

## President's Message

Dear Fellows,

It may only be July, but fall feels right around the corner. For the Academy, autumn signifies our reconvening. And this year, we can do so in-person or virtually. As you saw from my earlier announcement, the Board of Directors has moved to offer a hybrid platform for the Academy's Health Policy Conference, following local health guidelines. We look forward to welcoming Fellows, friends, and colleagues to join us in Washington, DC or virtually from their homes. In making this decision, the Board recognized we are still in a transition period. While we are trending in the right direction to weaken the COVID-19 pandemic, its impact is still being felt on many levels.



After a successful virtual conference in 2020, the 2021 conference will also be a new experience for Fellows and attendees. In light of this, the Academy would like to take the opportunity to focus on community and learning together. In years past, and like most organizations, our foot was on the gas pedal. The conference was packed with speaker panels and committee meetings, to and from which we quickly shuffled from one hotel conference room to the next— longing for more time to connect with colleagues or take a quiet break. The pandemic has taught us that these experiences do not need to be and feel so rushed. We can effectively hold committees as well as some of the special open dialogue sessions virtually, which allows us to collaborate and be more inclusive of Fellows from around the country and globe. Therefore, we will not be hosting committee and Expert Panel meetings in-person at the policy conference as we embrace a hybrid environment. The 2021 health policy conference will offer yet another experimentation as we consider the right calibration of content, business, and celebration. ***Details regarding conference registration and additional logistical information will be available the week of July 12th.***

Earlier this year we started revising our plans for using virtual outreach by deciding to virtually host our three [policy dialogues](#) throughout the year (August, November, and December) and holding the 2021 Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science's [Advanced Methods conference](#) virtually. Additionally, last year taught us that we could offer virtual [Induction](#) and [Living Legends](#) ceremonies that were viewed by thousands [online](#). I heard from so many Fellows how meaningful it was to be able to be a part of the celebration even when we couldn't be together in person. The 2021 conference will incorporate virtual aspects that we enjoyed while also offering new and exciting in-person events. I look forward to seeing the evolution of our health policy conference and ceremonies in a post-pandemic world. I hope that you will join us and continue your active engagement in the Academy!

In addition, and importantly, please be sure to watch for the announcement of the Academy election in the coming weeks. This year we will be voting for the incoming President-Elect, Treasurer, Board members, as well as members for key committees. And at our annual business meeting we will be bringing forward bylaw revisions and reports on the extensive work being done by our Governance Steering Committee, Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, and Fellow Selection Review Committee, among other reports.

In closing, while fall may still be a few months away, the excitement is building for the Board and staff to welcome you to our hybrid event. In August, we will be thrilled to announce the 2021 class of Fellows, Living Legends, and Honorary Fellows. Early in the fall, we will announce the individuals who will be receiving the Academy's prestigious awards. There is much to celebrate!

In the meantime, I hope that you have an opportunity to “take your foot off the pedal,” you continue to be well, and can enjoy a summer vacation!

Sincerely,



Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN  
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## 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 unrestricted or restricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund at the President's Circle level of \$1,000 and above in the month of **June**. All gifts to the Academy support the organization's policy work and help make sure our voice is influencing policymakers on actions that directly impact health and health care.



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2021  
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CONFERENCE

Healthy Lives for All People:  
Advancing Equity, Science, and Trust

Registration as well as additional conference details will be released the week of July 12th. For questions please contact [conferences@AANnet.org](mailto:conferences@AANnet.org).



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## 2021 ADVANCED METHODS CONFERENCE

Inclusion by Design: Methods and Approaches  
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OCT 6, 2021

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PROMOTE INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

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Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM ET



For the first time, sponsorship opportunities will be available for the virtual policy dialogues. [Learn more.](#)

## New Academy Staff Members



**Justin Cowling** has joined the American Academy of Nursing as the **Outreach and Inclusion Coordinator**. Justin most recently worked as the Acting Assistant Director for the HBCU National Center D.C. and is a forward-thinking professional skilled in collaboration, especially through the promotion of diversity and inclusion curricula and programming. Justin holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Legal Studies from the University of Mississippi. He is pursuing his Master of Arts Degree in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies at the University of Maryland.



