

Oncology Nursing Society Member Named Endowed Chair



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Linda Sarna, DNSc, RN, FAAN, AOCN®, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

and an expert on oncology nursing and tobacco control, has been appointed to the school's Lulu Wolf Hassenplug Endowed Chair in Nursing.

Sarna, an advanced practice nurse, helped establish one of the nation's first oncology nursing specialty programs at the UCLA School of Nursing more than 30 years ago. Her scholarship addresses the critical public health issues of nursing care for people with lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer death, and tobacco use, the leading cause of preventable death.

Sarna has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and 50 book chapters, commentaries and monographs, and multiple policy and position statements for nursing organizations. In 2009, she received the Distinguished Researcher Award from ONS.

"Dr. Sarna's scholarship and research in the areas of oncology and tobacco control have significantly advanced the profession," said Courtney Lyder, ND, dean of the UCLA School of Nursing. "We are very pleased that she accepted this prestigious chair position."

As a result of her work identifying smoking among nurses as a barrier to their intervention with patients, as well as a risk to their own health, smoking cessation among nurses has become an important focus of her research.

As principal investigator for the Tobacco Free Nurses Initiative, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sarna led the first-ever nationwide program to help nurses quit smoking and to promote nursing involvement and leadership in tobacco control. Her current research, funded by a \$1.38 million grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is focused on evaluating

the best methods for integrating tobacco control interventions into nursing practice with Web-based technology.

Sarna plans to use the opportunity provided through the endowed chair to expand her research in nursing involvement in international tobacco control efforts. This year, she is organizing an international nursing research conference in China, home to more than 350 million smokers, on nursing interventions for tobacco dependence.

Lulu Wolf Hassenplug was the founding dean of the UCLA School of Nursing and served from 1949–1968. She pioneered changes that had a profound impact on nursing education. UCLA established the professorship at the UCLA School of Nursing in 1993 to honor her creative leadership and to acknowledge her international renown. The Lulu Wolf Hassenplug Endowed Chair in Nursing supports the research and educational programs of a distinguished nurse faculty member at the School of Nursing.

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ONS Member Honored by American Academy of Nursing



ONS member Andrea Barsevick, RN, PhD, AOCN®, director of nursing research at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA, has been selected to become a fellow

of the American Academy of Nursing. Barsevick is among 98 nurse leaders to be inducted as fellows.

"Fellowship in the Academy of Nursing is a top honor and major accomplishment," said Joanne Hambleton, RN, MSN, NE-BC, vice president of nursing and patient services at Fox Chase. "We are very pleased that Andrea is being recognized for her contributions to the science of symptom management for cancer patients and survivors."

Academy fellows are selected based on evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee must be sponsored by two current Acad-

emy fellows. In addition, the selection process takes into account the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans.

The Academy includes more than 1,500 nursing leaders in education, management, practice, and research. Leadership positions held by Academy fellows include university presidents, chancellors, and deans; state and federal political appointees; hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing; researchers and entrepreneurs; and practicing nurses.

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ONS Conference Calendar

35th Annual Congress

May 13–16, 2010
San Diego, CA

Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

November 11–13, 2010
Orlando, FL

11th Annual Institutes of Learning

November 12–14, 2010
Orlando, FL

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