President's Message: Early Birds

At last year’s annual business meeting, a fellow questioned the price of the registration for the annual conference. The board was able to explain that an analysis of comparable meetings in Washington, DC, showed that the Academy's conference might actually be underpriced, particularly since the registration fee includes the cost to attend special events such as the Living Legends Ceremony and Reception and the Induction of New Fellows and Soiree. We rolled up these costs into one registration fee at the request of fellows who said that they could get reimbursed for a conference registration fee but not separate fees for special events at the conference.

The fellow who questioned the cost of the conference shared the registration fee she paid. She had not taken advantage of the Early Bird Registration that significantly discounts the registration fee. **Today is the last day to take advantage of this lower registration fee! Click [here](http://example.com) to register now.** It's the best deal in town.

If you're on social media, look for updates on the conference on our Facebook page and Twitter. We hope those of you who tweet will do so about the conference, whether before, during or after. We’re using the hashtag #aan15. My thanks to fellow Mona Shattell and Academy Communications Manager Elyse Petroni for developing a new social media strategy for the conference.

This year’s program is stellar, thanks to a superb Planning Committee chaired by Ramon Lavandero, Bernice Coleman and Susan Albrecht, with help from Academy Director of Member Engagement and Events, Jocelyn Cunic, and CEO, Cheryl Sullivan. You can see the various plenaries, keynote, endnote, and policy dialogues on the website. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President Risa Lavizzo-Mourey will open the conference and our own Mary Wakefield, now Acting Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services, will provide the closing remarks. These sessions and all of the panels will include moderated discussions with the speakers and the audience. This year's policy dialogues focus on community benefit, gender violence in the military and universities, integrating behavioral health and primary care, transitions of care, and vaccination policies.

The networking opportunities are exceptional and we'll have many opportunities to celebrate the work that all of us are doing. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
Last Day for Early Bird Registration! Register Early & Save.

Conference Sponsorship: 15 Days Left to Submit Ads!

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Last day for Early Bird Conference Registration:

Register by July 31, to take advantage of lower rates for the annual policy conference.

Nominations for Academy Media and Aging Awards Now Open!

2015 Excellence in Media Award
Recognizing exemplary healthcare journalism with nursing’s contribution and perspective.

The Academy is accepting nominations for the Excellence in Media Award until August 31, 2015. The award recognizes exemplary journalism that reports on health or health care with accurate and appropriate inclusion of nurses’ contributions or perspectives. Submit a nomination for the media award today!

The Academy is also accepting nominations for John A. Hartford Foundation Nurse Leader in Aging award until August 26, 2015. The award is designed to recognize leadership and significant achievements, contributions, productivity, competence and mentorship in the field of aging. Submit a nomination for the aging award today!

Deadline for Edge Runner Applications Approaching:

The deadline for new Edge Runner applications this quarter is September 1, 2015. Nursing has the answer to the many problems that plague our health system and Edge Runners are the practical innovators who have led the way
in bringing new thinking and new methods to a wide range of health care challenges.

Learn more and submit applications through the Academy website.

RWJF's Culture of Health Initiative Now Includes Evidence for Action Endependent Investigator Award Program

The UCSF Center for Health and Community has been chosen by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to lead the Foundation’s “Evidence for Action” initiative. Along with that honor comes $9 million to support research on how specific interventions and policy changes may improve population health, well-being and equity.

Learn more about the program and how to submit a proposal.

In Memoriam:

Gail Ann Harkness, DrPH, RN, FAAN, died at Mary McCarthy Care Hospice House, on July 19, 2015.

Gail was a nationally and internationally known professor of nursing in education, research and was a prolific author. She served in faculty and leadership roles at Northern Illinois University, Boston University, University of New Hampshire and Boston College. She was Dean and Professor at the School of Nursing at Boston University. In 1997, she moved to Leeds, England where she led the University's amalgamation of five schools into the university and developed several new specialty programs. Today her British colleagues credit the ongoing success of the program to Gail's leadership.

Gail was chosen as one of the first Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars and pursued post-doctoral study of infectious disease at the University of Rochester. In 1985, the Foundation sponsored a series of lectures given by Gail and a colleague in six cities throughout Japan.

Gail's research focused on hospital acquired infections, publishing widely in professional journals. In addition, she authored three leading nursing textbooks used by many students in the U.S. and around the world. In 2006, she received a Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing for the text "Epidemiology in Nursing Practice".

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be sent to the Falmouth Service Center, P.O. Box 208, Falmouth, MA., 02541.

Fellow Achievements:

Jeannette Crenshaw, DNP, RN, IBCLC, LCCE, FACCE, NEA-BC, FAAN, was elected by the members of the United States Breastfeeding Committee to serve in the office of chair-

Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FNAP, FAAN, associate professor at Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Nursing was one of 150 people invited to participate in the White House Forum on Antibiotic
elect, a three-year term (chair elect, chair, past chair). She will assume her new elected position on August 7, during the two-day summer meeting. The United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) is an independent nonprofit organization that was formed in 1998 in response to the **Innocenti Declaration** of 1990, of which the United States Agency for International Development was a co-sponsor. The USBC is now a coalition of more than 50 organizations that support its mission to drive collaborative efforts for policy and practices that create a landscape of breastfeeding support across the United States.

**Mary Kate FitzPatrick, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN,** was appointed by the University of Vermont Medical Center to the executive leadership position of chief nursing officer, effective September 21, 2015. FitzPatrick will also play an integral role with the UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The appointment was made following a comprehensive six-month national search.

**Career Opportunities**

(Following are Paid Announcements)

**Director, Center for Nursing Leadership, University of South Carolina**

The **Director for the Center for Nursing Leadership** oversees the four major activities of the Center to include: 1) state-wide action coalition/One Voice One Plan; 2) Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership program; 3) SC Office of Healthcare Workforce Research for Nursing; 4) Continuing Education Provider. In addition, the Director will serve as a collaborator and faculty in the DNP Nurse Executive program. This position reports directly to the Dean with an appointment rank of Clinical Associate or Clinical Professor.

[Full position details and how to apply.](#)

See other opportunities on the Academy jobs site.

Advertise your employment opportunities or special announcements in FAAN Mail.