President’s Message: Partners Matter

Take a look at the list of Academy Initiatives on our website (www.aannet.org/initiatives) and I believe it will be obvious that we are all about partnerships. Raise the Voice is bringing together our Edge Runners with partners, often consumers, who can help them leverage their talents and spread their innovations. Our Expert Panels produce policy briefs and papers that highlight policy actions that the Academy initiates through partnerships with other organizations, institutions, and agencies who can bring solutions to problems. We have joined with the American Nurses Association and the American Nurses Foundation and many other nursing organizations to create the Nurses on Boards Coalition, dedicated to placing 10,000 nurses on boards by the year 2020. The Academy has launched its Institute for Nursing Leadership by naming a National Advisory Council to place nurses in pivotal positions to impact local, state, and national policy through service on governmental commissions and boards. Our longstanding partnership with the National Academy of Medicine (IOM) to appoint an Academy member to the IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Resident program is jointly sponsored by AAN, ANA and ANF and provides an opportunity for us collectively to leverage contributions to health policy.

These are only a few examples of where the Academy serves as a strong partner to create a force for change and promote healthy populations. I am committed to this power that partnering can generate. In fact, along with my colleague and Academy Fellow, Pam Cipriano, President of the American Nurses Association, we have just written a joint column for American Nurse Today highlighting some of our collaborative work. Partners matter, and I urge you all to engage with one of our many initiatives and programs and add your voice and expertise to our growing partnerships.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Updates

The Academy is pleased to participate as an amicus (friend-of-the-court) party in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to once again affirm longstanding precedent and uphold a woman’s constitutional right to access safe and legal abortion services. The brief in Whole Woman’s Health v. Cole filed with the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, January 4, argues that Texas’ regulation of
health care to advance political objectives unrelated to health is an example of harmful legislative interference. The Academy joined the National Physicians Alliance, Center for American Progress D/B/A Doctors for America, American Nurses Association, and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

**Academy Staff**

CEO Cheryl Sullivan announced the promotion of Jocelyn Cunic to Chief Operating Officer of the American Academy of Nursing. Cunic previously held the Academy position of Director, Member Engagement and Events. As COO, Cunic oversees the financial management, human resources, membership stewardship, and technology operations of the Academy. Congratulations, Jocelyn, on your new role!

**2016 Dues Renewal**

Less than 1 month left to renew 2016 Dues
(A $100 late fee will be added beginning February 2, 2016)

**2016 Rates**

- Fellow: $495.00
- Emeritus Fellow: $150.00

If you have not yet completed the form to renew your 2016 dues:

- [Click here to pay by check](#) (this is the Academy's preferred payment method)
- [Click here to pay by credit card](#) (the Academy's preferred method of payment is by check, payment by other means is assessed a $6.95 convenience fee)

**Important Dates to Keep in Mind:**

- Renew by **February 1, 2016** to avoid a late fee.
- A $100.00 late fee will be added to the applicable dues rates on **February 2, 2016**.
- If you do not renew your dues by **April 1, 2016** your Academy fellowship will be lapsed.

**2016 Fellowship Application**

We are now accepting 2016 Fellowship Applications. [Click here](#) for more information on the application process.

**AcademyHealth: Opportunity to Work With the Nation’s Leading Delivery Systems**

Start Your Application Now

The U.S. health system has dramatically evolved over the last few years train with leading delivery systems using evidence to improve health and the performance of the health system. AcademyHealt's [Delivery System Science Fellowship](#) offers a year-long learning opportunity for highly-
qualified, post-doctoral researchers to gain more applied experience in a delivery system setting.

As part of this unique fellowship experience, individuals with a background in health services research or related fields are placed within leading delivery systems to apply and enhance their analytic skills and obtain hands-on training and professional development opportunities.

