The purpose of the AANP Fellows Program, in support of the mission and vision of the AANP, is to impact national and global health by engaging recognized nurse practitioner leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education or policy.

As the Executive Committee looks forward to attending the AANP Grand Opening for the new building, I believe we are at a crossroads in our professional endeavors! We celebrate our new building, which marks the growth and expansion we’ve seen as our membership has grown to over 100,000 members. We’ve seen that as our numbers have grown, so has our visibility and acceptance, putting us at the forefront of healthcare across the nation. The Fellows continue to grow as well and are an integral and essential part of the organization!

We are developing several new and innovative initiatives, are updating the Fellows section of the AANP website, and are working on putting together another fabulous Winter Meeting, to be held in Austin. Part of our activities for the weekend will include a tour and “happy hour” in our new building. The EC, AANP BOD, and other invited guests will meet in Las Vegas at the Fall Conference to brainstorm about how we can promote and expand our mentorship program as part of our new initiatives.

I look forward to our continued forward momentum and progress!

Janet DuBois, Chair, FAANP

AANP Grand Opening, Austin, Texas
September 13, 2019
Beautiful Celebration on a Beautiful Day in Beautiful TEXAS.

Congratulations!!

Thank you, Kathy Wheeler for photos.
In Remembrance of and Celebration of

Anne Thomas

1957-2019

Joanne Pohl, FAANP

I have been privileged to know Dr. Anne Thomas for over 20 years. I first met her in 1994, soon after she completed her PhD. She visited The University of Michigan School of Nursing. She was not interviewing at the time, simply exploring next steps. After that visit, she sent us a letter that I will never forget. It revealed the Anne Thomas we all were privileged to know over the years. In her letter she expressed her thanks to us for taking time with her, she shared her insights into herself and her questions about being ready for a research intensive university and wanted at this time in her life to explore her career trajectory and prepare for that. It was the humble, self-aware, gifted, gracious, person-of-integrity that was characteristic of Anne Thomas all of her life.

I had the opportunity to work with Anne at the University of Michigan, the National Organization for Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and was a co-sponsor along with Mary Anne Dumas for her Fellowship in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) in 2012. Most recently, Anne was working with me on the curriculum for the FNP program for a school of nursing in Haiti. In June, Anne and I were together again at the AANP meeting to co-sponsor another fellow (Dr. Cindy Darling-Fisher) just a few weeks before Anne’s very untimely death. I am honored to write some reflections about Dr. Thomas knowing how many of you also know her and have so many significant memories and experiences with her.

Dr. Anne Thomas received her Ph.D. from Texas Woman’s University in 1994. Before that she received her BSN and MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing and was certified as both an Adult and Gerontological NP. After completing her Ph.D. in 1994, she went on and practiced in various community settings while teaching and directing NP programs at Indiana State University School of Nursing, University of Southern Indiana School of Nursing, and University of Indianapolis School of Nursing. Then in 1999 she accepted a position at National Institute of Nursing Research, NIH, Bethesda as Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research. In that position her responsibilities included precepting summer pre- and post-doctoral nursing students and nurse practitioner students with specific interests in clinical trials. She then moved to the National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, as Director, Office of Research, Nursing and Medical Oncology Clinical Research Unit where she was responsible for leadership of clinical research nursing activities within the medical oncology branch.
In 2003 our paths crossed again when the University of Michigan (UM) was looking for a director of our Adult NP track. She was recruited and joined the faculty at UM in 2003 as Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the ANP track. During her time there she contributed in profound ways to the curriculum, faculty, students and practice. Her dual NP certification in Adult and Gerontology was significant as the national scene was beginning to change with the consensus document. Many of us found Anne to be one of the easiest faculty to work with; so dynamic, creative, respectful of others, and a real team player. She played a major role in strengthening the programs at UM over those years.

In 2008 Dr. Thomas accepted a position at the University of Indianapolis as Graduate Program Director and Associate Professor, and in 2009 she became the Interim Dean of the School of Nursing, and from 2010-2016 she served as Dean. It was during those years that I encouraged Anne to consider running for NONPF Board of Directors (which she did and served two terms) and then was elected to the Vice President/President position in 2014. Her contributions to the work of NONPF were considerable. Most noteworthy was her work related to curriculum and chairing the task force for Developing Core DNP Competencies and then providing oversight and direction for four national task forces to redevelop population foci DNP competencies. In 2012, Dr. Thomas was inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners based on her strong international, national and local work on curriculum related especially to the NP role, including the DNP.

In 2015 Dr. Thomas accepted a position at Michigan State University as the Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Nursing. She held that position until her untimely death. On July 22nd, Anne had a cardiac arrest after a nine mile run as she was preparing for yet another of many marathons. She was not discovered in time, and although resuscitated it was too late. She died July 26th. She is missed by so many, but especially by her husband Dr. Robert “Bob” Patterer, her four adult children, Eric, Alyssa, Lauren and Nathan, her parents, Delwyn and Euella Thomas, her sisters Gail and Amy, and her brother Ken.

I have been honored to write letters of recommendation for Anne over the years for promotion, tenure, FAANP sponsor, etc and as I review those I find common themes in all of them. And I wasn’t alone. At a recent celebration of her life with family and friends in Michigan, reflections and memories of Anne from colleagues, former students and family were shared. Comments such as:

“strong, incredible, commitment to advancing nursing, working collaboratively in everything she did, highly regarded by other faculty and colleagues. She was known by students and faculty for her outstanding teaching, and evaluations over the years reflected that. She was creative, thoughtful, respectful, humble, caring, wanting the best for others whether that was faculty, students or patients. She eagerly said ‘yes’ to opportunities and you knew the work would get done, on time, and be high quality.”
Anne wasn’t all work either. She was an avid runner, loved gardening, animals (she and Bob had two dogs and three cats which Anne would talk about eagerly), good food, and especially hanging out with her family and friends.

