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July 12, 2023

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

Theodore Parker, an abolitionist Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, first expressed an important—indeed essential—perspective on justice in a sermon in 1853. Referring to the trajectory of the “moral universe,” he said: “From what I see, I am sure it bends toward justice.” That hopeful observation, paraphrased as “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice,” found a place in the hearts, lives, and words of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr. (in 1965, during the march on Selma), and Barack Obama (including being woven into a rug in the Oval Office). But none of them thought—and none of us should imagine—that the arc of the moral universe somehow bends on its own; the lesson of history is that human beings, through their attitudes and actions, determine whether, and how much, or how quickly, that arc does, or does not, bend toward justice.



So it is that events in recent weeks and months have challenged our optimism about achieving social justice. The Supreme Court, mistaking equality for equity, overturned affirmative action in higher education; even though disallowing race-conscious admissions will primarily affect highly selective institutions, the Court’s disregard for the multiple consequences of social, economic, and educational inequity speaks loudly of a retreat from principle and an endorsement of regressive social policy. That decision did not bend the arc of history toward justice, nor did the Court’s refusal to let stand regulations that would have provided substantial student debt relief. The highest court of the land also agreed that the state of Colorado could not enforce an anti-discrimination law against a website designer who believed creating wedding content for same-sex couples violated her First Amendment rights. [In her dissent](#), Justice Sonia Sotomayor, supported by Justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson, noted that the decision was “a sad day in American constitutional law and in the lives of LGBTQ people.” One cannot help but notice that it was the five male justices who rendered that decision and three female justices who dissented; this Supreme Court has already restricted women’s reproductive rights in last year’s *Dobbs* decision, overturning *Roe v. Wade* (1973), and now the male justices have allowed discrimination against LGBTQ people. This is no surprise; homophobia and misogyny have always been close allies. But now, what other businesses may decide not to provide services to protected classes of Americans based on a similarly flawed interpretation of freedom of speech? Indeed, what will be the future of “protected classes”? The Court’s last two terms have not bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice.

Still, our work for social justice has survived many earlier challenges; we stand where we do in the arc of history because of the courage and sacrifices of the leaders, activists, and voters who came and served before us. In his “I Have A Dream” speech in 1963, Dr. King said, “Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children,” and Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office, said, “Hope will never be silent” and “We can set examples so that others will follow. We can start overnight.” Assassins ended both of their lives, but their messages live on and resonate with each other: *now is the time*. Perhaps the recent judicial challenges to equity and inclusion will inspire more of us to continue the struggle that so painfully inhabits the core of American culture. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the abolitionist who wrote “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,”

understood the importance of continuing the push forward: **“Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”**

Certainly, the Academy is not giving up. I remain hopeful for the future, and I look to this Fellowship as a source and reflection of that hope. Within our Fellowship we have extraordinary richness in the most important kind of resources—the Fellows whose leadership continues to advance our mission and improve health equity. Different backgrounds and experiences have shaped our perspectives and opinions, and they may vary—but we share the values that guide us and bring meaning and purpose to our work. In October, we will welcome a [new class of Fellows](#) whose experience and achievements will add so much more to our collective ability and talent—and help chart the future for our next 50 years.

Tomorrow, we will announce the slate for the 2023 Academy Election Cycle. This year, we had a record number of nominations. I thank the [Nominating Committee](#) for their work; it was no small task to create a ballot when there were so many outstanding candidates. Please remember to vote in the Academy election; by voting, your will help to shape the future direction of the organization, just as voting in a public election gives you the power to shape local or national policy. The new members of the Board, in collaboration with Academy committee members and National Advisory Councils, will be working under the leadership of Dr. Linda Scott to develop the Academy’s next strategic plan in 2024. Think of voting as an obligation of Fellowship!

Later this month, the Academy will announce our 2023 Living Legends and Honorary Fellows. The Board and the Living Legend Taskforce had to decide among so many accomplished individuals whose work has been sustained over time and amplified through their leadership and legacy. Honoring the long-term leaders who champion the profession within nursing or from other fields is the unique privilege of the Academy.

I return in closing to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who, 55 years after his assassination, still brings us strength: “We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream,” and to Harvey Milk, who said, “The more people open their hearts to us, the less we will have to fight for our rights.” Now, in July, let us open our hearts, give more love to the world, and hear the voice of Nina Simone,

*True love blooms for the world to see
True love blooms for the world to see
Blooms high upon the July tree.*

Sincerely,



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

Board Approved Actions and Discussion Items

- Accepted the names of the 2023 Class of New Fellows and received recommendations regarding the selection process from the Fellow Selection Committee
- Approved the 2023 Living Legends (announcement to come in July)
- Approved the 2023 Honorary Fellows (announcement to come in July)
- Discussed the Fellow membership renewal rate, which exceeded the organization’s goals, as well as the increase in requests for Emeritus status (up 14% in 2023)
- Accepted the International Taskforce Report (more information to be released in the fall)
- Approved the name and description for a new American Academy of Nursing award focused on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (more information to be released this fall)
- Selected the Gold Award recipient (more information to be released this fall)
- Approved a consensus paper to be developed by the Quality Health Care, Acute & Critical Care, and Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panels on Transforming Nurse Staffing
- Reviewed the Academy’s Business as well as Directors and Officers Insurance Policies
- Discussed the importance of the Academy receiving Candid’s Platinum Status in non-profit transparency
- Approved revisions to the organization’s Annual Budget Policy and Policy on Budget Variance to align with the organization’s new bylaws and growth in the Academy’s operations
- Held a strategic visioning session on the Academy’s identity in a global context

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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 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 policy actions that directly impact health and health care.



