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Jonah Pierce, RN, ACRN



Jonah Pierce has been working as a nurse case manager/HIV patient care coordinator at the UNC Infectious Diseases Clinic, which is a Ryan White Clinic, for the past 18 years. He's served over 2000 persons living with HIV in the south. As a passionate advocate for the patients he works with, a great deal of his work involves helping to keep patients engaged in their care. While his HIV knowledge when he joined the clinic in 2006 was limited, he knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was working in the right place. As soon as he became aware that there was a certification

program for nurses working in AIDS care, he investigated and then began studying to learn as much as he could. He became certified in 2008, and it was and is something he is most proud of. It has always been important to him to not just provide care, but competent care to the patients he works with, and to have the knowledge to answer questions and help to educate both patients and his nursing colleagues in the clinic. Being a part of ANAC and being chosen for this award feels very special to him because it honors the best part of him and the work that he does.

This prestigious award recognizes an ACLPN, ACRN or AACRN who exemplifies excellence in HIV/AIDS nursing and advances the mission of the HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board. This award is voted upon by the HANCB board.

Richard L. Sowell JANAC Awards Article of the Year

Margaret Erickson, PhD



"Pathways From Recent Incarceration to Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence: Opportunities for Interventions to Support Women Living With HIV Post Release From Correctional Facilities"

Margaret Erickson is a public health researcher based in Vancouver, Canada. Her work is focused on the intersections of health and justice, and has involved research relating to HIV, HCV, substance use and reproductive and sexual health. Her PhD at the University of British Columbia explored how incarceration shapes experiences and access to care among women living with HIV in Metro Vancouver. Margaret values applied and policy relevant research that centers the voices and expertise of those most impacted.

This award recognizes an outstanding article published in the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care during the period from July 1 - June 30 of the year preceding ANAC's annual conference. The award acknowledges a significant contribution to the literature, the science of caring and nursing interventions in the HIV epidemic. The JANAC editorial board makes nominations and selections for this award and it is funded by the journal's publisher.

Congratulations Jonah!

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*On receiving the Dr. Patrick Kenny Certified
Nurse of the year Award.*

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Joanne Ruiz Achievement for Excellence in Clinical Practice in HIV

Robin Hardwicke, PhD, FNP-C, AACRN, FAANP



Robin Hardwicke, PhD, FNP-C, AACRN, FAANP, is a professor and family nurse practitioner. Her primary faculty appointment is at the McGovern Medical School with secondary adjunct appointment at Cizik School of Nursing of The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston. She is a nationally recognized expert in HIV/AIDS and is one of the only healthcare providers offering HIV in pregnancy specialized care in the greater Houston, Texas area. She is a key thought leader at state and national levels and a frequent speaker in the HIV/AIDS arena. She is the first female NP (2nd NP)

to advance to full academic rank of professor in a medical school, breaking barriers and advancing the collaborative role and education of NPs in a major academic medical center institution.

Dr. Hardwicke serves on numerous volunteer boards and advisory panels and acts as a leading voice in HIV clinical management. She has led as principal or co-investigator in more than 25 clinical trials, bringing greater than 4.5 million dollars in support. She continues to promote clinical scholarship and dissemination in her field through publications and presentations.

Dr. Hardwicke is a founding chapter member and president of the HGC ANAC chapter of the year for its second time under her lead. She has been recognized for numerous national ANAC awards including the Joan Ruiz Achievement Award for Excellence in HIV Nursing Practice. She will also be installed this week as ANAC's new national secretary.

This award is named in honor of Joanne Ruiz (1949-1991), one of the first nurses in the United States to become infected with HIV through occupational exposure. Despite this, she continued as an HIV/AIDS nurse and was admired by her colleagues for her compassionate care and non-judgmental respect for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. This award recognizes an outstanding ANAC nurse clinician who brings knowledge, skill and caring to people with HIV infection and their loved ones.

