June 28, 2018

Inductees, Fellows, Friends, Family Members, and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2018 Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) Induction Ceremony. It is my honor and privilege to preside over this event on behalf of the FAANP Executive Committee. Thank you for joining us in recognizing our new 2018 Fellows and our 2018 Honorary Fellow, while honoring the collective achievements of all who came before during the history of Fellowship.

Our 2018 FAANP Inductees have dedicated themselves to advancing the nurse practitioner role through contributions in the areas of health policy, education, practice, and research. In addition to bestowing professional recognition, their induction adds opportunities and expectations for sustained support of FAANP programs designed to develop future nurse practitioner leaders and enhance the AANP mission. We believe our 2018 Fellows, will be instrumental in the future success of FAANP strategic initiatives.

The FAANP Executive Committee is also pleased to recognize the American Association of Nurse Practitioners volunteer leadership and staff for their ongoing support of FAANP and its initiatives. We are privileged to be a program of this innovative organization.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Goolsby, EdD, MSN, NP-C, FAANP
Chair—Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners
History of FAANP

The Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) program was established by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2000 to recognize nurse practitioner (NP) leaders who have made outstanding contributions to health care through NP clinical practice, research, education or policy, and to provide a forum to extend and enhance such efforts. In 2013, FAANP became the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners with the merger of two national NP organizations. From Think Tanks to the Mentorship Program, FAANP is dedicated to advancing the NP profession and enhance the AANP mission. FAANP members are visionaries impacting national and global health through priority initiatives, such as the creation and development of leadership and mentorship programs to foster the advancement of nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students. All active members maintain membership in both AANP and FAANP. The FAANP leadership reports to the AANP Board of Directors.

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2018 FAANP Induction
Thursday, June 28, 2018
Evening Program

Welcome
Executive Committee & Honored Guests

2018 Chair Award
2018 Loretta C. Ford Award
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2018 Fellows Induction
Reception Dinner

2018 Loretta C. Ford Award

Barbara M. Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP

Dr. Barbara Resnick is a Professor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, co-directs the Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program and the Biology and Behavior Across the Lifespan Research Center of Excellence, holds the Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, and does clinical work at Roland Park Place. Her research program is focused on optimizing function and physical activity among older adults, facilitating healthy behaviors among older adults across all settings of care, exploring resilience and genetics on function and physical activity, and testing dissemination and implementation of interventions in real world settings. This work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, Agency for Health Care Quality, and Foundations such as the Helen and Leonard Stulman Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Resnick has over 250 published articles, numerous chapters in nursing and medical textbooks, and books on Restorative Care and Resilience in Older adults. She has held leadership positions in multiple organizations including the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Omnicare Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Board, Gerontological Society of American and the American Geriatrics Society. Currently she holds leadership positions on the following boards: The Gerontological Society of America and the American Medical Directors Association Foundation.

As both a clinician and academician, Dr. Resnick has received a number of honors the most recent of which include a 2014 Honorary Doctor of Science from State University of New York on behalf of the SUNY Board of Trustees; the 2015 Dennis W. Jahnigen Memorial Award from the American Geriatrics Society; a 2015 inductee into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame; and the 2015 University of Maryland Regents Award for Mentoring.
Winifred V. Quinn, PhD, FAANP(H)

Dr. Winifred Quinn is the Director of Advocacy & Consumer Affairs in the Center to Champion Nursing in America, an initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Quinn’s passion is to help older adults thrive and to live with dignity and to support their family and friends in achieving peace of mind. She puts her passion into action by working on the policy issues that allow people to choose where to live and to get care, who to get care from, how to obtain this care, and how to have fun.

Dr. Quinn is leading the telehealth policy work for AARP’s think and do tank, the Public Policy Institute (PPI), which has led to PPI’s first telehealth paper, Using Telehealth to Improve Home-Based Care for Older Adults and Family Caregivers. She also supports AARP’s relatively new Enterprise Innovations Group in developing and implementing that team’s virtual reality products for family caregivers.

When it comes to the nursing workforce, Dr. Quinn co-directs a national issue campaign that improves health care through nursing, the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. Her team supports “Action Coalitions” in each state and the District of Columbia that implement the Institute of Medicine’s recommendations from its landmark 2011 report, the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. She sparked and facilitates the Campaign for Action’s diversity work to help ensure a more diverse nursing workforce, faculty, and leadership.