I haven’t mentioned her incredible sense of healthy humor, and many of us have experienced that about Anne, finding it one of her memorable characteristics. She did not take herself too seriously, yet took her work and her life with others deeply seriously. She was valued and respected by so many across the country. That was certainly evident the last week of her life as she was on life support and phone calls, text messages, emails from colleagues, former students kept reminding us all of her significant impact on so many.

I close with the last lines of a poem titled “When Death Comes” by Mary Oliver

When it’s over, I want to say: all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.
When It’s over, I don’t want to wonder
If I made of my life something particular, and real.
I don’t want to find myself sighing and frightened,
Or full of argument
I don’t want to end up simply having visited this world.

Anne certainly went far beyond “visiting” this world. She lived fully; she filled our world with light; she made an impact far beyond her humble awareness. She made of herself something wonderful and in doing so, she filled so many other lives, mine included. I am forever grateful for her presence in my life. Those of us working on projects with Anne will carry them on in honor of her—she would expect no less. We just were not ready to say good bye.

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Joanne Pohl, Ph.D., ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She is on the Haiti Nursing Foundation. Dr. Pohl is an active NONPF member and a past president of NONPF. She was inducted as a Fellow in Fellows of American Association of Nurse Practitioners in 2010 and received the first Loretta C. Ford Award for the Advancement of the Nurse Practitioner role in Health care in 2012, from the Fellows.
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Dr. Patterer, Anne’s husband, submitted these moving photos.

A longtime AANP member and a Fellow, one of Anne’s most recent projects was as an associate editor of the upcoming November themed issue of JAANP, focusing on NP education. The issue will be dedicated in her memory. Working with her family, NONPF has set up The Dr. Anne Thomas Memorial Fund, which will support the Leadership Mentor Program. Information about a memorial service will be shared at a later date. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and many friends.

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The Dr. Anne Thomas Memorial Fund will support the NONPF Leadership Mentor Program, which was established to help develop junior faculty leaders and to provide career and leadership development opportunities for academic Nurse Practitioner educators.

With Anne's family, NONPF established this fund. They are extremely grateful for your support. Your generosity will enable Anne’s work educating the next generation of nurse practitioner to continue.

Please keep Anne’s family, Eric, Nathan, Lauren, and Alyssa Joyal and Bob Patterer, in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

On behalf of the NONPF staff, CEO and Board of Directors, we all wish to recognize Dr. Thomas' continued dedication and support of academic nursing leadership. During her time as NONPF president (2016-18), Dr. Thomas was a huge proponent of mentoring junior faculty and graciously provided assistance, whenever asked, to both NONPF and many other nursing organizations across the country.

A member of NONPF since 1993, Anne graciously provided leadership in the revision of the NP training and an advocated for competencies education. She was frequently sought after for her curriculum and strategic planning expertise. In addition to her service at NONPF, her professional work also includes engagement and leadership with ANCC, AACN, and CCNE. As an adult/gerontological nurse practitioner for over 30 years, Dr. Thomas has worked in rural, long-term care, occupational, and mental health care settings. She held academic leadership positions at several universities and was the director for Research Nursing within the Medical Oncology Research Clinical Unit at the National Cancer Institute and the Director of the Health Promotion Laboratory at the National Institute for Nursing Research. In recognition of her leadership and sustained commitment to NP education and practice, she received was named a Fellow in AANP in 2012. Dr. Thomas earned her BSN and MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Ph.D. in Nursing from Texas Women’s University.”

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NONPF Board and Staff

Anne presents NONPF Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Lee Ford

Thank you,
Dr. Mary Beth Bigley, NONPF, Executive Director for these photos

Anne presiding at a NONPF annual meeting

Dr. Anne Thomas, Dr. Lee Ford and Dr. Mary Neiheisel discussing Leadership Mentor Program
With great sadness, we share the passing of Anne Thomas, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP, FAANP, associate dean for academic affairs at Michigan State University College of Nursing, on 26 July 2019. A leader in advanced practice nursing education, she was an undeniably captivating leader who frequently reminded all of us that we needed evidence to support our work. She was an adult/gerontological nurse practitioner for 30 years and worked in a variety of clinical settings.

An active member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma), Thomas was president of Lambda Sigma Chapter from 1998 to 2000. She supported many nurses during her career and served as a Mentor and Faculty Advisor for Sigma’s Emerging Educational Administrator Institute from 2016 to 2019. She had a gift for connecting with people, and her mentoring style made everyone feel good about what they were doing. She had the ability to see strengths within each faculty member and provided the support needed to grow these abilities, which resulted in great successes for those she worked with and mentored.

Thomas held academic leadership positions at several universities and was director of nursing research for the National Cancer Institute Medical Oncology Research Clinical Unit from 2001 to 2003 and director of the National Institute for Nursing Research Health Promotion Laboratory from 1999 to 2000.

She gave tirelessly of her time and leadership expertise to improve nursing through her service for several nursing organizations. Thomas was well known for her work with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) as president (2016–18) and member of the board of directors (2008–12). She led the redevelopment of the Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies and the Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies for NONPF. Her work with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Common Competency Work Group focused on doctoral level competencies across all four APRN roles. She was also a member of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Anne Thomas was a true friend and a great lover of animals. She rescued dogs and cats that needed love and some nursing. Her friends would say that she was always there with a smile, a good story, and support when they needed it most. She has touched the lives of many and has left a profound impact on advanced practice nursing. She will be missed by many and leaves not only a legacy but a solid foundation for others to build upon.

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Julie Marfell is associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. First published at https://www.reflectionsonnursingleadership.org/news/top-news/tribute-to-anne-thomas
This issue of the Forum presents news of excitement, growth, the new, great sadness, and great happiness. This diversity of news is a true indicator of the growth in the quality and quantity of our Fellows group. We have so much of which to be proud. Many Fellows are listed in the Achievements columns but many are not submitting the areas in which they should be recognized. Please, we urge you to submit your news and achievements. The FAANP Forum team extends deep condolences to the husband, Dr. Bob Patterer, the children, and the extended family of Dr. Anne Thomas. The sudden death of Dr. Thomas was a major loss, not only to her family but to Nursing and Nurse practitioners.

