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Greetings!:

The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has exciting news, prestigious awards and ground breaking research developments happening every day. See what we've got going on now. Click on the headlines to be taken to the full story below:

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## Two Penn Nursing Faculty To Be Panelists at National Summit on Health Care Quality

Two faculty from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing will participate as panelists at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Summit on Health Care Quality and Value Monday, October 4, at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

**Mary Naylor, Ph.D., Professor in Gerontology;** Director of NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing will be a panelist for a discussion: "Designing High Value Health Care: Lessons from the Field." This panel will highlight specific examples of health care delivery systems that produce good outcomes while lowering costs from around the United States.

The moderator will be Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Other panelists include: Jane Durney Crowley, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Catholic Healthcare Partners; Michael Dolan, M.D., Gundersen Lutheran Melinda Estes, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Fletcher Allen Health Care; Bruce Hamory, M.D., Chief Medical Officer Emeritus, Geisinger Health System; and Edward Miller, M.D., Dean of the School of Medicine and Chief Executive Officer, Johns Hopkins Medicine.

**Linda Aiken, Ph.D., Professor in Nursing**, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing will be a panelist for a discussion entitled: "Building the Health Care Workforce of the Future." This discussion will address issues such as workforce diversity, health professions training and lifelong learning to support the provision of high quality care.

The moderator will be Marcia Brand, Ph.D., Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Other panelists include: Marie Bernard, M.D., Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging Richard "Buz" Cooper, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Leonard Davis Institute Senior Fellow, University of Pennsylvania; Doug Cropper, President and Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Health System; Jack Rowe, M.D., Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

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## Another Penn Nursing Faculty Joins Long List of American Academy of Nursing Living Legends

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) has named University of Pennsylvania School of **Nursing Dean Emerita, Dr. Norma Lang**, an AAN Living Legend for her life-long commitment and contributions to the nursing profession.

Dr. Lang joins other Penn School of Nursing AAN Living Legends - **Drs. Claire Fagin, Vernice Ferguson, Jessie Scott, Lillian Brunner, Clifford Jordan, Doris Schwartz, Connie Holleran, Shirley Chater, Ruth Lubic, Florence Downs, and Joan Lynaugh**.

The school will celebrate Dr. Lang, its newest Living Legend, at the Penn Nursing/AAN Reception to be held in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, November 13, 8:30-10:00 pm.

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## School of Nursing Again Designated WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center

The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has again been designated as a World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization (WHO/PAHO) Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership. This designation is effective as of July 15 and lasts for four years, until 2014.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the school are as follows:

- 1) Work with WHO to contribute to the development of primary health care based systems by strengthening nursing and midwifery human resources to address the Millennium Development Goals.
- 2) In collaboration with WHO, systematically promote sustainable interprofessional education and collaborative research.
- 3) Assist WHO in fostering development of human resources by working to reduce nurse shortages and to improve work environments for nurses.

"We feel that these terms of reference best capture the expertise and interest of the greatest number of our faculty while reflecting the future directions of our international mission," said **School of Nursing Science Dean, Dr. Afaf Meleis**.

There are a total of 44 WHO collaborating centers globally. Of these, 11 are in the United States. The Penn School of Nursing's collaborating center was first designated in 1988 under then-Dean Claire Fagin. It was the second School of Nursing in the country (after the University of Illinois) and the fifth institution to be so designated globally (after Helsinki Research Institute in Finland, University of Illinois at Chicago, Maribor Nursing Health Center in Slovenia, and Yonsei University in Korea).

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Muecke and Geri Grosso for their diligence and commitment in developing our redesignation proposal and effectively meeting every requirement throughout the process," said Dean Meleis. "I would also like to extend our deep appreciation to Mrs. Silvina Malvarez, of the WHO/PAHO. She has been a phenomenal partner during this time and we look forward to her ongoing guidance and support as we seek to achieve our terms of reference goals."

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## Three from School of Nursing Win Awards from American Association for the History of Nursing

University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing faculty **Julie Fairman PhD, RN, FAAN** and **Patricia D'Antonio, PhD, RN, FAAN**, have been awarded the 2010 Mary Adelaide Nutting Award from the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN).

In addition, Penn Nursing doctoral candidate **Winifred Connerton** won the 2010 Terry E. Christy Award from the AAHN.

The AAHN offers three awards for completed research annually, each presented at the Fall Nursing History Conference. The Teresa E. Christy Award is to acknowledge the excellence of historical research and writing done while the researcher was a doctoral student. Two of the AAHN awards recognize the work of experienced scholars in nursing history. The Lavinia L. Dock Award is presented to the author of a book noted for its outstanding research and writing. The Nutting award recognizes outstanding research and writing produced by an experienced scholar (s) in nursing history.

**Dr. Fairman**, a Professor, and the Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the Penn School of Nursing, and **Dr. D'Antonio**, an Associate Professor at the School of Nursing and the Associate Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the History of Nursing, won the Nutting award for their paper "Reimagining nursing's place in the history of clinical practice," which was published in the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences (2008) 63(4): 435-446. Headshots are available upon request.

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