Dr. Quinn initiated a national-level coalition that successfully led Medicare to funding graduate-level nursing education for the first time in its history. Her state-level policy work entails organizing and delivering technical assistance to Action Coalitions and AARP state offices to improve funding for nursing education, to modernize scope of practice laws, and to diversify nursing. Within this role, she places a strong emphasis on coalition building and stakeholder engagement.

2018 Honorary Fellow

2018 New Fellow Inductees

Amita Avadhani, DNP, DCC, ACNP, ANP, CCRN, FAANP
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Dr. Amita Avadhani is an Associate Professor and a Nurse Practitioner at Rutgers University School of Nursing and Saint Peters University Hospital. In addition to over thirty years of nursing experience, Dr. Avadhani established a NP level simulation program for teaching acute care skills. Impact of her work as an expert clinician and an outstanding NP educator is evident in her various peer reviewed publications as well as invited and selected presentations focused on simulation in NP education and infectious disease prevention in acute care. Her contributions to the NP profession have been recognized through many awards in clinical research and clinical education.

Tina Bettin, DNP, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, APNP, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Julie Adkins
Secondary Sponsor: Richard McLaughlin

Dr. Tina Bettin is the Director of ThedaCare Clinic in Manaway, Wisconsin. Her passion for health care policy led to her multiple terms as President of the APRN Forum, influencing health care policy in the state of Wisconsin. This dedication and leadership resulted in NP prescriptive authority and NP signature recognition for sports physicals. Dr. Bettin has championed many community healthcare issues by her efforts in committee work, presentations, and grant writing. She has received the AANP Excellence Award and the Wisconsin Nurse of the Year Award twice.

Kimberly D. Broughton-Miller, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Brenda Bergman-Evans
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Kimberly Broughton-Miller practices as a Trauma Nurse Practitioner at the University of Louisville Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center, specializing in the care of patients with acute traumatic or surgical needs. Her work as an advocate, provider, researcher, consultant, and mentor has influenced her leadership and success facilitating top of licensure practice for NPs. Ms. Broughton-Miller has authored or co-authored a multi-state Advanced Practice Resource Tool, Team Based Care manual, and journal articles. She is a national and regional speaker on traumatic care issues.
Helen Ferguson Brown, MS, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Nancy Munro
Secondary Sponsor: Julie Stank-Hutt
Helen Brown is an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner with 20 years of experience in the Emergency Department at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland. Her clinical practice exemplifies quality patient care with a focus on improving patient outcomes and patient satisfaction of the adult and pediatric populations in the emergency department. Ms. Brown was the first NP to serve on medical staff committees and helped establish evidence-based care resulting in improved patient outcomes and satisfaction. She has been teaching graduate AG-ACNP students for 13 years and has been recognized by her colleagues for her excellence in education regionally and nationally. She has been the recipient of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Circle of Excellence Award and Georgetown University Excellence in Education.

Theresa A. Brown, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC, AACC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Karen Ketsner
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Theresa Brown is Past President of the California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP) and currently serves as the Southern California State Representative of AANP. She serves on CANP’s Health Policy and Practice Committee and AANPs State Awards Committee. She has demonstrated excellence throughout her career combining her clinical work as a cardiology NP and leveraging her knowledge and expertise into the education of advanced practice students and modernization of CANP. She is the Program Coordinator of the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Program at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is designated as an Associate of the American College of Cardiology.

Kathleen Stilling Burkhart, MSN, APN-C, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Joan Zaccardi
Secondary Sponsor: Christine Engstrom
Captain Kathleen Stilling Burkhart has been a Nurse Practitioner in the VA for over 25 years, currently working in Home Based Primary Care delivering patient centered primary care to homebound Veterans. In her tenure as president of the Uniformed Nurse Practitioner Association, she was instrumental in the merger to what is now AANPs Military Special Interest Group. She has served as AANP State Representative as well as held numerous leadership positions with the New Jersey State Nurses Association, and the VA. Captain Burkhart is the recipient of numerous clinical awards, as well as four individual military service medals.

Jill Cochran, PhD, APRN, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Sally Reel
Secondary Sponsor: Susan Leight
Dr. Jill Cochran is an Associate Professor at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, and practices in pediatrics at Robert C. Byrd Clinic. Dr. Cochran has been involved in rural health for 41 years and has practiced in small rural clinics in southern West Virginia. She implemented the first of its kind telemedicine clinic and first school-based health center for the region. Dr. Cochran conducts research in children’s obesity and QI/QA projects, and she designs rural longitudinal experiences for NP students. She is a Fellow with the National Rural Health Association and awards include: Finalist Professor of the Year, AANP State Award for Excellence, Field Professor of the Year, and WVU Golden Graduate.

