August 3, 2022

President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

Ella Fitzgerald said it, or sang it, best: “It’s too darn hot.” The lyrics in her song weren’t about the rising temperature of the Earth and its oceans, but she had it right. Summer came in wicked hot this year, with record-breaking high temperatures across Europe and the United States—levels of heat that are dangerous, far beyond just uncomfortable. Changes in ocean currents, prevailing winds, and long-term precipitation patterns have brought wildfires where it is hot and dry, and unprecedented deluges and flooding in western Europe, Missouri, West Virginia, and Kentucky. It’s small comfort to people in those places that meteorologists call these floods “once in a thousand years” events; climate change will make violent storms and inhospitable weather far more commonplace. Nurses know and research shows that unrelenting high temperatures undermine people’s defenses and make them brittle; a sweltering planet brings more aggressive, destructive, and violent actions. Our crises in climate, gun violence, and human misery are, in ever more overlapping horrors. What we, our air and water, and all the forms of life that share the planet with us are results from negligent lack of stewardship of this Earth, our only home, and it’s doubtful that any of us will be flying off to inhabit an exoplanet anytime soon.

I address the impact of climate change in my upcoming (July/August) Nursing Outlook President’s message. It is a pressing public health challenge that requires courageous, sustained nursing leadership. One of my colleagues at MGH Institute of Health Professions, Patrice K. Nicholas, DNSc, DHL (Hon.), MPH, RN, NP-C, FAAN, is a national leader in this realm; as director of the Institute’s Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice, and Health, she has been sounding the alarm about the inequitable health effects of climate change and encouraging nurses everywhere to educate, advocate, and rise up to take action to protect our environment and our collective health. I am grateful for Patrice and her colleagues and the many leaders in nursing who have been calling for action for many years. I note in particular the exceptional contributions of the Academy’s Environmental & Public Health Expert Panel (EP).

The Academy is closely watching Congressional action on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which includes a significant investment, approximately $60 billion, in environmental justice. Our EP has documented how planetary health must be a top priority in our struggle for health equity; systemic racism disproportionally affects communities that are at higher risk for climate-related health consequences. The EP is also preparing for their policy dialogue Nursing Leadership in Decarbonizing the US Health Sector, taking place on January 20, 2023; please join us for this discussion.
August epitomizes summer, but it also portends the beginning of the next cycle of our work. There is a lot to do. We need to continue to grow our leadership, so I strongly encourage you to vote in this year’s Academy elections. Fellows have the opportunity to elect new members of the Nominating and Fellow Selection Committees as well as the Academy’s Board of Directors and Secretary positions. Voting in our organization’s elections will give you a voice in the future of the Academy. Additionally, I am pleased to share our 2021 Annual Report, which highlights the key achievements of the Academy and recognizes the numerous volunteers and Fellows who help shape our work.

Finally, the Academy is preparing for and sharing information about our Fall events. If you have not done so already, please consider registering for the 2022 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research, hosted by the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, taking place September 15-17th. I hope to see many of you at the Health Policy Conference, October 27-29th, where we will discuss Positioning Nursing’s Future through robust speaker sessions and interactive panel discussions and celebrate the 2022 Class of Fellows.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN
President

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Academy News & Upcoming Events
The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) will host the 2022 Health Policy Conference, From Reflection to Impact: Positioning Nursing’s Future, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC from October 27-29, 2022.

The conference will convene thought leadership within nursing and health care to reflect on the profession’s challenges, triumphs, and opportunities to shape policies for future, long-term impact. Participants will engage with leaders who will share how recent events have ignited nursing innovation, research, and practice, and how multi-level policies influence health and health care.

Registration is open! Learn more about the event, including the Agenda, Speakers, and Frequently Asked Questions.
Deb Bakerjian, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN, has been named Dean for Faculty Practice and Workforce Development at the University of California Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. Dr. Bakerjian was inducted into the Academy in 2014. She currently serves as Executive Vice Dean and Professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing.

