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McGuire Joins University of Maryland School of Nursing Faculty



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Deborah B. McGuire, PhD, RN, FAAN, an internationally respected oncology researcher, recently joined the faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of Maryland in Baltimore as a professor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health. She is responsible for coordinating the School of Nursing's oncology master's degree program, providing leadership and support to faculty and students, strengthening the research focus in oncology and gerontology, and increasing research opportunities in palliative and supportive care.

McGuire has an extensive research background investigating biobehavioral interventions for cancer pain, occurrence, quality of life, treatment outcomes, and experiences of patients with cancer and efficacy of cancer treatments. Her focus on oncology and palliative and supportive care demonstrates an awareness of research that is of critical importance worldwide.

McGuire's previous position was as associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and as director of the Institutional National Research Service Award (T32 NR 07036) Nursing Research Training: Psychosocial Oncology and HIV/AIDS. Prior to that position, she was the first holder of the Edith Folsom Honeycutt Chair in Oncology Nursing at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. In 2002, she was a corecipient of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing's Pinnacle Award for Research Utilization. She recently was elected vice president of the International Society for Oral Oncology. McGuire also serves as a consultant to several pharmaceutical advisory boards and is a reviewer of psychosocial behavioral research grants for the American Cancer Society.

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Honor Society of Nursing Recognizes California Congresswoman Capps

Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, recently bestowed the organization's Archon Award to Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA) for her major contributions to the nursing profession. Carol

Jorgensen Huston, RN, MSN, MPA, DPA, honor society director, presented the award on January 5 at Capps' California office.

The Archon Award—from the Greek word meaning "first to lead"—is granted biennially to individuals who have shown exceptional leadership in promoting health and welfare throughout the world.

As an RN herself, Capps knows firsthand the role that nurses play in health care today and the impact that the nursing shortage can have on her constituents. For that reason, Capps has brought nursing issues and the nursing shortage to the forefront of her legislative efforts. She played an integral part in getting the Nurse Reinvestment Act signed and funded. Because of this act, Congress appropriated funds to implement new programs aimed at increasing the number of qualified nurses and the quality of nursing services in the United States. In addition, Capps recently introduced HR 3656, the Quality Nurse Care Act of 2004, aimed at creating federal minimum nurse staffing ratios for hospitals.

"We are pleased to present this prestigious award to Congresswoman Capps," said Huston, professor of nursing in the Chico School of Nursing at California State University. "Through her work, she has brought nursing issues to the floor of Congress, raising awareness among both members of Congress and her constituents."

Sigma Theta Tau International is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health of people worldwide through leadership and scholarship in practice, education, and research. For more information, visit www.nursingsociety.org.



Congresswoman Lois Capps (left) accepts the Honor Society of Nursing's Archon Award from Sigma Theta Tau International Director Carol Jorgensen Huston.

National Cancer Institute Seeks Consumer Advocates in Research and Related Activities

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Office of Liaison Activities is recruiting new members for the Consumer Advocates in its Research and Related Activities (CARRA) program. This program is designed to draw on the experience of consumer advocates to represent the views of cancer survivors and family members in NCI's daily activities. CARRA members participate in the peer-review process to help evaluate cancer research grants or review cancer education materials.

Qualified applicants should be cancer survivors, patients, or family members of cancer survivors or have more than three years' involvement in cancer-related activities. NCI is eager to recruit new enthusiastic and committed individuals with experience in specific disease areas that lack extensive representation in the CARRA membership. These specific cancer areas include bladder, brain, gastrointestinal, leukemia, liver, lung, melanoma, stomach/esophageal, and testicular.

NCI also strongly encourages applications from minorities in each of these areas. Selected applicants in this round will serve a three-year term until September 2007.

For more information or to obtain an application, visit <http://la.cancer.gov/carra/announcements.html> or call 301-650-8660. The deadline to apply is **April 30**.

Call for Abstracts

Respected medical journals *JAMA* and *BMJ* announce the Fifth International Congress on Peer Review and Biomedical Publication, which will be held September 15–17, 2005, in Chicago, IL. Following the successful four previous congresses, the fifth congress will provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of new research on peer review and scientific publication. Abstracts on any aspect of editorial peer review, scientific publication, and the dissemination of scientific information will be considered.

Abstracts are due **January 15, 2005**. Instructions for preparing and submitting abstracts, as well as reports of research from previous congresses, are available on the Peer Review Congress Web site at www.jama-peer.org or by sending an e-mail request to jama-peer@jama-archives.org.

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