Terri A. Cavaliere, DNP, NNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Terri Marin
Secondary Sponsor: Nancy Ballon
Dr. Terri Cavaliere is Associate Professor at Stony Brook University and Nurse Practitioner in a Neonatal ICU. She is a nationally acknowledged expert in her field and has authored articles, book chapters, and position papers. Dr. Cavaliere is a speaker at many local and national conferences, serves as an editorial reviewer for Neonatal Nursing, and is a member of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) certification exam content team. She has several awards for clinical practice, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Neonatal Nursing and Nurse of the Year in Leadership for the March of Dimes.

Mary Jo Cerepani, DNP, FNP-BC, CEN, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Lorraine Bock
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Dr. Mary Jo Cerepani has been a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1997 and has worked in emergency medicine since 1986. As a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, she was very instrumental in health policy changes for the implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program in Pennsylvania. Since 2005, she has been the chair of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Injury Prevention Committee for Unintentional Poisonings. She has worked collaboratively with interprofessional colleagues to address the “Opioid Crisis” in the United States. She is a founding member and educational chair for the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners.
Dr. Patricia Daly is a Clinical Professor at the University of Arizona College of Nursing, where she continues her 30 years of Emergency Nurse Practitioner practice. Her research bridges academia and business, teaching mindful eating to sanitation truck drivers as anti-obesity intervention. As past president of the West Georgia APRNs, she built the first urgent care employing NP providers in Georgia in 1996. Dr. Daly has been instrumental in the initiation and expansion of the emergency NP role. She is currently the medical director for the Tucson Flying Samaritans and an Integrative Nurse Faculty Fellow.

Pam Davies is an Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner at the University of Washington, and Adjunct Faculty at Seattle Pacific University. She is a recognized national leader in the fields of pain and palliative care. As a member of opioid guidelines committees, she helped develop national standards, and she lectures and writes extensively on these topics. After launching the palliative care program at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, she established its End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium program, training more than 500 nurses and NPs regionally. Ms. Davies is the recipient of the UW 2015 Distinguished Practitioner Award, and SPU’s 2016 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award.

Dr. Melissa Davis is an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Bariatric Program Coordinator at Banner University Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Her contributions to health policy and clinical practice include exemplary service on several professional organizations, implementation of national bariatric accreditation, and influencing local and national evidenced-based practice-standards in obesity and bariatric surgery. She has had numerous publications and given many local and national presentations. In 2014, Dr. Davis received the Northern Arizona University Doctoral Project Award for her research supporting the nurse practitioner on an interprofessional team and in 2015, was nominated for the American Nurses Credentialing Center Excellence in Advancing Nursing Practice Award.

Dr. Kristie Flamm is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona, College of Nursing. She has a trajectory of practice innovation that spans 20 years, with clinical expertise in the areas of interprofessional practice and education, and patient-centered care. She was the inaugural director and lead nurse practitioner of the NP-led interprofessional primary care clinic integrated with behavioral healthcare at the Ohio State University College of Nursing. Dr. Flamm created and launched an online DNP interactive interprofessional practice course at The University of Arizona, College of Nursing. Nationally, she is a recognized expert in innovative practice models.
Brian K. Goodroad, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Mary Chesney  
Secondary Sponsor: Rachel Prosser

Dr. Brian Goodroad is an Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University and a NP in the HIV Clinic at Hennepin County Medical Center. He has worked in health policy for over 28 years ensuring quality care for people with HIV, and for full-practice authority and signature recognition for NPs. Dr. Goodroad helped form and lead NP professional organizations and his efforts in local and regional HIV education have resulted in improved care provision by NPs and RNs. He received the AANP State Award for Excellence in 2017 and has twice served as the AANP Minnesota State Representative.

Deborah C. Gray, DNP, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FAANP  
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Dr. Deborah Gray is Director of the FNP Program and full-time DNP faculty at Old Dominion University where she developed courses on innovative models of care, inspiring NP entrepreneurship and telehealth. She has presented and her work has been published internationally. In addition to practicing in many primary care settings, Dr. Gray owns an NP-led business. Through the Fulbright Foundation, she works to increase access to care globally and expand NP education in Africa and the Caribbean. She Co-chairs the Research Sub-Group for the International Council of Nurses NP/APN Network and is actively involved in the United Nations Foundation and other Global initiatives.

