue to encourage our volunteer leaders to be ever more thoughtful in this reflection—creating a space to bring forward concepts and ideas that take us further in our journey. The organization will also work to be more present in EDI initiatives focused on health equity and policy change. The Academy has supported the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Association's upcoming [Promoting Social Justice to Create Healthy Communities](#) Policy Summit in March. Myself, Academy Treasurer Bernice Coleman, as well as the EDI Committee Chair, Dr. Emerson Ea and Co-Chair, Dr. Elda Ramirez, will attend. Later this month, the Academy's Immediate Past President, Dr. Ken White will speak about the importance of Academy Fellowship and our policy work at the National Association of Hispanic Nurses' [Hispanic Health Policy Summit](#) in a keynote presentation.

Speaking of Fellowship, it is that time of year! The [2024 Fellowship application](#) opened yesterday, January 9, and will close on February 15, 2024. We know many of you are sponsors to incredible nurses. If you did not sponsor this year, please consider the opportunity in the future. Nurse leaders are in every corner of the world and we are excited by the possibility of growing our network of change agents for collective impact. This year, the Academy is releasing new resources for Fellows, institutions, or organizations that would like to understand more about the selection process and who we are. A [one-pager](#) and [slide deck](#) are now available so that more Fellows can be prepared with consistent and timely information about the Academy and changes that have been made in recent years about the Fellowship. These resources are available to you as Fellows. Should you have any questions, please contact [Caroline Kane](#), the Academy's Chief Strategy Officer.

Finally, I close with the opportunity to reflect on how the Academy elevated the voice of the profession in policy discussions, recognition, and health care change last year. Below are the highlights of those actions. Not only did 2023 represent our 50th anniversary year, it was also a pacesetting year! Thank you to all of the Academy's generous contributors who donated their time through the organization's [committees](#) and [Expert Panels](#) and those who [donated their treasure](#) to make this work a reality. I have no doubt that 2024 will be the same as local and global events demand further action for peace, health, and wellness. I wish each of you hope and health as we work together to continue to build our association as a trailblazer that the public needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda D. Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being more prominent.

Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN  
President

# 2023 Year in Review

American Academy of Nursing  
Impact by the Numbers

# 260

New Fellows inducted into the Academy,  
representing 40 states, DC, and 13 countries



# 1,218

Individuals attended the  
2023 Health Policy  
Conference during the  
Academy's 50th  
Anniversary



# 6

Expert Panel Publications in  
*Nursing Outlook*



# 64

Direct Policy  
Actions



# 435

Policy Dialogue  
Registrants



# 11

Nurses Nominated to  
Federal Committees



# 931

Views of Conference, Policy Dialogue,  
and CANS Webinar Recordings

# 250

CANS Virtual  
Advanced  
Methods  
Conference  
Attendees

# 4

Edge Runner  
Models Selected

# 226

INL Courageous Careers  
Recording Views

Policy Impact



## New Award Established

**Bernadine Lacey** was named the inaugural recipient of the **Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Leadership in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Award**



## Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund

We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our [supporters](#) and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents supporters who have made either restricted or unrestricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund to reach the President's Circle level of \$1,000 and above in the month of

**December**. All gifts to the Academy support the organization's policy work and help make sure our voice is influencing policy actions that directly impact health and health care.



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## Academy News



New Fellows

50 American Academy of Nursing

**2024 Fellowship Application**

Apply by **February 15, 2024**

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## DISTINGUISHED NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

- APPLY BY 4:00 PM ET FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024



AMERICAN ACADEMY  
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January 24 | 12:30-2:00 PM ET  
2023-2024 Policy Dialogue Series

### Dual Crises: The Intersection Between Housing and Health Equity

*Hosted by the Health Equity Expert Panel*



## Which Pathway? Navigating Your Trajectory in Early Career & Beyond

HOSTED BY THE EARLY CAREER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 PM ET



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## 2024 Dues Cycle Renewal Deadline

Renew by January 31, 2024

Please contact Claire Holland, Member Engagement Manager, at [cholland@aannet.org](mailto:cholland@aannet.org) with questions.