Frank Lamendola Achievement Award for Nursing Leadership in HIV Care

Dianne Morrison-Beedy, PhD, RN, CGNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN



Dianne Morrison-Beedy, PhD, RN, WHNP, CGNC, FFMRCSE, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN, is the chief talent and global strategy officer and centennial professor of nursing at The Ohio State University and holds multiple international distinguished visiting professorial appointments. An internationally-recognized nurse scientist, she developed The Health Improvement Project for Teens (HIPTeens), recognized by the CDC and US DHHS as an exemplary evidence-based intervention for HIV/STI and teen pregnancy prevention. It reaches some of the most vulnerable and underserved populations of youth and young adults including victims of sexual trafficking, those in foster care, residents of

diasporic Afro-Caribbean communities in Canada, and resettled refugee/displaced girls from 12 different countries. As the founder/CEO of HIP4Change, LLC: Health Improvement Programs for Behavioral Change, she is committed to moving research to practice. HIPTeens is now used in community-youth organizations, healthcare settings and youth program across many states and in community colleges and after-school programs.

She received her PhD at the University of Rochester and has been awarded over \$12 million in research funding and received numerous awards for her work including the International Nursing Research Hall of Fame and the Audrey Hepburn Award for contributions to children globally. A four-time Fulbright Awardee in Scotland, France, Norway and the Czech Republic, she is also an ICN Certified Global Nursing Consultant and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research (FNINR) and as Editor-in-Chief of Building Healthy Academic Communities.

This award is named in honor of Frank Lamendola (1950-1998), an ANAC nurse who lived openly with HIV/AIDS for 16 years. He was an exemplary leader in HIV/AIDS nursing care, combining clinical nursing expertise with scholarly and administrative leadership and vision to impact the care of people living with HIV/AIDS. This award recognizes an outstanding nurse who has taken on a major leadership role in HIV research, education, professional services or scholarly activities. The recipient is a nurse who brings vision, administrative abilities and commitment to their position. The award is given to the nurse who has had significant and far-reaching impact on AIDS care nurses and people living with HIV.



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Congratulations to Dr. Dianne Morrison-Beedy on receiving the ANAC Frank Lamendola Achievement for Nursing Leadership in HIV Care Award!

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HIV/AIDS Educator Award

Sheryl Malone-Thomas, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AACRN



Sheryl Malone-Thomas, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AACRN, has been a registered nurse for 33 years and a family nurse practitioner for more than 22 years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Lamar University and a Master of Science in Nursing and a Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Houston Baptist University. She also received a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Chatham University. She is currently an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Texas Cizik School of Nursing in the undergraduate and graduate departments in Houston,

Texas. Dr. Thomas has an extensive career including academia, pediatrics, pediatric oncology, adult hepatology/liver transplant, care for the homeless, primary care, family practice, community health and public health (including leadership as well as family planning, tuberculosis care and HIV/STI/viral hepatitis prevention/immunizations). She has presented on the local, state, national and international levels in the area of HIV/STI prevention. Her published work in the *Journal of AIDS* includes use of a urine test to distinguish discrepancies between self-reported adherence and a biomarker adherence.

This award recognizes an outstanding ANAC member who, through HIV education, has impacted the lives of those they have instructed, whether it be patients, clients, families, students, health care providers, community groups or the general public.

Researcher/Impact Recognition Award

Chen Zhang, PhD



As a passionate and creative early-stage researcher, Dr. Zhang was trained in medicine, social science and epidemiology. Dr. Zhang is an accomplished assistant professor at the School of Nursing, University of Rochester. By working with colleagues and collaborators, the ultimate goal of Dr. Zhang's research is to reduce HIV disparities among populations that are socially marginalized and improve their quality of life. To this end, Dr. Zhang employs a multi-level, multidisciplinary and patient-centered strategy to reduce HIV incidence among people at risk of

HIV infection. Notably, Dr. Zhang's ongoing research included a project that aims at developing an evidence-based guide for capturing and evaluating structural racism against Black/African American populations affected by HIV, sponsored by the University of Rochester Research Committee. Another key project focuses on Patient-Provider Communication and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Implementation in Primary Care Settings, funded by the Center for AIDS Research. With an impressive portfolio of over 85 publications in prestigious journals, Dr. Zhang's contributions to the academic community are notable. Currently, Dr. Zhang is leveraging data science tools to delve deeper into health disparity research, probing relevant mechanisms within existing data repositories. Collaborating with peers and experts, she remains unwavering in her commitment to driving positive change in HIV care and research.

This award recognizes an outstanding current ANAC member who has made a significant contribution through research regarding individuals and communities affected by HIV and the quality of care provided to them. Contributions may be reflected in scholarship and/or by the implemented impact of the research on HIV nursing care and individuals and communities affected by HIV.