Dr. Jeffrey Bauer’s publication of the 3rd edition of *Not What the Doctor Ordered* is a major reinforcement of the value of nurse practitioners and advanced practitioners of many professions. Dr. Bauer, an Honorary Fellow has also been a loyal and regular Forum contributor. We value your membership, Dr. Bauer and appreciate your many publications which support Nurse Practitioners.

The new national AANP headquarters was dedicated September 13 in Austin (see photos pp.1-2 from Dr. Kathy Wheeler) and was according to many a truly historical and magnificent occasion. Although not all Nurse Practitioners were present, we can all be a part of this building with our engraved name on a paver or a plaque. The pavers and plaques are also a way to remember our mentors, leaders, colleagues and/or family members. We will have more about the dedication of the new AANP headquarters in the Winter Forum. The Fellows Winter meeting will be held in Austin February 28-March 1, 2020. Save the date and make plans to attend this meeting and tour our wonderful new facility.

Another date to remember is October 16, 2019, which is the deadline for the 2020 Fellows applications to be submitted.

Personally, I want to extend my gratitude to the faithful members of the Newsletter Team. Four members of the team are charter members and others have joined the team over the years. Without your articles, we would not have this quarterly newsletter. I urge all Fellows to consider writing a column at least once a year. We would like to publish stories about YOU, your research, your practice, the common and the unique events of every day life of nurse practitioners, any efforts and solutions for policies and regulations, new, innovative information and in general about Nurse Practitioners in practice. Ideas you have for the Newsletter would also be appreciated. October is noted for many things but I ask you to think about Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness and participate in any and all events related to the elimination of these critical areas in our communities and world wide.

Enjoy the autumn season and Let us hear from you.
“Not What the Doctor Ordered: Postscript”

Experienced authors have a saying: nothing is more painful than writing a book, but nothing feels better than having written one. I feel both sentiments now that the 25th anniversary edition of Not What the Doctor Ordered has finally been published.* This column presents my related thoughts about the pain and pleasure of authorship—promoting advanced practice in the process. (For those who might suspect a self-serving motive, I intentionally chose not to receive income from sales of the book. My contract with the publisher permanently assigns all royalties to a scholarship fund for nurse practitioners at the University of Colorado College of Nursing.)

The pain was the time it took to write the book. I originally estimated nine months; it ended up taking more than a year. Were it not for excellent help from reference librarians and NPs who responded to a request for input,+ I’d still be writing because the sheer volume of literature in support of advanced practice greatly exceeded expectations. The first (1993) and second (1998) editions included only a few dozen citations to peer-reviewed publications because there weren’t very many at the time. In a subsequent review article (2010), I was able to analyze another 20 or so references that validated the clinical and economic benefits of advanced practice.± Now, the new edition presents over 300 evidence-based references in support of advanced practice!

Nurse practitioners can therefore defend their special roles in health care not only with professional pride, but also with voluminous data. My extra months of work to identify and evaluate the publications of hundreds of other researchers were a trivial price to pay for seeing so much proof that NPs have actualized the premise of the previous editions of Not What the Doctor Ordered. I will honestly admit to some trepidation back then because I had to make the argument for NPs more with plausible scenarios than with scientific data. (It’s amazing how many people still remember the first edition’s story of the grocery store.) There was always a chance that subsequent research would invalidate the promise that so many of us saw in early years of the advanced practice movement.

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+Bauer, Jeffrey C.“The Crystal Ball” FAANP Forum, vol. 8, No. 4, December 2017

Add the eight powerful case studies in the latest edition’s final chapter and you’ve got an irrefutable argument for giving all Americans direct access to the advanced practitioners who provide an expanding array of health care services at least as well as physicians…and at lower cost. Irrefutable is emphasized because I spent considerable time looking for evidence to the contrary. The literature search was structured to identify all scientific, data-based studies of the costs and quality of health care provided by advanced practitioners, including any studies that compared APs and physicians. Neither I nor the reference librarians were able to identify a single scientific study that supported organized medicine’s no-longer-defensible claim that APs require supervision by physicians because “doctor knows best.”

The time for full independent practice authority is now, but I end the book with a strong personal argument in favor of collaborative practice—among equals! My plea to NPs and other advanced practitioners is to improve their unique clinical models and resulting differences in patient care—in other words, not to become more like physicians. Allopathic and osteopathic doctors have many strengths, but they will never be able to meet all the needs of our country’s increasingly diverse population. Americans deserve the right to choose among all different practitioners who adhere, accountably and transparently, to scientific principles and professional integrity.

So, as a result of advanced practitioners’ remarkable success in establishing scientific and professional legitimacy over the past 25 years, I can finally start moving toward “retirement.” I’ll never completely quit working in health care, but I really do plan to become a struggling artist over the coming year. (The cover on the book, a detail from one of my recent paintings, is a step in that direction.) Thank you, NPs, for giving me so much great material for the book. That’s the real pleasure of having written it!

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CONGRATULATIONS, and Thank you, Dr. Bauer on your latest book. We are so proud you are an Honorary Fellow and so happy for you for this publication.

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Calling All Leaders and Mentors (AKA All FAANPs):

Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP

The actions of leaders and mentors are broad. However, dissemination of perspective and information are ways in which both leaders and mentors contribute to the professional growth of others. The Fellows Speak column provides FAANP members a unique avenue through which to inform JAANP readers of topics important to NPs and their practice.

The Column was revived in early 2018 and is a recurring special feature of JAANP. Each column, written by an AANP Fellow, informs readers of issues, trends, and factors impacting the NP role and/or professional responsibilities and related strategies to promote stewardship of the NP role. This broad purpose was chosen to provide opportunities for Fellows to share their reflections on current issues; content is informed by their experiences, knowledge and expertise in NP practice, policy, research, and education. The Column publishes thoughtful, scholarly discussions of topics with informed synthesis and/or opinion on the Fellows’ topics.

The following table depicts the broad ranges of topics published to date, by FAANP members. We appreciate and applaud these contributors and invite all Fellows to consider contributing to the Column.

