

New Directions: The e-Newsletter of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative



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Welcome to *New Directions*, a publication of the **Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative (HGNI)**. This e-newsletter is designed to inform interested academic and practice leaders, faculty members, students, practitioners, and others about the work of the HGNI and provide the latest news and information relevant to geriatric nursing.

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Everyone at the HGNI wishes you and yours a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

1. HGNI Leadership Conference & GSA Recap

The 6th annual nursing Leadership Conference took place November 14-16 in Dallas, TX, followed by the Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference. Highlights of the conferences include:

- The Mary Starke Harper Distinguished Lectureship was awarded to **Loretta Ford, EdD, RN, PNP, FAAN, FAANP**, in recognition of her achievements and contributions to geriatric nursing. Ford, the founding dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing, was a pioneer in developing nurse practitioner training programs in the 1960s. This Lectureship honors Mary Starke Harper, named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, and highlights the career of a nurse leader whose outstanding leadership qualities and achievements serve to inspire others. To learn more about this award, visit the [BAGNC Web site](#).
- The Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award was presented to

Meridean L. Maas, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita and Co-Director of the John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at the University of Iowa. This annual award recognizes a nurse researcher whose outstanding research contributions have led to changes in practice, service, and quality of life for older adults and is presented by the Clinical Medicine Section of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing.

- The 2005 BAGNC scholars and fellows made a generous donation to Mercy Corps in honor of the AAN Coordinating Center staff. The funds, given in the name of the Coordinating Center staff, were earmarked to help build housing for older people in need. A warm and heartfelt thank you goes out to the cohort.
- AACN scholars benefited greatly from the conference by learning about exciting gerontological nursing research and taking advantage of opportunities to network with notable experts in the field and American Academy of Nursing (AAN) pre- and post-doctoral gerontology students. The AACN portion of the Leadership Conference has expanded its content through the years, to more directly focus on the needs of master's level Creating Careers scholars, including providing the opportunity to assess/process their experiences during the conferences' closing sessions.

To read more about the conference and see photos, go to:
www.geriatricnursing.org/leadership/2006/default.asp

2. BAGNC Online Application Due January 9, 2007

Applications for the 2007 BAGNC scholarships and Claire M. Fagin Fellowships are now available online. Please go to: www.geriatricnursing.org/applications for application criteria. Spread the word! Applications are due January 9, 2007.

3. Gerontology Faculty Development Institutes: Apply Online!

AACN is now accepting online applications for the upcoming Faculty Development Institutes offered through the Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC). GNEC is an innovative national initiative to enhance geriatric content in senior-level baccalaureate courses. Administered by AACN, this program provides nursing educators with the skills, knowledge and resources needed to ensure that the "best geriatric practices" are imbedded in baccalaureate curricula and subsequently in the clinical care provided by newly educated nurses. Using a "train-the-trainer" approach, nurse faculty attending the GNEC institutes are expected to serve as leaders and mentors by sharing their new expertise with colleagues.

This program is generously funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation. The first four institutes are scheduled for June 27-29, 2007 in Portland, OR; October 3-5, 2007 in Atlanta, GA; February 27-29, 2008 in San Antonio, TX; and October 8-10, 2008 in St. Louis, MO.

To apply, visit: www.aacn.nche.edu/gnec.htm. Contact us at 202.463.6930 or send an e-mail to gnecsupport@aacn.nche.edu for additional information.

4. Tools, Resources & Opportunities

NIA Summer Institute and Preconference Workshop

The National Institute on Aging's Summer Institute on Aging Research will take place July 14-20, 2007. The preconference workshop for nurses, a collaborative effort to enhance nurse researchers' capacity to design and conduct clinical research in aging with human subjects, will take place July 13-14, 2007.

Applications are due March 2, 2007. For the complete application, visit the BAGNC website at: www.geriatricnursing.org/collaborative/interdisciplinary.asp.

Webcast: The Delicate Balance: Older Adults and Hydration

This Webcast is based on the *American Journal of Nursing's* June 2006 *A New Look at the Old* article by Janet Mentes, PhD, APRN, BC, titled "Oral Hydration in Older Adults: Greater Awareness is Needed in Preventing, Recognizing, and Treating Dehydration." The program provides viewers with simple steps to improve hydration among older adults, and reduce many of the associated problems including urinary tract infections and pressure ulcers.

Follow this link anytime to access the 30-minute Webcast:

www.NursingCenter.com/AJNolderadults.

This program and all others in the *A New Look at the Old* series will remain available, on demand, through 2007. If you have any questions about the broadcast (or the associated print series), please contact Katherine Kany, Project Manager, at 703.729.6050 or katherinekany@adelphia.net.

University of Iowa College of Nursing Seeks Dean

A multidisciplinary search committee, led by Dean David Johnsen of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, seeks a distinguished leader of national/international standing who has demonstrated abilities as a scholar and researcher. A full description of the position can be found at www.nursing.uiowa.edu/facstaff/documents/AdforNursingDeanFinal05-30-06.pdf.

