Policy Updates

Marriage Equality »» Earlier this week, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of same-sex marriage bans during a rare two day session. As an early advocate, the Academy supports marriage equality. Marriage equality has major implications for health. Many researchers have emphasized clear links between the marriage rights and health, including the adverse health impact of stigma and discrimination, as well as lack of access to health care and other benefits.

The Code of Ethics for Nurses (2001) compels us to "practice with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth and uniqueness of every individual." The Academy has a strong record of opposing health inequities and advancing a culturally competent workforce. Marriage equality will improve access to high-quality, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, dignified and respectful health care for all persons. Along with many healthcare associations, the Academy hopes the Justices will stand on the right side of history. Read more about the Academy's work to end marriage discrimination »

Contraceptive Coverage »» The Academy signed onto the National Women's Law Center amicus brief for one of the lawsuits challenging the federal contraceptive coverage benefit, brought by a for-profit company who wants to deny its employees this benefit. The brief explains in detail the compelling government interests furthered by the contraceptive coverage benefit. Specifically, requiring plans to provide contraceptive coverage without cost-sharing is critical to women’s health. Requiring no-cost contraceptive coverage also promotes gender equality, addressing gender gaps in the provision of health care and improving women’s social and economic outcomes more generally.
Federal Appropriations »» At the request of the Coalition for Health Funding, the largest nonprofit alliance working to preserve and strengthen public health investments, the Academy co-signed a letter to Congressional appropriators urging appropriate 302(b) funding allocations. For the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees, health agencies include NIH, CDC, HRSA, AHRQ, SAMHSA and Administration on Aging, among others.

Spring Cleaning???

As we enjoy preparing for the Academy's 40th anniversary, please look in your basement files to see if you have any of the conference programs from 1993 or earlier years. The Academy would love to move them from your files to ours. Let us know!

Fellow Achievements

Karen Meneses, PhD, RN, FAAN, received a two-year, $150,000 grant from the Women's Breast Health Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for a project, "The Young Breast Cancer Survivorship Network (YBCSN)." In February 2013, the network hosted its first conference to offer pre-menopausal survivors education and support, increase public and family awareness about the special needs of young survivors, and facilitate networking among survivors.

Marie Bakitas, DNSc, APRN, NP-C, AOCN, ACHPN, FAAN, joined UAB School of Nursing as the Marie L. O'Koren Endowed Chair and Professor with a secondary appointment in the UAB School of Medicine. She is nationally and internationally recognized for her extensive contributions to the fields of oncology nursing and palliative care.

Diane L. Krasner, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been selected for Lead, a leadership development program designed for

2013 AONE Awards

Ann Marie T. Brooks, RN, DNSc, MBA, FAAN, FACHE, FNAP, received the AONE Mentor Award for her vision, passion for excellence, creativity and advocacy to build leadership capacity, create professional practice environments and enhance the voice of nurses at all levels.

Victoria L. Rich, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the AONE Prism Diversity Award for creating and cultivating globally-recognized diversity systems that have become a model for health care organizations.

Beatrice J. Kalisch, PhD, RN, FAAN,
Dr. Krasner is part of the third Lead cohort of 20 select nurse educators from colleges and universities around the United States chosen to study for a year under the direction of NLN CEO Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN.

**Joan Shinkus Clark**, DNP, FAAN, received the 2013 CNL Visionary Leader Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), one of just two awards presented by the national organization.

**Kelly Goudreau**, DNS, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, received the President’s Award from National Association of Clinical Nurse (NACNS). This award was established in 2012 to honor individuals or groups who contribute significantly toward the accomplishment of the NACNS’ mission.

**Mary Lou Sole**, PhD, RN, CCNS, CNL, FAAN, FCCM, coordinator of UCF's Clinical Nurse Specialist master's and doctoral tracks, also earned from NACNS the Researcher of the Year Award

**Patricia Berry**, PhD, RN, ACHPN, FAAN, FPCN, received the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association’s Distinguished Career Achievement Award for making a major contribution in the area of research and development, career, or education in palliative nursing.

Have News to Share?  
Let us know!
Sharon Farley, PhD, RN, FAAN, died on February 24. She made enormous contributions to Indiana University School of Nursing as executive associate dean for Academic Programs and interim dean bringing to these roles the same sense of community participation and empowerment that defined her entire professional career. Previously as associate dean then interim dean at Auburn University, she led a nine-year W. K. Kellogg Foundation project that transformed two of Alabama's poorest counties, allowing many elderly to stay in safe homes with running water and children with much needed tutoring and health care in school-based clinics. Fellow Angela McBride writes, "Her legacy lives on at IUPUI where Sharon's Garden is located. Concerned about quality-of-life issues, Dr. Farley paid for the landscaping in the back of the school of nursing, so everyone entering from that side would feel the lift of a graceful bush or flowering plant. She planted so many "good things" in each one of us, and now it is up to us to continue to bloom in appreciation of her cultivating efforts."

Janet Rodgers, PhD, RN, FAAN, died on February 17 from respiratory complications. A pioneer in many ways, she was dean of the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science from 1987 until 2001, a former president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and the first nurse and first woman to serve as chair of the Scripps Health Board of Trustees.

Membership News

Deadline extended! IOM Nurse Scholar in Residence applications due by April 5. Apply online »

Remember to nominate Fellows for 2013 Leadership Positions. Open positions include president-elect, board treasurer, board member, fellow selection committee, and nominating committee. Fellows in good standing may self-nominate or nominate another Fellow. Nominations are due by April 2. Nominate online »

Nominate a Living Legend or Honorary Fellow. Applications are due by May 10.

Career Opportunities

LSU Health, School of Nursing, Endowed Chair of Nursing

Want to share a career
The endowed chair of nursing will have the opportunity to engage in collaborative research within LSUHSC and the hospitals comprising the LSUHSC Health Care Services Division to conduct clinical nursing and interprofessional research. These research findings are expected to support state-of-the-science clinical nursing practice and mission of the School of Nursing. More information & to apply »

See other opportunities on the Academy site »

**Corrections**: In the March 15 edition, the citations for the AJN awards should have been listed as 1) Anne Cockerham, PhD, CNM, WHNP-BC, and Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN, FAAN. *Rooted in the Mountains, Reaching to the World: Stories of Nursing and Midwifery at Kentucky's Frontier School, 1939–1989*; and 2) Carole Kenner, PhD, RNC, FAAN. *Learning IOM: Implications of the Institute of Medicine Reports for Nursing Education*. (Also see, AJN award page)

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