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The Fellows Speak column is highly read. In fact, Nancy Dirubbo’s Words Matter column is ranked as among JAANP articles receiving the highest attention, in spite having been published only three months ago! Upcoming topics include addressing the opioid crisis and vaccine hesitancy, as well as resources to promote military family healthcare. All columns undergo peer review by members of the committee. If you have questions, please reach out to one of us. The committee members are listed below.

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FAANP Around the World
Rosemary Goodyear, FAANP and Deborah Gray

Fulbright Encounters in Africa – Botswana and Ghana

During the period from July 2018 to June 2019 Dr. Deborah Gray, FNP-C, FAANP Clinical Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director at Old Dominion University in Virginia, was fulfilling her Fulbright Core Scholars’ role at the University of Botswana in Gaborone. This year-long international encampment evolved from a collegial encounter in Hong Kong at the International Council of Nurses NP/APN Network conference in 2016. There she met several attendees from Botswana, and shared what she was doing in Online Distance Learning. Their response was…”we need you”.

The administrative process to apply for and connect all required entities (US Fulbright office, US State Department, University of Botswana (UB) and US Embassy in Botswana) can be summed up in Deborah’s comment... “Plan at least 6 months ahead before applying, and then count on 6-9 additional months for the application’s multi-stage peer review process and communication links between all required entities to be completed”. This award also requires the applicant to develop a project and plan that addresses the needs of the host institution and nation while linked with the applicant’s expertise and goals. Again, Deborah’s summary gives direction for us… “Know your idea and pursue it by designing your project”…”and be able to sell your idea and yourself to the Fulbright review panel, the US State Department and host nation” It is important to note that the Fulbright grant sponsorship is available for the Fulbright Scholar as well as their immediate family. The results of receiving the Fulbright Scholar’s award follow.

Dr. Gray’s project was “Expanding Global Nursing, Collaboration, and Access to Care”. This collaborative project included UB through the Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) graduate programs and World Health Organization Collaboration Center for Nursing and Midwifery (WHOCC) for English-speaking Africa centered in Botswana. The goal was to develop telehealth and web-based distance learning that increases outreach, access, and health care capacity of the nation’s citizens. Through a second Fulbright Regional Travel Grant, Deborah was able to visit inviting nations within the continent to meet other nurse leaders, and present on the Advanced Practice Nurse role and its potential to expand access to care. Working internationally through the Fulbright Association takes planning, patience, leadership, awareness of the host’s needs, and knowledge of available resources to accomplish the goals.

In a snapshot of the nation’s capital and community of Gaborone where Dr. Gray was based you find that it is populated with over 230,000 residents, (as of 2011) and is noted as one of the fastest growing cities in Africa.¹ Modern structures in the city center form a central business district and are surrounded by modest homes in the outer communities. The culture of the nation is demonstrated through the manner and actions of the people as the most polite, kind and gentle persons on the African continent. They never offend or assume access without gaining permission from those in authority. This city is also the home for the most people with earned degrees or post graduate qualifications than any other city in the nation.
Within this milieu Deborah began her work at UB by developing close relationships with faculty, assessing the resources for initiating a plan for online Instruction and learning the operations and programs offered in the School of Nursing and the University. The project plan was to assist in the development of web-based online courses and telehealth programs for the APN graduate programs in the School of Nursing. The intent was to expand educational outreach and care to the region with the outcome of increased health care workforce and access to care for these populations. One of the first tasks was to assess the feasibility for the program, offer workshops for faculty on distance education, develop learning management and video conferencing resources and demonstrate both the viability and benefit of teaching a course using this methodology. Then a next step was to develop a plan for successful transition of the current graduate programs into online distance learning programs.

Changeovers within UB and Health Science Nursing department brought about delays and periods of indecision and/or direction. These challenges opened opportunities for added contributions through teaching, workshops, curriculum review and accreditation, research, and consultation with Medicine, Pharmacy, and other departments for future online courses. Speaking at Telemedicine 2nd Annual E-health Conference was another opportunity opened to the Fulbright Scholar. Working with the Dean of Health Sciences Global Health Planning Committee for an increased role for UB Health Sciences/Nursing in global health was yet another opportunity and accomplishment for Deborah.

Dr. Gray’s second grant, Fulbright Regional Travel award, funded a three week stay in Ghana. She was an invited speaker, and attended the Annual African Nursing Leadership Conference where her address focused on the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse. Leaders from such nations as South Africa, Nigeria and, Kenya were among the attendees. During this visit to Ghana, she was also able to lay the groundwork to connect the World Health Organization Collaboration Center for Nursing and Midwifery and the schools of nursing at the Universities of Ghana, Botswana, and Old Dominion for future collaborative projects.

The take-away message is that the work will continue with Dr. Gray submitting an application for a Fulbright Specialist grant to return to UB next summer to measure the progress, and evaluate the status of the distance learning program for MSN courses in the APN program. Deborah, as a Fulbright Ambassador with 2 grants, has made many contributions and linkages in the nations of Botswana and Ghana and has generated many lasting friendships, and a host of colleagues who are inspired to move forward to achieve their goals and improve the education and access to care through the NP/APNs within their nations.

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Connect with us for more information or answers to your questions.

