President's Message: Critical Conversations About RNs in Primary Care

It has long been an Academy concern that we are not fully educating or utilizing our registered nursing workforce to serve populations who need clear strategies to manage chronic conditions and implement prevention strategies at the individual, family, and community level.

Our fellows have been integral in the movement to restructure the role of the primary care registered nurse to assure they are able to function at the top of their scope and partner in the redesign of primary care. Our Primary Care Expert Panel has been integral to our thinking about the role of RNs in primary care and our fellows have written about the topic, including several President’s Messages in Nursing Outlook and FAAN Mail.

Following the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Conference on Preparing
Following the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Conference on Preparing Registered Nurses for Enhanced Roles in Primary Care, the Academy began a series of regional discussions about how to move the recommendations from the Macy Conference Report into actionable plans with commitment from partners in multiple sectors. These sectors include primary care, academia, health systems, health plans, philanthropy, social work, government, business and others who will be critical to the redesign of primary care.

We know the movement for this change needs to occur locally, regionally, and nationally with the investment and commitment of all partners. Therefore, I invite you to participate! Please view the press releases on our first two events, which were held in Philadelphia and Denver and included fellows as panelists and in attendance. Two additional regional conversations are planned: March 17 at Children’s Mercy in Kansas City, Missouri, and then later in the spring at a California location. Please stay tuned for the specifics on each of these events and plan to attend if possible.

These regional critical conversations are necessary for moving the recommendations forward. However, we know that much more will be required to advance the redesign of primary care. So, please read the Macy Conference Summary full report, as well as the commissioned papers which will be available next month on the Macy Foundation’s website. The Academy is committed to this vision of primary care and invites your participation!

Sincerely,

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

Service Opportunity: US GAO Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has announced it is now accepting letters of nomination to serve on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997,
MedPAC is a nonpartisan legislative branch agency that provides Congress with policy advice on the Medicare program. GAO is now accepting nominations for MedPAC appointments that will be effective **May 1, 2017**. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Please e-mail Kaylen Hickman if you are interested in applying so that the Academy may support your application.

### Appointments

**Marsha Howell Adams PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN**, has been appointed by US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell to serve on the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice. The Council provides advice on policy concerning the nursing workforce, education, and practice. Dr. Adams is dean and professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville College of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

![Marsha Howell Adams](image)

**Tracie Harrison, PhD, RN, CS, FGSA, FAAN**, has been appointed to the Health Care Utilization and Adults with Disabilities Committee at the National Academies of Science and Engineering and Medicine. The ad hoc committee provides analysis of health care utilizations related to impairment severity by identifying utilizations that might be good proxies for “listing-level” severity. Dr. Harrison, associate professor at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, is the sole nurse on the committee. She was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

![Tracie Harrison](image)

**2017 New Fellow Application Deadline: February 13**
The Academy is now accepting 2017 fellowship applications. Help continue the important work of the Academy by identifying potential candidates and assisting them with the application process. Sponsors and candidates should visit www.aannet.org/about/fellowship-application to learn more about the selection process, sponsorship requirements, and to view the 2017 application. The deadline for applications is **February 13, 2017**. Contact Academy COO **Jocelyn Cunic** with any questions.

**Expert Panels: Academy Jonas Policy Scholar Applications Due February 13**

The Academy is accepting applications from expert panels to be assigned an Academy Jonas Policy Scholar. These highly qualified doctoral and post-doctoral students provide critical content-related assistance to expert panels. The deadline is **February 13, 2017**. [Click here for the application](#). Please submit the completed application to Leadership Coordinator **Kaylen Hickman**.

**Academy Now Accepting Edge Runner Applications**

The Academy's Edge Runner application deadline for 2017 is **March 1**. Edge Runner applicants do not need to be fellows. The Edge Runner initiative recognizes and promotes nurse-designed models of care that demonstrate innovative solutions to health care challenges. Learn more about the application process [here](#). Encourage fellows and non-fellows to apply. For specific questions, contact Policy & Grants Manager **Kim Czubaruk**.

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Now Accepting Nominations for Academy's 2017 Excellence in Media Award

The Academy’s Johnson & Johnson Excellence in Media Award recognizes exemplary journalism that reports on health care with accurate and appropriate inclusion of nurses’ contributions or perspectives. Have you read, seen, or heard a piece that meets the award’s criteria? Keep looking for
candidates – the deadline for entries is **August 1, 2017**. Submit an entry by **logging into your account**, and then clicking on “Create Academy 2017 Media Award Entry” under the Awards section of your profile page.

### Fellow Achievements

**Diane Billings, ED, RN, ANEF, FAAN** (right), and **Judith Halstead, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN** (below), received the AJN Book of the Year Award in the Education category for *Teaching in Nursing, A Guide for Faculty*. Dr. Billings, an Academy Living Legend, is professor emeritus at Indiana University School of Nursing, and was inducted into the Academy in 1992. Dr. Halstead, executive director of the NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation, was inducted in 2011.

**Jerry Durham, PhD, RN, FAAN**, recently received the 2016 College of Education Alumni Merit Award from the Southeast Missouri State Alumni Association. The award is presented to alumni who have brought distinction to themselves and the University through professional accomplishments. Dr. Durham has served as professor of nursing and chancellor of Allen College since 2005. Under his leadership, the College has implemented Iowa’s only accelerated baccalaureate nursing program, and started doctoral programs in nursing and health professions education. Dr. Durham was inducted into the Academy in 1991.

**Graham J. McDougall, Jr., PhD, RN, FGSA**, **Susan D. Ruppert, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FNAP, FAAN**,
FAAN, received the 2017 SNRS/Hartford Foundation Geriatric Research Award for his contributions to the practice of geriatric nursing in the area of cognitive aging and memory loss. Dr. McDougall is a professor at Alabama University’s Capstone College of Nursing and Alabama Research Institute on Aging. He is a member of the Aging and Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Expert Panels, and was inducted into the Academy in 2001.

FAAN, has been re-elected as chair of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners for 2017. She also co-chairs the CCNE Accreditation Review Committee and is a member of the 2017 CCNE Standards Committee. Director of the MSN program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, Dr. Ruppert is also editor of the Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice. She was inducted into the Academy in 2012.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities

(The following are Paid Announcements)

Mid-Career Research Scientist Faculty Positions; Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing

Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing in Portland, Oregon seeks mid-career research-intensive faculty scientists at the level of Associate to Full Professor for dual roles in research and Ph.D. education. Candidates’ research programs should align with and advance the School’s Signature Science areas, which are Integrative bio-behavioral research and Health
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