### 2024 Conferences - Save the Dates

The 2024 Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) **State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research** is taking place **June 13-15, 2024** at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. *Additional details coming soon.*

The 2024 American Academy of Nursing **Health Policy Conference** is taking place **October 31-November 2, 2024** at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. *Additional details coming later this year.*

## Fellow Achievements



**Michelle Acorn**, DNP, NP PHC/Adult, MN/ACNP, BScN/PHCNP, FCAN, FAAN, GCNC, FFNMRC SI, FQNI, was named the **Chief Executive Officer of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario**. She previously served in the inaugural Chief Nurse position at the International Council of Nurses.

Dr. Acorn was inducted into the Academy in 2021. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

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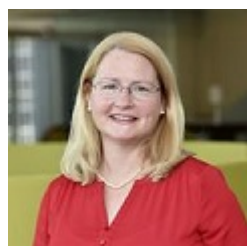
**Stella Bialous**, DrPH, RN, FAAN, Professor, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, has been appointed as the **Lillian and Dudley Aldous Endowed Chair in Nursing**.

Dr. Bialous was inducted into the Academy in 2006.

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**Orlando Harris**, PhD, MPH, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, will **co-lead the new California Center for HIV Syndemic Policy Research**.

Dr. Harris was inducted into the Academy in 2022. He is a member of the LGBTQ Health Expert Panel.

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**Sharon Holley**, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, Associate Professor of Nursing, Acute, Chronic & Continuing Care, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing was awarded the **Colleen Conway-Welch Award for National Leadership by Vanderbilt University**.

Dr. Holley was inducted into the Academy in 2022. She is a member of the Maternal and Infant Health as well as the Women's Health Expert Panels.

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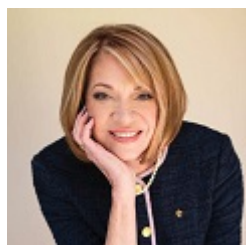
**Anita Nirenberg**, PhD, RN, AOCNP (ret), FAAN, WR Hearst Professor of Clinical Nursing Emerita, Hunter College and Graduate Center, City University of New York, received the **Founders Award from the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation** for 35 years of membership on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Nirenberg was inducted into the Academy in 2013. She is a member of the Bioethics and Genomic Nursing and Health Care Expert Panels.

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**Billy Rosa**, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN, Assistant Attending Behavioral Scientist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, has been appointed **Editor-in-Chief of *Psycho-Oncology***, the official journal of the American and British Psychosocial Oncology Societies.

Dr. Rosa was inducted into the Academy in 2018 and has been a CANS member since 2022. He currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health, LGBTQ Health, and Palliative and End-of-Life Care Expert Panels.

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**Patricia A Sharpnack**, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC, ANEF, FAAN, Dean and Strawbridge Professor, Breen School of Nursing and Health Professions at Ursuline College, has been **elected Chair of the National League for Nursing**.

Dr. Sharpnack was inducted into the Academy in 2019. She is a member of the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.

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**Casey Shillam**, PhD, RN, FAAN, was named **Southern Oregon University's next Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs**.

Dr. Shillam was inducted into the Academy in 2022.

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## Fellow Highlights



The ***Campaign for Action*** has [released videos](#) of the **Equity-Minded Nurse Research Awardees: Kamila A. Alexander**, PhD, MPH, RN (Educator); **Kelly Ayala**, DNP, APRN, BSN (Practice); **Vicki Hines-Martin**, PhD, MA(Ed), FAAN (Leader); **Kelly McGlothen-Bell**, PhD, RN, FAWHONN (Rising Star); and **S. Raquel Ramos**, PhD, MSN, MBA (Research; sponsored by the Academy). Dr. Ramos is pictured with Academy President Linda Scott and Fellows Kupiri Ackerman-Barger, Susan Reinhard, and Antonia Villarruel.

**Lydia Honorata Albuquerque**, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, CCRN, FNAP, FAAN, is the lead author of the [article](#), "Original Research: Predictors of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Asian Indians in the United States: A Cross-Sectional Descriptive Study," published in *American Journal of Nursing*.