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Gao Sinombe, Deb Gray, and Mabedi Kgositau - Working on campus at the University of Botswana (UB) with Nursing Faculty Colleagues
The AANP International Committee (AANP IC) would like to introduce the 2019 International Ambassadors. Two were chosen this year—Fathi Al Abri, from Oman, and Bonisile Nsibandze, from Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). After a year of fundraising by the AANP IC as well as support from AANP the committee advertised internationally, receiving over 40 applications. The Ambassadors were chosen not only because of their own qualifications but also because they were from countries where the NP role is just emerging. Each received funding for travel, housing, food and a waived conference fee. Each were paired with a member of the AANP IC to serve as a mentor. Fathi was paired with Maria Kidner and Bonisile was paired with Madrean Schober. One of the goals of the program is that the Ambassadors will learn from their mentor, network with each other and AANP leaders, gain new perspectives of NP care, and accelerate role development in their own country. Since both attended the AANP National Conference in June in Indianapolis many of you may have heard them speak at a meeting or met them while there. However, since some never had an opportunity to do that we would like to share the following stories about the Ambassadors:

**Fathi Al Abri**

Fathi Al Abri was one of five nurses selected in 2014 by the Oman Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education to earn Master’s Degrees in advanced practice. All this occurred after an analysis by the World Health Organization suggested the role would be useful in Oman, though there would be challenges. The five nurses received scholarships and were sent to either the United States, Australia or the United Kingdom to earn the degrees. Fathi was sent to Australia and earned his degree as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner. Unfortunately, upon returning to Oman no regulatory or practice model existed to allow any of the NPs to practice in an advanced role—as a consequence of that all of them teach, including Fathi. One day a significant disaster occurred in the community where Fathi worked, one so significant all nurses were called to assist. Fathi ended up serving in such a capacity his emergency knowledge, professionalism, and skills saved lives. After the emergency, the doctors met with Fathi and he started practicing in the emergency room three afternoons a week. However, as Fathi is the only NP clinically practicing in Oman there still is no administrative or financial structure supportive to his work. Currently, Fathi spends his days teaching, but three days a week he leaves his office mid-afternoon and volunteers as a nurse practitioner in the emergency department. He is personally committed to NP role development in Oman. Upon learning about being named an Ambassador the Minister of Health of Oman promised to talk with Fathi about role development in Oman.
Bonisile Nsibanze

Bonisile Nsibandze is a Family Nurse Practitioner from Eswatini who teaches at the University of Swaziland, is earning a PhD from the University of Johannesburg, South Africa and who earned her Master’s Degree from the University of Botswana. Until after the choice was made the selection committee was unaware Bonisile was a former student of Mabedi Kgositau, an AANP International Ambassador 2018. The program where Bonisile teaches took in their first cohort of nurse practitioner students in August 2017, with Bonisile heavily involved in the conceptualization, development and implementation of the family nurse practitioner (FNP) program. Aside from planning and delivering the FNP program Bonisile is involved in several research projects on HIV, oversight of student research and the policy development of palliative care programs throughout Eswatini. In 2014 she participated in the development of the Swaziland National Nursing Strategic Plan.

Update on International Ambassadors 2018

All the 2018 International Ambassadors have been very busy, continuing to devote their time to advancing the NP role at home and abroad. Mabedi Kgositau, from Botswana, has continued to teach at the University of Botswana, while also working on her doctorate from the University of South Africa. Since Botswana has been a resource and example of advanced practice nursing for several African countries working on NP role development Mabedi has been a significant factor in NP role development throughout Africa. Bongi Sibanda, from Zimbabwe but who teaches and practices in London, has devoted all her extra time and effort to health system development in Zimbabwe. Her work on the education of emergency room physicians along with policy initiatives to introduce the NP role there have been noticed by several global organizations devoted to healthcare system and workforce development. This past summer she testified before the United Nations about the urgent need for education and resources in Africa as well as the potential for improved care through the introduction of the NP role in the African region where she has worked. Heather McGrath, from Jamaica, was re-elected as President of the Jamaican Nurse Practitioner Association. She has also been asked to serve on the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Core Steering Group. Scholastica Chibehe, from Tanzania, has continued to practice at the Muhimbili National Hospital, teach at the Muhimbili School of Nursing and Midwifery and serve as Midwifery Advisor for Jhpiego Dar es Salaam Tanzania as well as Technical Advisor Midwifery USAID Boresha Afya Mwanza Region Tanzania. Scholastica, Bongi and Heather all attended the ICN Congress in Singapore this past summer, with Bongi and Heather serving on a panel about advanced practice (see picture, page 21).
Panel discussion on advanced practice at ICN Congress in Singapore 2019: Bongi Sibanda, second from left; Heather McGrath, third from left; David Stewart, Associate Director Nursing and Health Policy at the ICN; Panel Moderator on the right.

Joyce Pulcini, FAANP, Elissa Ladd, Kathy Wheeler, FAANP, Minna Miller, FAANP, Abdulqadir Nashwan.
In 2014, The NP Roundtable issued a position statement *Nurse Practitioner Perspective on Education and Post-Graduate Training*, stating that “NPs are prepared to be fully licensed providers at graduation. No added academic clinical or supervisory hours are necessary for safe patient care” (p. 2). A new statement was issued in July 2019 titled *The Nurse Practitioner Roundtable Position on Post-Licensure Clinical Training*, in which the same statement was made, adding “Optional opportunities for post-licensure clinical training for both new graduates and seasoned clinicians may serve to support practice transitions,” promoting the use of the term “fellowship” (NP Roundtable, p. 1). Both of these statements clarify the readiness to practice of graduates of accredited NP academic programs even though in the 2010 *Future of Nursing* report (Institute of Medicine, 2011), compiled by an interprofessional panel that included nursing, residency training (transition-to-practice programs) was recommended for all nurses after completion of a prelicensure or advanced practice degree program or when transitioning into new clinical practice areas.

The NP Roundtable objects to the term “residency” to describe this transition as part of an extended formal training period after graduation. Residency is a formal program of training for medical school graduates who have completed their educational requirements but are not yet fully licensed or prepared to practice independently. And for NP graduates, post-graduate training beyond the degree program is not necessary for entry into practice.

The NP Roundtable was created in 2008 to represent the interests of NPs in the United States. Members in the collaborative include the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA), the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH), and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). These organizations have worked together to advance common policy agenda and coordinate advocacy for the approximately 270,000 NPs in the healthcare workforce. Other national nursing organizations have endorsed many of the Roundtable’s position statements on a variety of topics impacted by legislation and policy. These statements are intended to reflect the views of NPs “while educating consumers and decision-makers.” Post-graduation training is a topic that has captured the interests of faculty who teach in NP programs, health practices of all sizes and types, administrators of health systems, and physicians.
Nurse practitioner curricular content is comprehensive and provides the student with content mandated by accrediting, licensing, certifying, and legislative bodies. The majority of NP programs require students to complete many more than the minimum requirement of 500 supervised clinical hours to be eligible to sit for a national certification examination, after which a graduate is prepared to practice to the full scope of their education and training as an autonomous provider. But scope of practice varies state to state, leading to restrictions on practice in some states and misinformation in general about the qualifications of a new graduate to practice autonomously. Despite the challenges of not having uniform laws and regulations across all states, mandating required additional supervised hours of clinical practice after licensure and certification creates yet another barrier to introducing the number of NPs available to the health care workforce and expanding patient access to care delivered by NPs. Patient choice of provider and quality of care are compromised, especially for vulnerable populations.

