President's Message: Opportunity of a Lifetime

Wish you had a year to do a deep dive into the policy dimensions of a health-related issue? Maybe it's tangential to your program of scholarship but you've become passionate about it, just struggling to find the time to pursue it. Or perhaps you've realized that there is another aspect of your longstanding work that you'd like to develop.

The AAN/ANF/ANA Distinguished IOM Nurse Scholar in Residence provides an exceptional opportunity to do this work, if it's aligned with the interests of the IOM and one of the three sponsoring organizations. The details of the 2015-2016 opportunity can be found at http://www.aannet.org/iom-scholar. Perhaps you're applying for a sabbatical for the 2016-2017 academic year. In recognition that some potential scholars need more lead time to plan such a residency, the Academy will be opening up the application process shortly after the April 1, 2015, deadline for the 2015-2016 applicants.

In February, the IOM released Empowering Women and Strengthening Health Systems And Services Through Investing In Nursing And Midwifery Enterprise: Lessons From Lower-Income Countries, a report from a workshop that was based on the work of the 2012-2013 IOM Scholar, Marla Salmon. This week, Salmon hosted at the IOM an international forum on this topic. It serves as a fine example of how the Distinguished IOM Nurse Scholar is an opportunity not just for our fellows, but for bringing nursing perspectives to interprofessional forums.

This is not a retirement opportunity! We are seeking fellows who have an interest in pursuing a line of policy-related inquiry, particularly for those who want to explore new ideas or delve more deeply into long-standing interests that they will continue to pursue after the residency is over. It's a great opportunity and I hope you will talk with some of your colleagues who are Academy Fellows about applying.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Welcome New Academy Staff!

Joshua Phoebus, Development Manager: Josh joined us last month from the National Alliance for Caregiving and brings significant fundraising experience as the Finance Director for a number of national candidates for public office. We are excited to have him work with the Academy Development Committee to build on accomplishments to date. Promoting the
The culture of philanthropy is important to secure support for opportunities that may not otherwise be funded. You will be hearing from Josh!

**Matt Williams, Policy Manager:** We are thrilled that Matt joined us this week as one of our two policy managers in the Academy. Matt earned a masters in Bioethics and also a law degree. He joins us from the Indiana University Center for Health Policy, located at the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health. Matt is the staff liaison to the Bioethics, Building Health Care System Excellence, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Genetic Nursing and Health Care, and Quality Expert Panels.

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**GLMA & Academy Partner on LGBT Amicus Brief**

The Academy partnered with GLMA and lawfirm, Sullivan & Worcester to submit a [friend-of-the-court brief](#) on Friday, March 6, to the US Supreme Court, providing a collective voice in support of marriage equality for a set of cases to be heard in late April.

“We are proud to partner with the Academy to unite the voice of the nation’s most accomplished leaders in nursing with the nation’s leaders in LGBT health to advocate for marriage equality and the health benefits it brings,” said GLMA’s President, Henry NG, MD, MPH, FAAP, FACP, in an email sent to GLMA members.

Read the joint [press release](#) issued by the three organizations.

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**Nominate a Fellow for a Leadership Position Today!**

The Academy is now accepting nominations for leadership positions on the board and committees.

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**Living Legend & Honorary Fellow Nominations**

2015 [Living Legend](#) and [Honorary Fellow](#) nominations are now being accepted through May 8th.

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**Fellow Achievements**

**Sheila Burke, RN, MPA, FAAN,** has been named to Accolade’s Board of Directors. Burke was chief of staff to senator Bob Dole from 1986 to 1996, and has been a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and Board of Trustees.

**Carole Kenner, PhD, RN, FAAN,** dean and professor at the School of Nursing, Health and Exercise Science at The College of New Jersey, has been elected to the Prevent Blindness Board of Directors. In addition to her work with Prevent Blindness, Dr. Kenner also serves as a Board
Janet Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship, is one of six Indiana University researchers promoted this year to the rank of Distinguished Professor, the highest academic rank the university can bestow upon its faculty.

Maria Williams O'Rourke, PhD, RN, FAAN, was selected by Scottsdale Healthcare as the Inaugural Distinguished Scholar in residence. The Scholars program is part of the newly developed Center for Excellence, housed within a service/practice setting with Magnet designation. O'Rouke serves the honor of being the first distinguished scholar. A key aspect of her role will be to guide the development of the Center's Professional Practice Model and assist the Governance Councils with embedding the PPM into everyday day practice.

Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

Associate Dean for Research College of Nursing, South Dakota State University

South Dakota State University College of Nursing is seeking nominations and applications for a dynamic and experienced leader to serve as Associate Dean for Research. The Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing is a vital member of the leadership team who leads the Office of Nursing Research and facilitates programs of research and scholarly productivity among faculty and students.

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

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