For the 2016 cycle, AcademyHealth is offering placements at eight prestigious host sites:

- Geisinger Health System
- Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine
- Intermountain Healthcare
- Kaiser Permanente Southern California
- Mayo Clinic
- New York University Langone Medical Center
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) and Health Services Research & Development Service (HSR&D)

Practice areas and roles at the specific host sites will depend on the Fellows experience and areas of interest, as well as institutional special interests. Please visit the DSSF Host Site webpage to learn about the unique professional development opportunities offered by each host site.

If you or others in your network are interested in learning more or applying for the 2016 Delivery System Science Fellowship, please visit www.academyhealth.org/dssf for more information, including Fellow testimonials and application information.

Applicants are required to submit a brief Intent to Apply form. Once the form is submitted, candidates will receive a confirmation email with a link to the full application, which requires an analytic writing sample, CV, statement of interest, and two letters of support. All application materials must be submitted by Friday, January 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

**Application Deadline: Friday, January 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET**

For questions, please contact DSSF staff at dssf@academyhealth.org.

### Fellow Achievements

**Billye J. Brown, EdD, RN, FAAN**, was named dean emerita of The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing on Nov. 23, 2015, during a celebration of her 90th birthday hosted by the UT Austin School of Nursing. Dean Emerita Brown was the first dean of the School of Nursing and served from 1968 to 1989. During that time she served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Texas Nurses Association, president of Sigma Theta Tau

**Sophia Chan, PhD, MPH, MEd, RN, RSCN, FFPH, FAAN**, is the Under Secretary for Food and Health in Hong Kong. Before joining the government, Chan was a professor in nursing and director of research at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) School of Nursing.
International (STTI) and co-chair of STTIs Project Advisory Committee, and assistant editor of the Journal of Professional Nursing. Dean Emerita Brown was honored as a Living Legend in 2011 by the American Academy of Nursing.

Leslie H. Nicoll, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, received the Margaret Comferford Freda Award for Editorial Leadership in Nursing publication at the 34th Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Nursing Editors in August. This is the highest award presented by the Academy and recognizes outstanding and sustained contributions to the dissemination of nursing knowledge through published literature.

Allison Squires, PhD, RN, FAAN, received an R01 from AHRQ titled Language Barriers and the Impact on Post-Acute Outcomes in Home Care: A Mixed Methods Study. Dr. Squires also published a book, titled The Economics of Health Professions Education and Careers: Insights from a Literature Review. And Dr. Squires conducted a report titled Building Skills in North and Central America: Barriers and Policy Options toward Harmonizing Qualifications in Nursing.

Connie H. Yarbro, MS, RN, FAAN, has been recognized by the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing for her impact on the nursing profession with the Schools Honorary Lifetime Alumni Membership in the Nursing Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society. Yarbro is a nationally recognized oncology nurse leader.

Rick Zoucha, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CTN-A, FAAN, was recently, (this Fall, 2015) installed as the Joseph A. Lauritis, C.S.Sp. Endowed Chair for Teaching and Technology at Duquesne University. He is Professor and Chair of Advanced Role and PhD Programs at the Duquesne University School of Nursing, Pittsburgh PA.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities
(Following are Paid Announcements)

Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center seeks a dynamic leader to facilitate research and scholarship as the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing. Reporting to the College of Nursing Dean, the Associate Dean provides leadership direction for growth of the colleges research and
scholarship programs and maintains active, externally funded research as a Principal Investigator.


Apply by Feb. 1, 2016. EEO/AA

**Director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, Case Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing**

The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (FPB) at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH seeks a Director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. The Director will be responsible for academic and administrative oversight of all aspects of the DNP program including day to day management, faculty development, academic endeavors, student culture and financial/budgeting oversight.

**Please contact confidentially:** Jane Fischer, Tyler & Company. jfischer@tylerandco.com or 610-558-6100.

**Director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program, Case Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing**

The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (FPB) at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH seeks a Director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program. The Director will be responsible for academic and administrative oversight of all aspects of the MSN program including day to day management, faculty development, academic endeavors, student culture and financial/budgeting oversight.

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