**Bonnie Clipper**, DNP, MA, MBA, RN, CENP, FACHE, FAAN, and **Sharon Pappas**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, were featured in the [article](#), "CNOs Tap Into Nurse-Led Tech to Combat Workplace Violence," in *Patient Safety & Quality Healthcare*.

**Rhonda Collins**, DNP, RN, FAAN, was featured in the [article](#), "Biden's order on AI in healthcare: Digital health leaders weigh pros and cons," in *Chief Healthcare Executive*.

**Jodi Ford**, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a principal investigator on a groundbreaking five-year, [\\$6.9 million grant](#), "Youth homelessness increasing: Opioid crisis hits them hard," as part of the NIH's Helping to End Addiction Long-Term (HEAL) initiative.

**Oi Saeng Hong**, PhD, FAAN, FAAOHN, was the senior author of the new [paper](#) "Exploring the Characteristics and Health Outcomes of Working From Home: Analysis of 2021 California Health Interview Survey Data," published in *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

**Fidelindo Lim**, DNP, CCRN, FAAN, was interviewed for the [article](#), "Meet a Champion of Nursing Diversity: Fidelindo Lim," in *Minority Nurse*.

**Bernadette Melnyk**, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, was featured in the [segment](#), "What makes nurses vulnerable to burnout and how it impacts the care they provide," for *PBS NewsHour*.

**Kelly Wiltse Nicely**, PhD, CRNA, FAANA, FAAN, is the primary investigator on a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [grant](#) for Emory University's nursing school to participate in its Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program, which trains Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to work in underserved rural, urban and tribal communities.

**Matt Tierney**, MS, APRN, FAAN, is the first author of the [paper](#), "Closing the Opioid Treatment Gap Through Advance Practice Nursing Activation: Curricular Design and Initial Outcomes," published in *Journal of Addiction Nursing*.

**Sandra Weiss**, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the senior author of the [paper](#), "The Role of the Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal Axis in Depression Across the Female Reproductive Lifecycle: Current Knowledge and Future Directions," published in *Frontiers of Endocrinology*, and the [paper](#), "Relationships Among Number of Stressors, Perceived Stress, and Salivary Cortisol Levels During the Third Trimester of Pregnancy," published in *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing*.

**Peggy Wilmoth**, PhD, MSS, RN, FAAN, served as Guest Editor of the November/December [issue](#) of the *North Carolina Medical Journal* with a focus on health concerns of Reserve Component service-members and Veterans living in North Carolina with the goal of improving the health care they receive.

**Tsu-Yin Wu**, PhD, RN, FAAN, received a multi-year NIH grant to advance community-level firearm related violence prevention for the [study](#), "Adaptable Community-Engaged Intervention for Violence Prevention: Michigan Model."

## In Memoriam



**Eddie Bernice Johnson**, MPA, RN, FAAN, former Congresswoman for Texas' 30th Congressional District, passed away on December 31, 2023.

Throughout her 30 year tenure in the House of Representatives, she was a staunch advocate for education in science, technology, engineering and math, particularly for women and girls. Representative Johnson was the first nurse to be elected not only to Congress but also to the Texas House in 1972 and Texas Senate in 1986. She was the first African American, and woman, to serve as Chair of the House Science, Safety, and Technology Committee.

Congresswoman Johnson was [inducted](#) into the Academy in 2020 and received the Academy's inaugural Lifetime Legacy Award in 2019.

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**Marisa L. Wilson**, DNSc, MHSc, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAMIA, FIAHSI, FAAN, Director of Nursing Health Services Leadership Graduate Pathways, University of Alabama Birmingham, passed away on January 5, 2024.

Dr. Wilson began her career in public health as a statistician and epidemiologist before becoming a nurse and finding her passion in nursing education and informatics. She provided bedside nursing care for 17 years at Johns Hopkins before finding her home in nursing education. Dr. Wilson taught at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing.

Dr. Wilson was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

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## Employment Opportunities



### **Dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions** **Drexel University**

Drexel University, a private, comprehensive, and global R1-level research university, seeks a dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP). The successful candidate for dean will be an experienced academic leader who is collaborative, savvy, and decisive. Inquiries, nominations, and applications should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website at: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/drexel-university-college-nursing-and-health-professions/dean>

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