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**The American Academy of Nursing
announces
the John A. Hartford & Atlantic Philanthropies
2010-2012 Fellows and Scholars in Academic Geriatric Nursing**

***Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity has supported
over 200 Fellows and Scholars to date***

Washington, DC – The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) today announced over \$2 million in awards to its latest cohort of fellows and scholars in academic geriatric nursing.

Eight Claire M. Fagin postdoctoral Fellows will each receive \$120,000 to support advanced research training, mentorship, leadership and career development. Eleven predoctoral scholars will receive a scholarship of \$100,000 to support their doctoral training and launch careers in academic geriatric nursing.

“Over the past decade we have seen enormous growth in the field of gerontological nursing—with concomitant gains in the research base underpinning high quality care for elders,” said BAGNC Director Patricia G. Archbold, DNSc, RN, FAAN. “BAGNC alumnae stimulate excitement about the field among nursing students and practicing nurses. They are the leaders who will shape future care for older persons.”

Since 2000, BAGNC has had the generous backing of the John A. Hartford Foundation, augmented with monies from The Atlantic Philanthropies. Scholars and fellows whose work focuses on pain in elders receive additional support from the Mayday Fund. These three partners have invested over \$80 million in efforts to build academic geriatric nursing capacity. This year a fourth partner, The Jonas Foundation, brings additional support.

The recently enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act recognizes the importance of building the capacity of the health care workforce. It expanded existing and created new programs geared toward preparing nurses to meet future population needs—including in the growing geriatric field. Other developments bode well for the future of geriatric health care. Mary Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN, member of the Academy, was recently appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

(MedPAC). She will work to ensure that the supply of nurses and other caregivers is adequate to meet the public's needs.

"The Academy's BAGNC program complements many key provisions in the new health care legislation that promote strengthening the workforce and the quality of nurse education, retention and practice," said AAN President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN. "Our deeply skilled scholars continue to make commitments to improving care for elderly patients. We are very pleased with the selections."

"Our 2010 Cohort of BAGNC Scholars and Claire M. Fagin Fellows are a highly qualified group of dedicated gerontological nurses," Archbold said. "They will strengthen the knowledge base in such areas as family caregiving, home health and hospice care, care for persons with stroke, and critical illness in elders."

Fellowship and Scholarship Recipients

2010-2012 Claire M. Fagin Fellows:

Dana Carthron, PhD, RN
Duke University

Corjena Cheung, PhD, RN
St. Catherine University

Linda S. Edelman, PhD, RN
University of Utah

Teresa Goodell, RN, CNS, PhD, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Oregon Health & Science University

Niloufar Hadidi, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA
University of Minnesota

Caroline Stephens, PhD, MSN, APRN, BC
University of California, San Francisco

Todd Ruppap, PhD, RN, GCNS-BC
University of Missouri, Columbia

Deirdre Thornlow, PhD, RN
Duke University

2010-2012 Predoctoral Scholars:

Charlene Aaron, MSN, RN-BC
University of Iowa

Eeseung Byun, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
University of Pennsylvania

Daniel Cline, MSN, RN, CRNP
New York University
Ben Remor Inventor, MSN, APN/CNP
Rush University

Susan Lysaght, MA/MS, GNP-BC, ACHPN
University of Pennsylvania

Siobhan McMahon, MSN, MPH, GNP-BC
Arizona State University

Melissa O'Connor, MBA, BSN, RN, COS-C
University of Pennsylvania

Tonya Roberts, MS, RN
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Marleen Thornton, MSN, RN
University of Colorado, Denver

Kathy Wright, MSN, GCNS-BC, PMHCNS-BC
University of Utah

Carolyn Ziminski, RN, BSN
University of California, Los Angeles

About Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity

The Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) program began in 2000 with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation, and subsequently attracted additional funding partners in The Atlantic Philanthropies and Mayday Fund. BAGNC's main goals are to: increase the cadre of academic geriatric nurses, build leadership capacity in academic geriatric nurses, and build national collaboration and excitement about geriatric nursing. For more information, see www.geriatricnursing.org.

About the John A. Hartford Foundation

Founded in 1929, the John A. Hartford Foundation is a committed champion of training, research and service system innovations that promote the health and independence of America's older adults. Through its grantmaking, the Foundation seeks to strengthen the nation's capacity to provide effective, affordable care to this rapidly increasing older population by educating "aging-prepared" health professionals (physicians, nurses, social workers), and developing innovations that improve and better integrate health and supportive services. The Foundation was established by John A. Hartford. Mr. Hartford and his brother, George L. Hartford, both former chief executives of the Great Atlantic

& Pacific Tea Company, left the bulk of their estates to the Foundation upon their deaths in the 1950s. Additional information is available at www.jhartfound.org.

About the Atlantic Philanthropies

The Atlantic Philanthropies are dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Atlantic focuses on critical social problems related to aging, disadvantaged children and youth, population health and reconciliation and human rights. Programs funded by Atlantic operate in Australia, Bermuda, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United States and Viet Nam. To learn more, please visit <http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org/>

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