Lucy Bradley-Springer Excellence in HIV Prevention Award

Diane Santa Maria, DrPH, MSN, PHNA-BC, RN, ACRN, FAAN



Diane M. Santa Maria, DrPH, MSN, PHNA-BC, RN, ACRN, FAAN, has served UTHealth Houston as Dean of Cizik School of Nursing since September 2020 after leading the school on an interim basis for two years. Under her leadership, Cizik School of Nursing has improved in national rankings, increased NIH research funding and expanded degree offerings and innovative technologies. She holds The Jane and Robert Cizik Distinguished Chair and the Huffington Foundation Endowed Chair in Nursing Education Leadership at Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston.

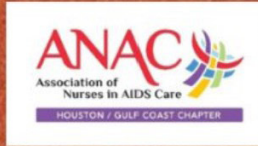
A professor in the department of research, Dean Santa Maria has expertise in public health nursing, adolescent health, HIV/STI and pregnancy prevention, intervention development, randomized controlled trials, mobile technology and predictive modeling. She has served as the principal investigator and co-investigator on multiple research studies funded by the various foundations and is currently conducting HIV prevention and stress reduction research with youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from The Ohio State University and her master's degree in public health nursing from Case Western Reserve University. She completed a Leadership Education in Adolescent Health predoctoral fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and was a visiting professor in the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.

This award recognizes a nurse who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the prevention of the spread of HIV infection.

Congratulations

AWARD WINNING HOUSTON GULF COAST CHAPTER MEMBERS



HOUSTON PROUD



Joanne Ruiz Achievement for Excellence in Clinical Practice in HIV
Robin Hardwicke PhD, FNPC, AACRN, FAANP



Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Student Mentorship Scholarship
Kendrick Clack, AAHIVS, APRN, FNP-C, MS, AACRN



HIV/AIDS Educator Award
Sheryl Malone-Thomas, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AACRN



Lucy Bradley-Springer Excellence in HIV Prevention Award
Diane Santa Maria, DrPH, MSN, PHNA-BC, RN, ACRN

Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Student Fellowship

Kendrick Clack, AAHIVS, APRN, FNP-C, MS, AACRN



Kendrick T. Clack is a nurse practitioner and sub-investigator at the CrofootMD Clinic and Research Center in Houston, TX. In this role, he provides routine primary care, treatment and prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and gender affirming care. He also services as a sub-investigator on clinical trials evaluating safety and efficacy of investigational biomedical therapies for HIV treatment and prevention.

In previous roles, Kendrick has developed and implemented programming for HIV PrEP and rapid start HIV treatment services at local CBOs and health department in Harris County. These programs provide services to uninsured individuals to access HIV

treatment and prevention medications.

As a board member of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), he expanded conference education to include HIV PrEP Education to over 500 nurses. As chair of NBNA men's health committee, he implemented the Men's Health Institute Bow Tie Breakfast and Wear Blue Day in recognition of Men's Health Awareness. Over the past five years, the Bow Tie Breakfast has provided men's health education to over 500 attendees. Additionally, he's co-hosted the annual men's health program with the Fort Bend County BNA.

Kendrick has been recognized at the national and local level by receiving Community Recognition Awards, the NBNA Trailblazer Award, Nurse of the Year and 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health. He's also been a consultant to community advisory boards and provided presentations on HIV treatment and prevention to national audiences.

Currently, Mr. Clack is pursuing a PhD in Nursing Science at Texas Woman's University in Houston, TX. His research interest includes enhancing sexual health education among healthcare providers and eliminating health disparities among vulnerable populations.

This fellowship recognizes a member of a historically underrepresented racial or ethnic minority group in nursing or another health-related discipline who has a genuine interest in HIV/AIDS care. The recipient will establish a mentor/mentee relationship with an ANAC member that will continue throughout the fellowship experience. Fellowship winners will present a summary of their experience at the ANAC2024 annual conference.

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ANAC Chapter Recognition Award

Houston Gulf Coast Chapter



While the Houston Gulf Coast Chapter of ANAC (HCG ANAC) has been around for nearly 30 years, we have worked hard to revitalize our chapter, our connections and our impact through a systematic and strategic plan. Starting in 2003 with a complete revival of the chapter from Debra Trumble and Robin Hardwicke, our members have continued to work tirelessly to uphold the importance of an effective network among those interested in HIV prevention and

care in the community of Houston, Texas. This has amounted to decades of hard work and dedication to strengthening our community's connection with each other.