Postgraduation programs for NPs have existed under the title of residency and fellowship since the first program was established in 2007 at the Community Health Center, Inc. in Connecticut by Margaret Flinter, PhD, APRN (Flinter, 2011). The Connecticut program was very successful and served as the model for other programs established to prepare new NPs through experiences at a federally qualified health center for competent primary care practice. Flinter, however, recommended that more research was needed into the nature of the transition, facilitating and inhibiting factors, and indicators of outcomes for NPs completing the residency. Wiltse Nicely and Fairman (2015) stated that supportive data about a direct link of NP residencies to patient care outcomes were lacking. Several issues inherent in residency programs included labeling, funding (NPs were not part of the federal Graduate Medical Education monies), and whether there should be a regulatory mandate. The authors preferred the label of fellowship versus residency for NP transition-to-practice programs but also recommended the use of multidisciplinary team residencies that included a number of health professionals working and learning together. Mandating residencies served to create another regulatory barrier to independent NP practice.

A new graduate NP deserves a period of individualized orientation to facilitate transition from a registered nurse role to the NP role. Too often, comparisons between NP and medical education and training lead to misconceptions about preparation and readiness to practice. The policy statements from the NP Roundtable are clear and NP educators need to be advocates for graduates’ readiness to practice. Transition-to-practice programs or fellowships can be developed by employers and made available to new graduates as optional training.

References


Donna Behler McArthur

Education: NP program year, graduate programs year: 1977
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, MSN, FNC (Family Nurse Clinician; later changed to FNP)

Certifications: APRN, FNP-BC

Short Bio:
Dr. Donna McArthur has over 50 years’ experience within nursing, including 40 years as a Family Nurse Practitioner, NP educator, and administrator within ambulatory health care settings in the United States and Saudi Arabia. She currently holds adjunct clinical professor positions at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and the University of Arizona College of Nursing and Department of Neurology. She was DNP Program Director (2008-2012) at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Previously, Dr. McArthur was Director of the FNP Program at VUSN during which time she was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson grant to participate in a national program to develop a model for educating NP students in a managed-care setting. In recent years, Dr. McArthur’s scholarship, practice, and community activities have focused on initiatives surrounding the healthcare of adults with ALS in addition to the education of nurses in advanced nursing practice.

When did you become an NP? What was the motivation?
I became an NP in 1977. Admittedly, I was clueless as to what an NP was let alone how to be one. I was completing my BSN at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in 1975 having graduated from a Diploma school in 1967. I immersed myself in the community health course doing home visits, assessing families…My instructor asked me if I had considered becoming an FNP. In addition, I took an elective with an NP who had graduated from a Primex program. The rest is history.

What experiences did you bring into the role?
Prior to becoming an NP I had been an RN for over 10 years which included being in the US Air Force (ICU and as a Flight Nurse). In the beginning of my career I had the opportunity to become a flight nurse. I felt this was the highest level of nursing in the Air Force. I went to the airbase in Alaska then to Japan and trained on a C141. This was my first taste of independent practice. At 33,000 feet with seriously wounded soldiers as team leader I needed to make decisions. The Viet Nam war was not popular, but the soldiers deserved the best care and support. We needed to give them a voice.

Did you experience any challenges? How were they resolved?
The role was very new, and few providers let alone patients knew what we were. I enjoy new experiences and beginnings -less so status quo and endings- but at the same time wanted a “safe place”. I began my FNP career with a joint appointment at VUSN and the VUMC Occupational Health Clinic, which
Two examples occurred in the early 80s as I developed the role of an NP Director of a college student health service. The AIDS epidemic was coming to the forefront and I created one of the first policies for campus use working with the college president and student affairs. Educating the Board of Trustee members was challenging and rewarding increasing the visibility of NPs as well as insuring best practices in the care of all students. Likewise, addressing the provision of reproductive health care brought on interesting dialogues.

Later I had the opportunity to practice in Saudi Arabia for three 18-month tours. This was certainly a transcultural experience. With the assistance of an interpreter I started a women’s health clinic for employees and their dependents. Over 60 nationalities were represented within the hospital with most of the Arabic-speaking women fearful of a premarital gyn exam. An important aspect of the position was to support and empower women.

Achieving buy-in from ethnically diverse providers was an education. The clinic -to my knowledge- continues to be well -received after almost 30 years.

**What was most challenging in your career/ most important ?**

The most challenging and at the same time important piece was knowing what I did not know and where to find the answers. Collaboration for patient-centric care.

My career trajectory has included NP education. Leading the development and implementation of the DNP program at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing is one of my proudest accomplishments. Of note is that first lecture I gave as a newly graduated FNP and new faculty member. Having minimal education regarding pedagogy, I was on an uphill climb. That climb continued for several decades and required self-study, formal classes, many partnerships, and recognizing that student learning is key.

**Is there anything you would want to change?**

Savor the process is an adage I repeat to students and I wish I had focused more on learning throughout my various educational pursuits rather than getting the degree, certification.

**What do you see as pivotal moments in the past years?**

Changes in the educational process to include the DNP degree; the impact of technology. Certainly, expanding scope of practice throughout the US and globally is noteworthy.

**What advice would you give to new nurse practitioners?**

NPs have the potential to change health —globally, one cohort at a time. The journey from novice to expert is very rich; find mentors along the way.