Donna Gullette, PhD, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNP-BC, FAANP  
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Dr. Donna Gullette is the Associate Dean for Practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing. Dr. Gullette developed the first post-master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program in Arkansas, as well as the recent post-baccalaureate to DNP program and nurse anesthesia track. Dr. Gullette is the Director of APRNs for the Primary Care Service line at UAMS and is responsible for increasing faculty practice from 27% to 72% within the College of Nursing. She has received the Outstanding Woman Faculty in Leadership, Mentoring, Scholarship and Achievement Award.
Mary Jane S. Hanson, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC, CNS, ACNS-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Susan Ruppert  
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Dr. Mary Jane Hanson is Professor and Director of Graduate and DNP Programs at the University of Scranton. She is a leader in research on cigarette smoking behavior in ethnically diverse teens, having conducted numerous studies and developed a research tool that has been used by researchers in the United States and abroad. She has a long-standing record of national service in nursing education accreditation. Dr. Hanson's awards include Distinguished Scholar from the University of Massachusetts-Boston College of Nursing and Provost Award for Excellence in Scholarly Publications from the University of Scranton.

Surani Hayre-Kwan, MSN, MBA, FNP, FACHE, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Beth Haney  
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Surani Hayre-Kwan is the Director of Professional Practice & Nursing Excellence at Sutter Health, a California-based non-profit healthcare system, where she is responsible for advancing professional practice throughout the 26 affiliated hospitals and 188 affiliated medical offices. She is also a Family Nurse Practitioner at a rural community health clinic, the Russian River Health Center. She has served the California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP) in state and local level board positions for 15 years and is currently the Health Practice Chair. Recognition includes: CANP Nurse Practitioner of Distinction (2013) and Distinguished Alumni, Santa Rosa Junior College (2010).

Meredith Ann Heyde, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Vanessa Pomarico-Denino  
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Dr. Meredith Ann Heyde is a Family Nurse Practitioner and the Clinical Advisor in South Carolina for Optum's HouseCalls program. She has made significant contributions to nurse practitioner practice in clinical precepting, mentoring nurse practitioners and students, and in health policy. With Optum, Ms. Heyde created a large-scale practice transition and orientation for new NPs that has been implemented throughout Optum's HouseCalls program. She has been awarded the Connecticut (CT) APRN Society APRN of the Year (2007) award, Sacred Heart University’s Alumni Achievement Award (2008), Optum's Superhero Award (2014), and many other practice awards and nominations.

Deborah L. Hopla, DNP, APRN-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Stephanie Burgess  
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Dr. Deborah Hopla is Director of the MSN/FNP Program and Assistant Professor at Francis Marion University, and a Family Nurse Practitioner at Hope Health (FQHC) in Florence, South Carolina. Dr. Hopla has been active and successful in state legislation to advance nurse practitioners for prescriptive authority, specifically a tax credit for clinical preceptors in the South Carolina Senate. She was also successful in creating the first doctoral NP program at a liberal arts university. Awards include: NONPF Outstanding Policy Award and the South Carolina Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition.

Annette Jakubisin Konicki, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Ivy Alexander  
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Dr. Annette Jakubisin Konicki is Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Jakubisin Konicki, a 14-year nursing educator, is transforming care for the underserved through better preparation of the APN workforce by integrating her interests in primary prevention, health promotion, and interprofessional education. She maintains an active primary care practice and serves as consultant and presenter for a regional health department and professional advisory boards. She is active with NONPF as Chair of the Curriculum Leadership Committee and recently selected an AACN's 2017 Leadership in Academic Nursing Programs Fellow.