We recently hosted the September 2022 first ever State of HIV in Houston. Here, the BOD invited all local HIV community-based organizations and a representative of HRSA to one table and discussed The State of HIV in Houston amongst the Houston community HIV network. The attendance, participation and feedback were extremely positive and left members asking for more as we addressed core barriers to HIV prevention and care in our community and the state of Texas. At the 2022 National ANAC conference in Tampa, we made our presence known by presenting posters & abstracts, providing live podium presentations and connecting with other chapters. Our member Dr. Emily Barr was selected as the recipient of the Research/Impact award and presented both a poster and a podium presentation, our member Evelyn Hicks shared best practices from the HGC experience on how to revive a chapter, and other members, like Diane Santa Maria, the dean of the Cizik School of Nursing, presented her scientific work through poster presentations.

Currently, we have increased our chapter membership by over 45% since the beginning of 2022 through a multitude of strategies that include social media and community presence, connecting current members to potential members and encouraging our members to attend the National ANAC conference. We strongly believe that attending events like the ANAC conference as a team rallies the most support to continue to incorporate evidence-based practices and improve networking at home.

This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of one of ANAC's chapters in meeting the association's mission.

2023 Chapter of the Year Houston Gulf Coast



HOUSTON / GULF COAST CHAPTER



Congratulations to all the hard working, dedicated members who made this such a special year!

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President Robin Hardwicke
President Elect Evelyn Malone-Hicks
Treasurer Steve Nettles
Secretaries Chivon Jackson & Sha McCoy
Director at Large Sheryl Malone-Thomas

Excellence in Global HIV Nursing Award

Maureen Akolo, PhD, MPH, RN



Dr. Maureen Akolo is an assistant professor at the Aga Khan University, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Nairobi and a visiting lecturer at Catholic University of Eastern Africa, University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University. She is a member of several committees including a committee of experts at the Kenya national HIV program, research ethics committees and a member of Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) nominating committee.

Dr. Akolo has 18 years of experience as a researcher and a clinical manager for an HIV/STI research center founded and managed by Partners for Health and

Development in Africa, an affiliate of the University of Manitoba and University of Nairobi. The center offers HIV/STI prevention, care and treatment services to over 45,000 female sex workers, 4,500 men who have sex with men and approximately 1,400 transgender people.

She is a fellow of Higher Education and Learning Academy (FHEA), UK.

This award is given every two years to honor an outstanding nurse living and working in a low or lower middle income country (per World Bank designation) who is doing exceptional work in promoting HIV nursing and supporting people living with and affected by HIV. Nominations are now closed.

Congratulations to Maureen Akolo



*for being awarded the
Excellence in Global
HIV Nursing Award.*

From the ANAC Global
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Congratulations Harold Phillips!

*For the Public Service
Award and your leadership
in the national Plan to End
the HIV Epidemic.*



The ANAC Board of
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Public Service Award

Harold J. Phillips, MRP



Harold J. Phillips, MRP, is Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP). In this position, he leads the effort to set the Administration's domestic HIV/AIDS priorities. This includes monitoring and implementing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), consulting with the Office of Management and Budget, coordinating with others on the Domestic Policy Council, the National Security Council and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to ensure America's response to the HIV epidemic is accelerated, comprehensive and reflective of the lived experiences of those at risk of and living with HIV. This work is done to reduce the number of new HIV transmissions,

improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and end the HIV epidemic.

Prior to joining the White House, Mr. Phillips served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. There, he coordinated the initiative's activities across the Department's operating divisions.

Mr. Phillips held prior positions at the Health Resources and Services Administration's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HRSA/HAB). His work there included serving as Office Director for the Ryan White Program's AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC), Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) and HAB's work funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He was the Deputy Director of the Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP), and worked with Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients, planning councils, providers and patients. He served on the CDC/HRSA AIDS Advisory Committee (CHAC) from 2003 - 2010. He worked for the State of North Carolina in the Department of Health, Environment and Natural Resources where he helped to begin the State's Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Program (HOPWA) in 1993. He has a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an undergraduate degree from Kalamazoo College in Michigan and is a person living with HIV.

This award is given to an individual who (or organization that) has made a significant contribution to public policy or community service. The awardee is selected by the ANAC board of directors. The award is given at the board's discretion.