Sean Clarke, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named Editor-in-Chief of Nursing Outlook, the Academy’s official journal. Dr. Clarke was inducted into the Academy in 2014. He currently serves as Executive Vice Dean and Professor at New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

Theresa Davis, PhD, RN, NE-BC, CHTP, FAAN, has been named President-Elect on the American Association of Critical Care Nurses’ Board of Directors. Dr. Davis was inducted into the Academy in 2014. She currently serves as Vice President of Nursing at High Reliability Center.
serves on the Aging, Military and Veterans Health, and Quality Health Care Expert Panels.

Lisa Kitko, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, has been named Dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

Dr. Kitko was inducted into the Academy in 2017. She currently serves on the Palliative and End-of-Life Care Expert Panel.

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP, FCCM, Associate Dean for Clinical Scholarship, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, has been named the recipient of the 2022 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Legacy Award.

Dr. Kleinpell was inducted into the Academy in 2004 and has been a member of CANS since 2020. She currently serves on the Acute and Critical Care, Aging, Global Nursing and Health, and Nursing Theory-Guided Practice Expert Panels.

Christopher S. Lee, PhD, RN, FAHA, FHFSA, FAAN, has been named the Barry Family/Goldman Sachs Endowed Chair in Nursing in the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College.

Dr. Lee was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

Rhoda Redulla, DNP, RN, NDP-BC, FAAN, Director of Nursing Excellence/Magnet Recognition, NewYork Presbyterian Hospital, has been appointed as Associate Editor for the Gastroenterology Nursing Journal.

Dr. Redulla was inducted into the Academy in 2021. She currently serves on the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel.

Shelly Smith, DNP, APRN-BC, FAAN, Associate Professor and Program Director of Graduate Practice Programs, Virginia Commonwealth University, has been appointed to Virginia's Health Workforce Development Authority.

Dr. Smith was inducted into the Academy in 2021.
Do you have an achievement to share? Submit your news through the FAAN Mail Submission Form.

Fellow Highlights

The Academy celebrates the following Fellows for being named *Lifetime Achievement Honorees* by the National Black Nurses Association:

- **Millicent Gorham**, PhD (Hon), MBA, FAAN
- **Janice Phillips**, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN
- **Hilda Richards**, EdD, RN, FAAN
- **Linda Washington-Brown**, PhD, EJD, APRN-C, MSN, CNS, HCRM, FAANP, FAAN

**Teresa Brockie**, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN, and her research team have received a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes.

**Mattia Gilmar**, PhD, RN, FAAN, has edited a special issue of the journal, *Quality Management in Healthcare*.

**Gloria McNeal**, PhD, ACNS-BC, FAAN, and her team at National University have received a $4 million, 4-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

**Bernadette Melnyk**, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, is co-author of the study, "Associations among infection prevention professionals' mental/physical health, lifestyle behaviors, shift length, race, and workplace wellness support during COVID-19," in the *American Journal of Infection Control*.


In Memoriam

**Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Hanner**, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, former Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Excelsior College, passed away on July 16, 2022.

Dr. Hanner was a noted public health nurse, researcher, and mentor. She began her career as a research assistant before joining Excelsior College as Dean in 1990. Upon her retirement in 2016, she received the Excelsior College President's Medal - one of the many professional awards she received throughout her career.

Dr. Hanner was inducted into the Academy in 2012.


Mr. Jonas was an innovative philanthropist and entrepreneur. Founding Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, now a division of Jonas Philanthropies, was a first-of-its-kind program dedicated to improving healthcare by advancing scholarship, leadership, and innovation in the nursing profession. Jonas Philanthropies is recognized as one of the nation's leading philanthropic initiatives for nursing, funding many initiatives including the Academy's Jonas Policy Scholars program.
Mr. Jonas was named an Honorary Fellow of the Academy in 2016.

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Barbara J. Gruendemann Rutherford, PhD, RN, CNOR, FAAN, celebrated nursing leader, passed away on July 7, 2022.

Dr. Gruendemann made her career in nursing leadership and education, mentoring, writing and teaching. She was the Founder and Associate Director of one of the first ambulatory surgery centers in the United States. Dr. Gruendemann also established one of the first educational departments within a major medical products company, providing high-value professional instructional programs, manuals and direct mentoring to nurses, physicians and other health care professionals in more than 22 countries and the United States.

Dr. Gruendemann was inducted into the Academy in 1988.

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Employment Opportunities

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