**What do you see as the role of Nurse Practitioners in the next 25 years?**

The key providers of health care —particularly primary care —in the world. Is this dreaming or what? Nurse Practitioners continue to evolve. Currently I am part of national, state, and local organizations/teams to address the physical and psychosocial needs of people living with ALS. It is important to advocate through the lens of a nurse practitioner. I like to call my activities and service to the ALS, homeless, and faith communities as “Preferment” in lieu of retirement. With our accumulated wisdom, NPs continue to improve the quality of lives within diverse populations while perceiving the world through individual lenses.
Since AANP has formed a history committee some changes are underway. The AANP history committee has been focused on creating a timeline for the new building. The new display will feature panels for each decade with boxes for selected artefacts and media files. Unfortunately, the project will not be completed for the opening.

In the process of developing the timeline it is apparent that we need to save our materials. Photos from the early years and other documents have been lost and continue to be lost in moves and downsizing. This is our heritage we need to continue our efforts in preservation. There is continuing interest in developing guidelines for archiving materials. We will have additional information following the Physician Boot Camp in September that will be attended by Nancy McMurrey, Jean Aertker and Barbara Sheer.

The interviews are continuing with at least three currently underway. This is a worthwhile project and we continue to ask for volunteers to participate to interview and be interviewed.

As part of the new structure there will be work groups to continue projects such as historic documentation, creating a database of items of historic value and documenting our early leaders. Joyce Pulcini has developed a survey that may be used at regional meetings to help us identify existing materials.

The University of Virginia has announced the grant for $5000 for historical research will again be funded next year. Share the news with others and interested students.

In his last book “Everything in its place” Oliver Sacks (2019), discussed aging as a continual cerebral function. He further adds that Erikson in his later years added an eighth stage of development. The eighth stage is wisdom or integrity. “This stage involves integration of vast amounts of information, the synthesis of lifetime experiences coupled with the lengthening and enlargement of individuals perspectives” (p153). The history of our profession can be best told by those who have experienced the challenges and joy that followed our successes.

As part of our professional commitment we need to share our wisdom and our history to inspire those who come after us. It is my hope that as the new committee takes shape we can continue to value and preserve our past.

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What's Happening Now?

Every quarter we receive self-reported accomplishments by fellows. In this issue we are proud to recognize distinguished fellows who contributed much to advance the field of healthcare and or the professional role of nurse practitioners. **Do you have an achievement you would like to share with us? Send to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FAANPAchievements](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FAANPAchievements)**

**Congratulations**

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**Amita Avadhani, FAANP**

**Recognition:** Inducted as Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) in February 2020.

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**Debra Bakerjian, FAANP**

**Grant Application:** Advanced NP-PRACTICE ABSTRACT Project Title: Advanced NP-PRACTICE (Primary care Residency in Addiction, Chronic care, Telehealth, Improvement science, Collaboration and Equity). Debra Bakerjian will serve as the Project Director to plan and implement the Advanced NP-PRACTICE (Primary care Residency in Addiction, Chronic care, Telehealth, Improvement science, Collaboration and Equity) initiative. Advanced NP-PRACTICE will equip new primary care NPs with the ability to provide excellent primary care services to patients in under-resourced areas through a comprehensive clinical residency program that expands and enhances advanced NP clinical knowledge and skills. With this Track 1 application, UCDH seeks to expand medical capacity in these healthcare shortage areas and improve health outcomes for primary care patients. NP Residents in this program will experience rotations in primary care, core specialty care, telehealth, pain management, wound care, and an underserved and/or rural health care clinic. Advanced NP-PROMISE Key Objectives include: 1. Design and develop the infrastructure and plan to implement an innovative comprehensive primary care NP residency program. 2. Launch and implement an innovative, comprehensive primary care NP residency program by July 1, 2020. 3. Improve NP residents' capabilities in four HRSA priority areas. 4. Evaluate, improve and disseminate findings.

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**Jeffrey C. Bauer, FAANP**


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**Christopher W. Blackwell, FAANP**

**Honor:** Selected for induction as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), to be held on October 26th at the AAN 2019 Conference in Washington, DC.

**Denise Coppa, FAANP**

**Grants:** HRSA, Advanced Nursing Education Workforce Program. $2.7 million. Supports academic clinical partnerships with two major health center associations; provides traineeships for 14 NP students/ year X 4 years.

**Presentations:** (1) Coppa, D., Barcelos Winchester, S., & Roberts, M. Diagnostic readiness tests to prepare nurse practitioner students for national certification exams, podium presentation at NONPF Annual Meeting, April 4, 2019, Atlanta, GA. (2) Coppa, D., Barcelos Winchester, S., & Roberts, M. Content evaluation of social determinants of health and cultural fluency in DNP education, poster presentation at AACN, Doctoral Education Conference, January 17, 2019, San Diego, CA.


**Debra Danforth, FAANP**

**Degree Completion:** Completed Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Executive Leadership from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

**Kahlil Demonbreun, FAANP**

**Appointments:** (1) Was appointed to the Office of Nursing Services National APRN Council (12-member Advisory Group representing every APRN in the Veterans Affairs). (2) Also appointed as the Co-Chair of the American Nursing Association, Scope and Standards, 4th Edition Workgroup.

**Susan DeNisco, FAANP**

**Award:** Received The Connecticut League for Nursing, the Jane E. Murdock Life-Long Learning Award in June. This award is given to an educator who demonstrates knowledge as an exemplar nurse educator, identifies the needs for continuing education within the nursing workforce, demonstrates a commitment to teaching, inspires nurses to pursue additional education and has earned the respect of students and colleagues.

**Grant:** Susan DeNisco, Principal Investigator, recently received a 2.4-million-dollar grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for the Sacred Heart University, College of Nursing’s new project called Alternatives to Opioids for Pain (ALTOP). ALTOP funded under the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program, supports academic clinical partnerships to prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse midwives for work in rural and underserved communities. ALTOP was proposed to help combat this epidemic. Through the creation and support of academic clinical partnerships at two federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), family nurse practitioner (FNP) students will gain long-term clinical experience and training in the appropriate use of opioids, and alternative pain treatments and modalities, in primary care settings; especially benefitting medically underserved areas in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
## Member News Column

### Jaibun Earp, FAANP


### Stephen Ferrara, FAANP

**Promotion:** Promoted to Associate Professor at Columbia University School of Nursing

### Deanna Gray-Miceli, FAANP

**Recognition:** Inducted into The PINNACLE Society, 30th Anniversary Induction Ceremony, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus, Madison, NJ, June 7, 2019 for recognition of most distinguished alumni.