Jennifer L. Kim, DNP, GNP-BC, FNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Terri Allison  
Secondary Sponsor: Jennifer Wilbeck  
Dr. Jennifer Kim is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Recognized for her expertise in gerontological advanced practice nursing, she was appointed to the National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) National Expert Panel on Gerontological Nurse Educator Competencies. Dr. Kim is Coordinator of the Vanderbilt Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence and is involved in interprofessional research and clinical projects at Vanderbilt University’s Center for Quality Aging. Named as GAPNA’s Spring 2017 Rising Star, she founded the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses of Middle Tennessee in 2007 and was recently elected as GAPNA’s Treasurer.
Alicia LePard, MSN, MBA, APRN, ACNP-BC, ENP-C, FNP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Maria Kidner  
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Alicia LePard owns her own practice, High Desert Healthcare, a family and urgent-care practice with exceptional chronic disease management. She is a preceptor providing a unique experience of patient care, billing, and clinic functions concurrent with an introspective journey to professional identity. Ms. LePard is Wyoming’s leading Diabetic educator consultant and has been involved with the National Disaster Medical Systems for over a decade, providing critical leadership and care during crises. She speaks at local, state, and national events, serves on multiple boards, and continues to receive leadership awards.

Denise D. Lucas, PhD, FNP-BC, CRNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Lenore Resick  
Secondary Sponsor: Marie Brown  
Dr. Denise Lucas is Chair of the Advanced Practice Programs at Duquesne University. While volunteering her time serving as a preceptor and clinician at a free clinic, Dr. Lucas developed an exemplar model of care for underserved populations in rural Appalachia. Her leadership in NP education resulted in the creation of clinically relevant curricula focused on population health and clinical reasoning. Dr. Lucas received the West Virginia State award for excellence in 2010, the Rita Carty Faculty Leadership award in 2013, and is a member of the 3rd cohort of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Leadership groups.

Paula McCauley, DNP APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Joy Elwell  
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Dr. Paula McCauley is Associate Professor and Director of the Adult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track at the University of Connecticut. Her interests and scholarship include advancing Acute and Critical Care nursing and Interprofessional Education (IPE). Through her leadership, she successfully integrated innovative educational methodologies and continuously updated evidence-based practice inquiry by students. Dr. McCauley helped to promote the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice competencies, which prepare for and sustain the work of interprofessional teams to improve current and future health care outcomes. She maintains leadership on the University’s Committee on Excellence in IPE and has previously served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
Dr. Jessica Peck is an Associate Professor at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and expert Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with outstanding professional organization leadership at the local, state and national level. She drives innovative, visionary leadership, developing NP-led inclusive and diverse interprofessional teams to produce impactful outcomes of quality health care, particularly for vulnerable populations. Dr. Peck currently serves as the Chair of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners’ (NAPNAP) Alliance for Care Coordination of Children in Human Trafficking and the impactful foundation NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth. She is the recipient of numerous state and national awards.

Danielle Howa Pendergrass, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Lee Moss
Secondary Sponsor: Kahlil Demonbreun
Dr. Danielle Pendergrass owns Eastern Utah Women’s Health where she offers services to over 20,000 underserved women. She has made a substantial impact in advancing nurse practitioner practice by removing policy and payment barriers and aligning the goals and initiatives of AANP with other agencies. Dr. Pendergrass is one of twenty nurses named a Breakthrough Leader in Nursing by the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action in 2014. In addition, she received the Utah Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence in Leadership (2013), AANPs State Award for Excellence (2015), and Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health Inspirations Award in Policy (2015).

George Byron Peraza-Smith, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-C, GS-C, CNE, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Renee McLeod
Secondary Sponsor: Kathleen McCoy
Dr. George Peraza-Smith is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the MSN Programs at United States University. He has been a gerontological nurse practitioner for over 18 years and has an active clinical practice with underserved older adults residing in the community and long-term care. Dr. Peraza-Smith has disseminated both clinical and academic gerontological nursing experiences in publications and presentations. Serving on an expert panel on Gerontological Specialist Proficiencies, he was one of seven recognized experts who authored the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) Consensus Statements on Proficiencies for the APRN Gerontological Specialist. He enjoys his role as an energetic, enthusiastic educator mentoring the next generations of innovative, tech-savvy nurse practitioners.
Imelda Reyes, DNP, MPH, CPNP-PC, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Tami Thomas
Secondary Sponsor: Suzanne Staebler
Dr. Imelda Reyes is Clinical Associate Professor and Coordinator for both primary and acute care PNP programs at Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, where she is an expert in evidence-based education, practice teaching strategies, and childhood obesity. She is known to incorporate data and technology to inform and improve her practice and teaching and is recognized for her development and implementation of robust and innovative evaluation approaches for nurse practitioner students. A dual-certified pediatric and family nurse practitioner, Dr. Reyes practices as a PNP with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. She is a veteran of the Navy and served for five years with her last position as Chief Financial Officer for Naval Hospital Cherry Point.

