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Dr. Julie Fairman Named the 2009-2010 IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Residence

SILVER SPRING, MD - Julie Fairman, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been selected to participate in the 2009-2010 IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Residence Program, which is sponsored by the American Academy of Nurses (AAN), American Nurses Association (ANA), and American Nurses Foundation (ANF). She will spend the next year on a project that will dovetail with her work on a third book manuscript. That manuscript is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Investigator in Health Policy Fellowship with the new IOM *Initiative on the Future of Nursing*. Both projects are tightly linked to the transformation of the nursing profession that will be needed to quickly and effectively respond to health policy reform debates.

“I am honored to take part in the scholar-in-residence program at a very critical time for the nursing profession, especially with the opportunity provided by the IOM *Initiative on the Future of Nursing*. I believe that historical research should be a key informant to the work of the Commission; history provides the foundation to address the important strategic issues of our times,” Fairman stated. “Enduring problems such as the nurse shortage, the shape of nursing education and the care of indigent and chronically ill populations are rooted in the history of health care particularly the history of nursing. A highly creative meshing of history and policy may provide the innovative strategies necessary to overcome problems present in American health care since the turn of the century.”

“The IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Residence Program allows nurse leaders to engage in a prominent role in health policy development at the national level. AAN is pleased to partner with ANA and ANF to offer this opportunity,” said AAN President Pam Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN. “Dr. Fairman has dedicated her career to the documentation of the nursing profession. I am confident that her experience and expertise will lead to important policy recommendations.”

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“The AAN/ANF/ANA Institute of Medicine Scholar-in-Residence Program is a wonderful opportunity for a nurse to interact with leaders in formulating policy in order to advance the health of the public.” Added Margarete L. Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, chair, ANF Board of Trustees. “The partnership between the American Nurses Foundation, American Academy of Nursing and the American Nurses Association strengthens this endeavor. Dr. Fairman brings in-depth knowledge of the historical development of nursing and advanced practice in nursing which will be critically important in policy discussions surrounding health care reform and the future of nursing.”

Fairman is currently a professor of Nursing and director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Nursing. Throughout her career, she has worked as a nurse historian whose work on the history of 20th Century health care represents a 10-year track record of consistent funding, including fellowships from both the National Library of Medicine and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her work on the history of critical care earned awards from the American Association of the History of Nursing. Her first book, *Critical Nursing: A History*, received favorable reviews in the national and regional popular press and from reviewers in professional journals.

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