### Debra Hain, FAANP

**Recognition:** Selected for Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing (Academy), in October 2019.

### Donna Hallas, FAANP

**Awards:** Received the AJN Book of the Year award, first place for Psychiatric Mental Health and third place for Child Health for her first book (Editor and Author), Hallas, D. (Ed). Behavioral pediatric healthcare for nurse practitioners: A growth and developmental approach for intercepting abnormal behaviors.

### Jenni Hoffman, FAANP

**Award:** Selected for Eastern Michigan University Summer Research Award, 2019

**Publications:**

### Deborah Hopla, FAANP


### Sadie Pauline Hutson, FAANP

**Promotion:** Promoted to Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Nursing.
## Member News Column

### Marianne Hutti, FAANP

**New Employment:** Retired from the University of Louisville School of Nursing in June 2019. Beginning August 1, 2019, assumed a new position as a tenured full professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, Lexington, KY.


### Tracy Klein, FAANP and Teri Woo, FAANP


### Ruth Kleinpell, FAANP

**Appointed:** Two year term on the national board of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

### Beverly Lang, FAANP

**Recognition:** Completed the Nurse Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing, a year-long leadership training program.

### Gary Laustsen, FAANP

**Other:** Through the Friendship Bridge Nurses Group Gary Laustsen spent two weeks in Vietnam teaching a Population/Community Health course in the Masters of Nursing program at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City.

### Terri Marin, FAANP

**Research:** Selected as the only Nurse Practitioner to join the Neonatal Kidney Collaborative, an international alliance of Pediatric Nephrologists and Neonatologists dedicated to improving outcomes associated with acute kidney injury in newborns through research, education and advocacy initiatives.
# Member News Column

**Kathleen McCoy, FAANP**


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**Rosario Medina, FAANP**

**Appointment:** Accepted the position of Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Community engagement at the University of Colorado Anshutz Medical Campus, College of Nursing. She assumed this position on September 1, 2019

**Promotion:** Promoted to Full Professor, Clinical Track Faculty, June 2019.

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**Dianne Morrison-Beedy, FAANP**

**Award:** Received the Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children, Sigma Nursing

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**Jessica Peck, FAANP**

**Appointment:** Jessica Peck appointed as a Clinical Professor of Nursing, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, Baylor University.


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**Evelyn Parrish, FAANP**

**Recognition:** Recognized by the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) as the editor of Perspectives in Psychiatric Care-one of seven journals inducted into the Nursing Journal Hall of Fame. Journal was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 38th Annual Meeting of INANE in Reno, NV.
# Member News Column

**George Byron Peraza-Smith, FAANP**

**Recognition:** Inducted as President for the Florida Nurses Association after the Membership Assembly on September 14, 2019.

**Charon A. Pierson, FAANP**

**Award:** Loretta C. Ford Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, Keystone, Colorado, July 18, 2019


**Susan D. Ruppert, FAANP**

**Appointment:** Appointed as a member of the Education Subgroup of the International Council of Nurses Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network (APNN).

**Recognition:** Bestowed by the university president with the honorific title of Distinguished Teaching Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

**Madrean Schober, FAANP**

**Legislative:** Health Policy Cafe at the International Council of Nurses Congress 2019, Singapore


**Susan L. Smith, FAANP**

**Poster Presentation:** Smith, S. Vulvar Ulcers: Not always HSV Case Study. American Association of Nurse Practitioners National Conference June 22, 2019, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Presentation:** Smith, S. Evidence-based practice: Breakout session. Florida Nurse Practitioner Network Annual Meeting, August 16-18, 2019, Orlando, FL.

Vicky Stone-Gale, FAANP

**Presentation:** Stone-Gale, V. and Littlefield, A. Internet Gaming Disorder: It’s Not Just Child’s Play. Poster presentation at American Association of Nurse Practitioners Conference, June 2019, Indianapolis, IN.

Lovoria B. Williams, FAANP

**Award:** Nurse Researcher of the Year Award from National Black Nurses Association at the 47th Annual Conference in New Orleans on Saturday, July 27. The award represents her work to deliver community-based interventions that reduce health disparities among minority and medically underserved populations by increasing tobacco cessation and cancer screening behaviors and reducing obesity and diabetes.

**Congratulations, Dr. Jeffrey Bauer, Honorary Fellow**

**Not What the Doctor Ordered: Liberating Caregivers and Empowering Consumers for Successful Health Reform 3rd Edition.**

This third edition has been published on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first book. Nurse Practitioners congratulate you and express our deepest gratitude.

Kathy Wheeler, Bongi Sibanda, Joyce Knestrick, Minna Miller

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Reminders

The 2020 FAANP Application Nomination
Link: https://fellowsapplication.aanp.org

2020 FAANP Application deadline is Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 5:00 pm CST.

What’s Happening?

Do you have an achievement you would like to share with us?
We highlight self-reported accomplishments of our fellows in our newsletter published quarterly. If you would like to share newsworthy accomplishments please go to URL: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FAANPAchievements
And it will appear in the Forum, our fellow’s newsletter. (Note: we reserve the right to edit your entry to conform to allotted space). When entering publication and presentations (podium or poster) please submit in APA format.

Announcements

AANP Open Access Award
Two strategies in the latest AANP strategic plan include disseminating NP outcome data. As part of this initiative, researchers who are AANP members can now apply for funding so that their accepted manuscripts to a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal may become open access and available to a broader audience. Learn more or apply here.

FAANP would like to acknowledge Fellows who are ill or who need a word or words from FAANP. Please, notify Diane Padden (dpadden@aanp.org) or Liza ececchini@aanp.org
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