Helen Miramontes Advocacy Award

Orlando Harris, PhD, RN, FNP, MPH, FAAN



Orlando O. Harris, PhD, RN, FNP, MPH, FAAN, is an associate professor of nursing in the Department of Community Health Systems and an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Prevention Science in the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. His research focuses on the exploration of risk and protective factors in sexual and gender diverse communities of color in the United States and the Afro-Caribbean diaspora. His work also focuses on understanding the relationships between intersectional stigma, violence, mental health, HIV

and other health-related behavior outcomes. Dr. Harris leverages multi-methods data, using community-based participatory research methods, to inform culturally relevant interventions that improve the lives of minoritized and marginalized sexual and gender diverse communities. His research findings are published in leading peer-reviewed journals including JAMA Health Affairs, Culture Health and Sexuality and the American Journal of Public Health.

This award is presented by ANAC and Until There's A Cure Foundation to an ANAC member whose work focuses on improving the lives of vulnerable persons or communities, influences policy at a local, state, national or international level and whose drive, motivations and passion affect change.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Your Award

Your CHS community celebrates you as the recipient of the Helen Miramontes Advocacy Award. We admire you, Dr. Harris, for your passion and motivation to create change and influence policy.



Orlando Harris, PhD, MPH, FAAN
Associate Professor

UCSF School of Nursing
Department of Community Health Systems

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ANAC Presidents Award

Stacey Gladstone, ACRN, BSN, RN



Stacey Gladstone, Clinical Director for the VNS Health “End the Epidemic” project, is an AIDS certified RN who has worked with PLWHA for the past 25 years. Beginning as a visiting nurse in a special needs CHHA for people living with HIV, she has also worked in several public health settings as clinical care coordinator in day treatment, clinical supervisor for an HIV focused Health Home and in staff development, where she co-designed a curriculum to prepare home care nurses to take the AIDS certification exam.

In addition to having been a trainer with AETC, Ms. Gladstone has been a member

of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care since 2004, and later went to Swaziland as part of “Nurses SOAR”, a PEPFAR grant-funded program administered by ANAC in conjunction with Georgetown University. She served as president of the greater NY ANAC chapter from 2012-14.

This award is given to the association member who, in the opinion of the president, has provided exemplary leadership and service in fulfillment of the association’s mission and strategic plan. The award is given at the discretion of the president and every association member is eligible.

Congratulations

**Lifetime Achievement
Award**

PETER OATES



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Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Oates, RN, MSN, NP-C, ACRN



Peter has spent 52 years of his career in health care, which has given him the opportunity to experience and serve communities in the U.K., the Netherlands and finally here in the U.S.

He first became interested in HIV care when he was living in San Francisco in 1983. He then travelled to Newark, NJ via the U.K. in 1984 where he assumed various nursing roles in critical care at legacy UMDNJ- University Hospital. He then went back to school to get his graduate degree in nursing and became licensed as a primary care nurse practitioner. As a nurse practitioner, he

worked in HIV care for 29 years, becoming the director of Health Care Services at the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center, a center within the Rutgers School of Nursing, which serves infants, children, adolescents, women and their families who are living with and affected by HIV. In this role, he provided HIV primary care services to his clients for 23 years before his retirement in March 2022.

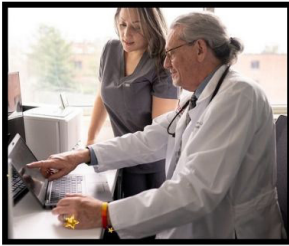
He has been a member of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) for 28 years and has previously served on the National Board of Directors. Recently he has served as the ANAC Chapters Committee co-chair for 6 years and as President of the ANAC - New Jersey chapter for many years. He remains active in the LGBTQI community and has served on the Board of Directors of the African American Office of Gay Concerns, of which he is a founding board member, for 22 years. He was recently appointed to serve on the Federally Qualified Health Center Board of Commission for the City of Newark and elected to the National Board of Directors of the Association of Nurses in AIDS care.

Peter lives in South Orange with his activist husband of 33 years, Gary Paul Wright, together with their 2 dogs Caesar and Eleanora.

This award is given to a current member of ANAC for outstanding lifetime accomplishments that have enhanced the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. The award is recommended by the ANAC president to the board of directors for approval and is given at the board's discretion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Peter Dates



RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 ANAC

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