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[Registration](#) for the 2023 Health Policy Conference, *Celebrating 50 Years of Leadership, Policy, and Partnerships*, taking place in Washington, DC this October 5-7 is open. Attendees will be inspired by diverse, interprofessional speakers who will challenge them to expand their knowledge and enhance their partnerships to impact policy toward a more just future. The Academy welcomes all those interested in attending—from students, to stakeholders, to Fellows—to learn together as we continue to strive for equity, diversity, and inclusivity. [Learn more.](#)

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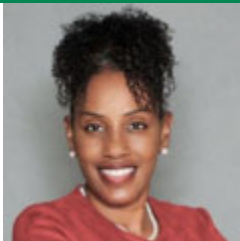


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Fellow Achievements



Kenya V. Beard, EdD, AGACNP-BC, ANEF, FAAN, has been named as the **inaugural Dean of the Mercy College School of Nursing**.

Dr. Beard was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

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Gina Brown, PhD, MSA, RN, FAAN, Dean, Howard University College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, has received the **2023 National Humanism in Medicine Medal from the Gold Foundation**.

Dr. Brown was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

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Richard G. Cuming, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, has been named the **Chief Operating Officer of ChristianaCare**.

Dr. Cuming was inducted into the Academy in 2016. He currently serves on the LGBTQ+ Health and Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panels.

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Stephen A. Ferrara, DNP, FAAN, Associate Dean and Associate Professor at Columbia University School of Nursing, has begun his **Presidency of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)**.

Dr. Ferrara was inducted into the Academy in 2020. He currently serves on the Primary Care Expert Panel.

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Ann Marie P. Mauro, PhD, RN, CNL, CNE, ANEF, FAHA, FAAN, has been named the **Joan Hansen Grabe Dean of the Hunter College School of Nursing**.

Dr. Mauro was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and has been a CANS member since 2015. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

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Angela M. McNelis, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, CNE, has been selected as the new **Assistant Dean of the Vanderbilt School of Nursing PhD in Nursing Science Program**.

Dr. McNelis was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

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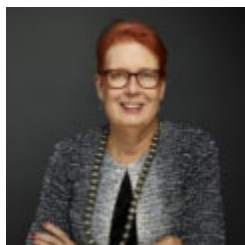
Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, CRNP-Neonatal, FNAP, FAAN, has been named the next **Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)**.

Dr. Ogbolu was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

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Janice Phillips, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN, has been named the **Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health**.

Dr. Phillips was inducted into the Academy in 2000. She currently serves on the Environmental and Public Health Expert Panel.

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Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, Dean of NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, has received the **2023 National Humanism in Medicine Medal from the Gold Foundation**.

Dr. Sullivan-Marx was inducted into the Academy in 1997 and has been a CANS member since 2019. She is the immediate past president of the Academy.

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Fellow Highlights

The American Academy of Nursing congratulates the following Fellows for receiving a [DAISY Nurse Leader Award in Policy](#): **Sheila Burke**, MPA, BSN, FAAN, **Robin Cogan**, MEd, RN, NCSN, FNASN, FAAN, **Catherine Dodd**, PhD, RN, FAAN, and **Beth Luthy**, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP, FAAN.

The American Academy of Nursing congratulates the following Fellows for receiving awards from the [Gerontological Society of America](#): **Bei Wu**, PhD, FGSA, FAGHE, FAAN (Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Productive Aging) and **J. Taylor Harden**, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN (Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award).

Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN is a co-author of the [article](#), "Cognitive assessment in primary care: Practical recommendations," published in *The Nurse Practitioner*.

Ashley Darcy-Mahoney, PhD, NNP-BC, FAAN, **Karen Drenkard**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, **Barbara Nichols**, MS, RN, FAAN, and **Jing Wang**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, are among the nurses featured in the [Campaign for Action's series](#) on equity-minded nursing.

Matt Tierney, MS, FAAN, is the first author of the [paper](#) "Reducing Drug Overdose Deaths: Significant Changes Needed in US Drug Treatment Policy," published in the *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*.

In Memoriam



E. Jane Martin, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor Emerita, West Virginia University (WVU) School of Nursing, passed away on July 1, 2023.

Dr. Martin began her academic nursing career as Associate Dean for Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh, then the Dean of the School of Nursing at Akron University. The majority of Dr. Martin's impressive career was spent as Dean and then Interim Provost at WVU. She was a founding member of the American Holistic Nursing Association and elected member of the National Academies of Practice in Nursing.

Dr. Martin was inducted into the Academy in 1990.

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