Kathleen Stewart Rhodes, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Natalie Baker
Secondary Sponsor: Lori Lioce
Dr. Kathleen Rhodes is a Family Nurse Practitioner provider and Director of a NP-managed student health clinic. Her practice includes providing care to more than 9,000 college students from 80 countries. Under her leadership, she created and disseminated university-wide policies aimed at health prevention and disease management for a diverse student population, including the integration of the clinic’s first EMR. Dr. Rhodes has been active in local, state and national organizations throughout her NP career. She is a member of North Alabama NP Association, NP Alliance of Alabama, and AANP. She currently serves as Alabama’s AANP State Representative and the Alabama Board of Nursing appointed her to the Joint Committee that regulates NP practice.

Amy Roberts, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Amelie Hollier
Secondary Sponsor: Sandra Petersen
Dr. Amy Roberts is Director of the APRN program at the University of Texas at Tyler. She is also an international leader in education and clinical practice. For 16 years, Dr. Roberts has provided healthcare to populations in Africa and the Middle East. Her clinical expertise and servant heart prompted her to develop education seminars for volunteer RNs and NPs in these areas, and this training has reduced morbidity and mortality rates. One highlight of this work is Dr. Roberts’ collaboration with local nurses to develop an alternative to female genital mutilation that has been accepted by many tribes.
Laura Searcy, MN, RN, APRN, PPCNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Carol Savrin  
Secondary Sponsor: Tereza Giannetta

Laura Searcy is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner serving newborns in Marietta, Georgia. She is a past chair of NAPNAP’s Health Policy Committee and co-founder of the Georgia Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Ms. Searcy served three terms as an elected school board member and has served on several non-profit boards. She received the 2014 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence for Georgia. Ms. Searcy is an experienced public speaker, presenting to diverse local, state, national, and international audiences.

Elizabeth Dorothy Sloand, PhD, RN, PNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Rita D’Aoust  
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Dr. Elizabeth Sloand is an Associate Professor and Department Chair at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She is a certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner dedicated to caring for children and families in vulnerable circumstances, both domestically and internationally. Dr. Sloand maintains a clinical practice in an underserved urban area and regularly serves in Haiti as a nurse researcher, educator, and clinician. She has published numerous articles and book chapters and is co-editor of a leading PNP Certification Review Book. Her recent publications and presentations are focused on research regarding adolescents with asthma and care for immigrant families.

Mary Alison Smania, DNP, FNP-BC, AGN-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Katherine Dunle  
Secondary Sponsor: Anne Thomas

Dr. Mary Smania is an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University College of Nursing. A Family Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Genetics Nurse, she designed and implemented a grant-funded program to reach out to the underserved, providing breast care to over 165 women who would not have otherwise received care. Dr. Smania provided additional care by designing a cancer survivorship program focused on mindfulness, healthy food, and genetic risk. She also initiated integration of genomic content into the nurse practitioner curricula, formalized genomic content throughout the college and implemented a faculty development program in genomics. Dr. Smania was awarded the Graduate Faculty Excellence Award in 2016 and the Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award for Michigan in 2015.
Charlotte Thrall, DNP, FNP-C, RN, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Donna Velasquez
Secondary Sponsor: Carol Moffett
Dr. Charlotte Thrall is Clinical Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Arizona State University. Dr. Thrall has a passion for improving health and well-being for underserved populations, with care delivered and taught in creative ways. She is founder and President of Community Health Outreach, a non-profit organization whose interventions have included HopeFest Phoenix, a direct care event that provides multi-level services and follow-up to 25,000 individuals annually. She is the recipient of the 2014 Phoenix Business Journal Healthcare Hero Award, and the 2016 ASU Alumni of the Year Award.

Colleen Walsh-Irwin, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, AACC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Margaret Bowers
Secondary Sponsor: Maria Colandrea
Dr. Colleen Walsh-Irwin is an Adult Nurse Practitioner in cardiology for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). She has developed cardiac guidelines for the VA that have been implemented nationally across the VA healthcare system. Dr. Walsh-Irwin has been involved in the implementation of full practice authority and increasing productivity for NPs in the VA. She has spoken locally and nationally and is well published. Dr. Walsh-Irwin has been the recipient of numerous awards including Nurse Practitioner of the Year for the New York State NP Association of Long Island and the VA Secretary's Award for Nursing Excellence.

Linda Washington-Brown, PhD, EJD, ARNP-C, FAANP
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