



American Academy of Nursing Announces 2019-2020 Jonas Policy Scholars

Funded by Jonas Philanthropies, Program Transforms Nurse Scholars into Emerging Policy Experts

Washington, DC (October 3, 2019)—The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) today announced the six individuals selected to participate in the newly re-envisioned Academy Jonas Policy Scholars Program. Funded by a generous grant from [Jonas Philanthropies](#), the program provides scholars with a two-year experience focused on mentoring, policy, and engagement. New features of the program include the addition of thought-provoking Peer-to-Peer on Policy webinars, a three-day Policy Immersive located in Washington, DC, and the formation of the National Policy Mentoring Council (NPMC).

“The Academy is thrilled to continue its strong partnership with Jonas Philanthropies through this new cohort of Jonas Policy Scholars,” said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN. “The 2019-2020 Scholars will have incredible opportunities to learn from each other and with the many leaders in the Academy. They will become familiar with the policy process and engage both within and outside of the profession as they help advance the Academy’s policy priorities.”

The new cohort of six Academy Jonas Policy Scholars, listed below, will work closely with the Academy’s policy staff to promote the [policy priorities](#) of the Academy.

- Lucine Francis, PhD, RN - John Hopkins University School of Nursing
- Kelly McGlothen-Bell, PhD, RN - University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- Darina Petrovsky, PhD, RN - University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
- Tamra Shea, PhD, RN – Western Carolina University School of Nursing
- Whitney Thurman, PhD, RN – University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, Health Outcomes Division
- Carli Zegers, PhD, APRN – University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies

“This re-envisioned program will further enhance leadership and policy skills among these six scholars, empowering them to be change agents who will inform nurse-led policy and influence key decision makers in support of the policy priorities of the Academy,” says Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN, Executive Director of Jonas Nursing and Veteran’s Healthcare. “We’re truly grateful to the NPMC members for their dedication and mentoring to help grow the next generation of Jonas Policy Scholars.”

Through the introduction of the National Policy Mentoring Council (NPMC), made up of highly distinguished Fellows who will serve as mentors, the scholars will be supported as they understand, communicate, and engage in the public policy process. The Academy is proud to have Fellows who are recognized leaders in policy and practice from the NPMC including:

- Deborah Gross, DNSC, RN, FAAN, Leonard and Helen Stulman Endowed Professor in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, Johns Hopkins University (Chair)
- Kathleen Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Rush University
- Stephanie Ferguson, PhD, RN, FAAN, President and CEO, Stephanie L. Ferguson & Associates, LLC.
- Rebecca Freeman, PhD, RN, FAAN, Interim Chief Nursing Informatics Officer, University of Vermont Health Network
- Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN, Assistant Vice President—Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Lori Trego, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing

Members of the NPMC selected this year’s Jonas Policy Scholars based on their evidence of scholarship, leadership experience, and demonstrated passion for policy. Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN, Academy CEO, and Dr. Montalvo, an incoming Fellow of the Academy, will serve as ex officio members of the NPMC.

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The [American Academy of Nursing](#) (Academy) serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership. The Academy’s more than 2,600 Fellows are nursing’s most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, research, and policy. They have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and healthcare.

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