Department of Veterans Affairs Fellowship

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created the Interprofessional Fellowship in Patient Safety beginning in July 2007. The purpose of this one-year fellowship is to develop leaders with vision, knowledge, and commitment to lead patient safety efforts in the 21st century. The fellowship is located at the VISN 8 Patient Safety Center of Inquiry at the Tampa VA Hospital in Tampa, FL. Applications are due February 1, 2007. For more information, visit:

www.visn8.med.va.gov/patientsafetycenter/ or contact Dr. Gail Powell-Cope at Gail.Powell-Cope@va.gov or 813.558.3911.

5. Announcements

2006 Baccalaureate Nursing Curriculum Awards Announced

The John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, in collaboration with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), has announced the winners of the 2006 Awards for Baccalaureate Education in Geriatric Nursing. Now in its ninth year, this national awards program honors nursing programs that exhibit exceptional, substantive, and innovative baccalaureate curriculum in this subject area. Beyond innovation, programs must also demonstrate relevance in the clinical environment and have the ability to be replicated at schools of nursing

across the country. Awards were presented in four separate categories:

Geriatric Faculty Member Award

Christine A. Mueller, PhD, RN, C, CNAA
University of Minnesota

Infusing Geriatrics into the Curriculum Award

Old Dominion University

Clinical Settings in Geriatric Nursing Award

University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing

Stand-Alone Baccalaureate Geriatric Course Award

Johns Hopkins University

For more information about the awards, visit:

www.aacn.nche.edu/Media/NewsReleases/2006/HartAwards.htm.

University of Minnesota Nursing Expert in Aging Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Jean F. Wyman of the University of Minnesota received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Gerontological Nursing Association's Board of Directors "for outstanding contributions to the care of the older adults." Dr. Wyman, who holds the Cora Meidl Siehl Endowed Chair in Nursing Research, directs both the Center for Gerontological Nursing and the Minnesota Center for Health Trajectory Research, and is the director of Minnesota Continence Associates. To read more about the award and Dr. Wyman's distinguished career, go to: www.nursing.umn.edu/News/WymanAward.html

Corrine Jurgens (2004-2006 BAGNC Fellow) received a four-year "Scientist Development Grant" from the national American Heart Association. The research, "Heart Failure Symptom Monitoring Awareness and Response Training," is an intervention study to improve symptom awareness and timely treatment of escalating symptoms of heart failure. Failure to recognize symptoms is problematic in the aging population because it leads to repeated hospital admissions for symptom management.

Mary Starke Harper: In Her Own Words

Hear the late [Dr. Mary Starke Harper in her own words](#) as she recounts her experiences as one of the nation's top health care advocates. After her unwitting involvement in the "Tuskegee Experiment," a government study in Alabama that falsely promised treatment to black men with syphilis, the former nurse rose to become a leading expert on health care for minorities, the elderly, and the mentally ill. Dr. Harper served as adviser to four U.S. presidents and greatly advanced health care legislation, training, and funding.

New Social Work Doctoral Fellows Selected

Eleven social work students have been selected by The Gerontological Society of America for the second cycle of the 2006 cohort of the Hartford Doctoral Fellowship program. Recipients will each receive a \$50,000 dissertation grant plus \$20,000 in matching support from their home institutions that will enable

them to more fully concentrate on their dissertation research projects over the next two years. To read about this year's recipients, go to:
www.gswi.org/programs/hdf_roster.html.

6. Gero-Images on the Web

Looking for photographs to improve the representation of older of adults on your school's Web site? While the HGNI encourages you to use original photos featuring older adults and your own students, programs or clinical settings, good stock photos, either free or inexpensive, are available at a number of websites such as:

- www.hartfordign.org/press/pictures/samplePictures.html
- [Administration on Aging](#)
- www.corbis.com
- www.fotosearch.com
- www.inmagine.com
- www.fotolia.com

HGNI hopes that you and your school will be leaders in creating a more accurate representation of nursing and providing a balanced and positive view of adults across the lifespan. We encourage you to identify or create, and add photographs of older adults to your school of nursing's Web site. Email cgherst@aboutscp.com to share your success! Future issues of *New Directions* will include updates on your efforts.

7. Link of the Month: Tomorrow's-ProfessorSM

Tomorrow's-Professor is a Web site and mailing list from the Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning, which provides postings twice weekly on a variety of topics of value to the academic community. The Mailing List seeks to foster a diverse, world-wide teaching and learning ecology among its over 21,000 subscribers at over 600 institutions and organizations in over 108 countries around the world.

To date there have been over 600 postings under the following categories:

- Tomorrow's Academy,
- Tomorrow's Graduate Students and Postdocs,
- Tomorrow's Academic Careers,
- Tomorrow's Teaching and Learning, and
- Tomorrow's Research.

A sample article from the site is "Integrating Work and Life: A Vision for a Changing Academy," by Rick Reis, available at ctl.stanford.edu/Tomprof/postings/761.html. (Posting #761) The site also includes links to related blogs and career advice articles. For more information, visit the site at: ctl.stanford.edu/Tomprof/index.shtml

Write to Us

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interests. *New Directions*, therefore, welcomes your feedback and encourages you to supply ideas, stories, resources, news, and other content for subsequent issues. To make a contribution, please contact Pamela Dudzik at: pdudzik@aannet.org, Debbie Latimer at dlatimer@aacn.nche.edu, or Elaine Gould at elaine.gould@nyu.edu.

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