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Hunter College's David Keepnews Selected for Prestigious National Nurse Fellowship

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program Provides Emerging Leaders with Professional Development, Coaching, Education

David M. Keepnews, PhD, JD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, associate professor and director of graduate programs at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY), has been named one of just 20 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellows for 2013. Keepnews joins a select group of nurse leaders from across the country chosen to participate in this world-class, three-year leadership development program designed to enhance nurse leaders' effectiveness in improving the United States health care system.

In his work at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, Keepnews oversees the school's Master's and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, which prepare a diverse student body for a variety of advanced roles in nursing. He is also a member of the doctoral faculty in nursing science at the CUNY Graduate Center and a senior fellow at Hunter's Center for Health Media and Policy. In addition, he serves on the board of directors of the American Academy of Nursing, and is editor-in-chief of *Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice*, a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal focusing on nursing and health policy.

Begun by RWJF in 1998, the *RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows* (ENF) program strengthens the leadership capacity of nurses who aspire to shape health care in their communities, states and nationally. The program will provide Keepnews and his colleagues with coaching, education and other support to strengthen their abilities to lead teams and organizations working to improve health and health care. The ENF program is located at the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), and co-directed by: Linda Cronenwett, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Beerstecher Blackwell Term Professor and former dean of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and David Altman, PhD, executive vice president of Research, Innovation and Product Development at CCL.

“At this pivotal moment when the country’s health care system is being transformed, we need nurse leaders to help ensure that the changes we adopt improve patient and population health,” Cronenwett said. “The *RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows* program is building and enhancing the leadership skills of talented nurses around the country. Our alumni are a virtual ‘who’s who’ of

accomplished nurses, and we know that Keepnews and the other members of our 2013 cohort will also make enormous contributions to improving health and health care in our country.”

"I'm excited and honored by this opportunity," Keepnews said. "I'm looking forward to learning more about effective leadership. One thing I particularly appreciate about the program is its focus on how nurse leaders can effect change in the health care system. I'm very interested in the ways that nurses in their many roles contribute to change, and the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program gives me a chance to explore this topic in depth."

Executive Nurse Fellows hold senior leadership positions in health services, scientific and academic organizations, public health and community-based organizations or systems, and national professional, governmental and policy organizations. They continue in their current positions during their fellowships, and each develops, plans, and implements a new initiative to improve health care delivery in her or his community.

The full list of 2013 RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows – selected from more than 100 applicants – follows:

- **Susan Apold**, PhD, MSN, BSN, dean, health and human services, Concordia College, Bronxville, New York;
- **Colonel Rachel Armstrong**, PhD, MSN, MBA, U.S. Army, Northern Regional Medical Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia;
- **Lynn Babington**, PhD, MSN, RN, dean and professor, Fairfield University School of Nursing, Fairfield, Connecticut;
- **Margaret Baker**, PhD, RN, associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor, University of Washington School of Nursing Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems, Seattle, Washington;
- **Susan Bauer-Wu**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Tussi and John Kluge professor in contemplative end-of-life care, University of Virginia School of Nursing, Charlottesville, Virginia;
- **Katherine Bechtold**, MHA, BSN, senior vice president and chief nurse executive, MultiCare Health System, Tacoma, Washington;
- **Joan Ching**, MN, RN, CPHQ, administrative director of quality & safety, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, Washington;
- **Angela Green**, PhD, MSN, BSN, director of professional practice, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas;
- **Deborah Green**, DNP, RN, CENP, vice president, nursing and patient services, Cone Health System Annie Penn Hospital and Penn Nursing Center, Reidsville, North Carolina;
- **Kristi Henderson**, DNP, APRN, FAEN, chief advanced practice officer and director of telehealth, University of Mississippi Medical Center Hospital Administration, Faculty-School of Nursing and Medicine, Jackson, Mississippi;
- **Cheryl Jones**, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor and chair, division of health care environments, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina;

- **David Keepnews**, PhD, JD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, associate professor and director of graduate programs, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY), New York, New York;
- **Erin Maughan**, PhD, MS, RN, director of research, National Association of School Nurses, Silver Spring, Maryland;
- **Melinda Noonan**, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, assistant vice president for hospital operations and executive director, Rush Children's Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois;
- **Raymond Phillips**, PhD, RN, MS, chief nurse for inpatient nursing and nursing research, Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System, San Francisco, California;
- **Marcella M. Rutherford**, PhD, MBA, MSN, dean, Nova Southeastern University, College of Nursing, Fort Lauderdale, Florida;
- **Susan Schrand**, MSN, CRNP, executive director, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania;
- **Marni Storey**, BSN, MS, interim director, Clark County Public Health and 2013 Chair-Elect, Association of State and Territorial Public Health Directors, Vancouver, Washington;
- **Janis Sunderhaus**, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, chief executive officer, Health Partners of Western Ohio, Lima, Ohio; and
- **Yvonne VanDyke**, MSN, RN, vice president, nursing education and administrator, Clinical Education Center Brackenridge, Seton Healthcare Family, Austin, Texas.

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For more information about the RWJF *Executive Nurse Fellows* program visit:

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