In the aftermath of the presidential election, I believe we are all still reeling from the level of incivility we have noted in the public discourse. I remind myself that the development of health policy that drives decisions and structures for the health of our society is not for the faint of heart. I worry that what we have observed may distract us from our mission as an Academy of fellows dedicated to transforming health, policy and practice.

I personally underestimated the range of sentiments within our country about racism and the intolerance of alternate views. I am in shock at the post-election emergence of even bolder displays of racism, symbols of white supremacy and anti-Semitism, and disregard for basic human decency. The protests remind me of the antiwar demonstrations of the 1970’s – but the protests today are perhaps more poignant in that they depict a growing uncertainty, anger, and despair in our young people.
However, as the saying goes, “this isn’t our first Rodeo.” We have faced many hard times in our country and emerged more resolute and resilient. The Academy has a critical role in shaping policy that improves the health of all populations, assures health equity, and eliminates bias, racism and intolerance. If you were seeking major change in our country and are energized by the election outcome, please seek a way forward that preserves our values of equality, civility, and human rights. Our society must not tolerate, empower, or celebrate racism, sexism, or discrimination against any group of individuals. For those dismayed and frightened by the outcome of the election, remember that work lies ahead to seek solutions for what divides us.

I am more resolved than ever that the Academy is well positioned to provide a forum for ways to assure our deep commitment to improving the health of our nation’s population and the populations across the globe. I believe we have the tools and talent to create and inform our policymakers about solutions. I would like all of the Academy’s expert panels to convene a dialogue about how to influence policy that solves problems and seeks opportunities to create a just, progressive, and prosperous society for all of our people.

It will take time for me to heal from the incivility we have observed and experienced. However, I understand that it does not define us; let it empower us to do better!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
President

Revised Academy Diversity and Inclusivity Statement

During their meeting at the Academy’s 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference, the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee revised the Academy’s Diversity and Inclusivity Statement to include the words “equity”
Policy Update

The American Academy of Nursing is pleased to co-sign the Nursing Community's letter to the presidential transition team outlining the core principles as a coalition and the overarching principles from the Nursing Community's 2009 Commitment to Quality Health Reform Document.

Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation 2017 Faculty Scholars Program

With support from the Macy Foundation, scholars will implement new educational innovations at their home institutions and participate in career development activities; salary support is offered up to $100,000 per year for two years. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2017. For instructions on how to apply to the program, visit the website and read the 2017 program brochure.

Appointments: Institute for Nursing Leadership

Congratulations to Therese S. Richmond, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, on her appointment to the US Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. The Committee will examine current scientific evidence and submit recommendations to the HHS Secretary with rationales to inform the development and implementation of the nation's disease prevention and health promotion objectives for Healthy People 2030. Dr. Richmond is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Her research focuses on the interaction of physical injuries and their psychological consequences in order to reduce post-injury disability and improve recovery. Dr. Richmond was inducted into
the Academy in 1994, and is a member of the Acute & Critical Care Expert Panel.

#Giving Tuesday: Thank You!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our fellows, the Academy is pleased to announce that we raised $23,600 on #GivingTuesday (November 29). Our collective ability to raise more than double the $10,000 #GivingTuesday goal is a testament to the commitment that fellows display every day to the Academy’s mission, and their willingness to support that mission with their philanthropy. Thank you very much to all who participated!

Support the Academy

Reminder: The conference call for President’s Circle members with Academy President Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, is next Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. EST. If you are a President’s Circle member and would like to participate on the call, please send your RSVP to the Academy’s Development Manager, Joshua Phoebus, at Joshua_Phoebus@AANnet.org. He will then send you the call-in number and passcode.

Please click here to donate to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund!

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In Memoriam

The Academy mourns the loss of Jacqueline Hott, PhD, APRN, CS, FAAN, who passed away on November 24 at the age of 91. Dr. Hott was an integral part of the Adelphi University College of Nursing & Public Health for four decades. She joined the faculty in 1967, served as dean (1984-1989), and became dean emeritus in 1990. In 2015, the Dean's Conference Room in the College's new building was named in her honor. Specializing in psychiatric nursing, Dr. Hott began to study sex therapy in 1972. She became certified as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric mental health nursing and sex therapy. Her book, Notter's Essentials of Nursing Research, co-written with former student Wendy C. Budin, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, has had six editions. Dr. Hott was inducted into the Academy in 1976, and served on the Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Expert Panel and the Health Behavior Expert Panel. Madeline Naegle, PhD, CNS-PMH-BC, FAAN, professor emerita of NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, described Dr. Hott as “a talented, brilliant teacher and counselor” whose “commitment to nursing, family, friends and patients are great examples for us all.” Many at the Academy’s policy conference in October will fondly recall Dr. Hott and her former student, Dr. Budin, on stage leading one of the Healthy Interludes.

Fellow Achievements

Martha Curley, PhD, RN, FAAN, 
Pamela Kulbok DNSc, RN, APHN-
professor in Nursing Science at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) School of Nursing and professor of Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine at Penn’s Perelman School of Medicine, has been elected for membership to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine. Election to NAM is one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals demonstrating outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. Dr. Curley is a leading clinical researcher in nurse-implemented therapies for acute respiratory failure in pediatric patients. She was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1988.

BC, FAAN recently received the Ruth B. Freeman Award from the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association. The award acknowledges her distinguished 43-year career in public health education and research. Dr. Kulbok, a professor in Primary Care Nursing, University of Virginia School of Nursing, is an expert in drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention in adolescents, with a special emphasis on the identification of protective influences related to nonsmoking in rural, tobacco-producing counties. An active member and leader of national organizations, Dr. Kulbok was inducted into the Academy in 2010.

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PHNs to improve health. She also leads, the Omaha System Community of Practice, a grassroots international organization that work to improve and standardize public health practice, data collection, and outcome reporting. Dr. Monsen was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities

(The following are Paid Announcements)

Associate Professor/Professor; Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership; University of Michigan School of Nursing

The University of Michigan School of Nursing, Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership, is seeking an outstanding scholar with an established program of research in cancer science. The successful candidate will be energized about their science and enthusiastic about mentoring others. The selected candidate will move their program of research to the University of Michigan and use it as a role model for development and mentoring of students and junior faculty members.

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