**Madeleine Rohrbach** has joined the Academy as the **Policy Assistant**. Madeleine recently graduated from the George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Economics. Her undergraduate thesis work focused on racial inequalities in maternal health care.

## Fellow Achievements



**Gaurdia E. Banister, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, Executive Director of the MGH Institute for Patient Care, will be honored with the **Lifetime Achievement Award**



**Teri Chenot, EdD, MSN, FNAP, FAAN**, Department Chair - Healthcare Quality and Safety Programs, Jacksonville University, has been named the recipient of



**Pace University** has recently named the **Harriet R. Feldman Center for Doctoral Education in Nursing** in honor of **Harriet R.**

from the **National Black Nurses Association (NBNA)** at the 50th anniversary gala in August.

Dr. Banister was inducted into the Academy in 2013 and currently serves on the Institute for Nursing Leadership's National Advisory Council.

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**Tonda Hughes**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Global Health at Columbia University School of Nursing, **founded the Center for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research**, and serves as **Executive Director** of the new center.

Dr. Hughes was inducted into the Academy in 2001. She serves on the Global Nursing and Health, LGBTQ, and Women's Health Expert Panels.

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the **2021 QSEN Linda Cronenwett Leadership Award**.

Dr. Chenot was inducted into the Academy in 2019 and currently serves as a member on the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.

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**April Kapu**, DNP, APRN, ACNP- BC, FAANP, FCCM, FAAN, Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, has assumed the **Presidency of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners**.

Dr. Kapu was inducted into the Academy in 2019.

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**Eloisa G. Taméz**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Professor, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Nursing, was **appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation**.

Dr. Taméz was inducted into the Academy in 1994.

**Feldman**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor.

Dr. Feldman was inducted into the Academy in 1995.

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**David M. Keepnews**, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN, Professor & Director, Health Policy DNP program, The George Washington University School of Nursing, has been appointed **Executive Director of the Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA)**, effective September 15, 2021.

Dr. Keepnews was inducted into the Academy in 1999. He currently serves on the Governance Committee as well as the Bioethics, Emerging and Infectious Diseases, and LGBTQ Expert Panels.

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## Fellow Highlights

**Kupiri Ackerman-Barger**, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Lisa Martin**, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Barbara Nichols**, MS, RN, FAAN, and **G. Adriana Perez**, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, are [coauthors](#) for the Campaign for Action's "Building Coalitions To Promote Health Equity: A Toolkit for Action."

**Kenya Beard**, EdD, AGACNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAAN and **Angelica M. Millan**, DNP, CNS, RN/NP, FAAN, were [speakers](#) for *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Webinar Series*, "Webinar 1: An Overview of Nursing's Role in Addressing Health Equity."

**Juli Boit**, RN, MSN, FNP, FAAN, has [published](#) a book, *From Beyond the Skies*, which documents her journey as a nurse practitioner in a small village in Kenya working with HIV and hospice patients.

**Gordon Gillespie**, PhD, DNP, RN, FAEN, FAAN, has [served as co-PI](#) in a University of Cincinnati College of Nursing research study creating virtual reality simulations depicting patients challenged by social determinants of health.

**Carmen Giurgescu**, PhD, RN, WHNP, FAAN, was [featured](#) in the article, "Stress from Racism Increases Preterm Birth Risk."

**John Rowe**, MD, FAAN, **Linda A. McCauley**, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAOHN, **Ellen Marie Whelan**, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, and **Scharmaine Lawson**, DNP, FAAN, FAANP, will be [speakers](#) for *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Webinar Series*, "Webinar 2: Lifting Practice Barriers and Designing Better Payment Models to Expand the Contributions of Nurses," taking place on July 21, 2021.

## Employment Opportunities



**Hess Endowed Chair in Nursing Education and Nursing Department Chair**  
**Monmouth University Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies**

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