### NYA MANNUAL AWARDS

## Innovators IN HEALTH

**PROGRAM** 

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## Welcome to The New York Academy of Medicine's 2021 Annual Awards

This year's honorees are scientists and healthcare leaders whose work has helped us understand and respond to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, address its devastating impacts, and move the world toward a healthier future. They have made breakthroughs and innovations that will change the face of healthcare for years to come, leading to new opportunities to build a healthier world. At today's event we will recognize their oustanding accomplishments, congratulate our 2021 class of NYAM Fellows and Members, and welcome Dr. Anthony Fauci to deliver special remarks. Thank you for joining us and for being part of NYAM's network of champions for health equity.

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### **2021 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

#### Introduction

Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS

President, The New York Academy of Medicine

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#### The Academy Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Biomedical Science

Katalin Karikó, PhD

Drew Weissman, MD, PhD

Introduced by **Jonathan Epstein, MD**, William Wikoff Smith Professor, Executive Vice Dean and Chief Scientific Officer, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, University of Pennsylvania Health System

#### The Academy Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Health Policy

The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation

Represented by co-founders Jennifer Breen Feist, JD, and J. Corey Feist, JD, MBA Introduced by Senator Tim Kaine

## The Stephen Smith Award for Distinguished Contributions in Public Health Reed Tuckson, MD, FACP

Introduced by Mary O'Neil Mundinger, DrPH, Dean Emerita and Edward M. Kennedy Professor of Health Policy, Columbia University School of Nursing

#### **Welcoming NYAM's New Fellows & Members**

Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS

Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP

#### The John Stearns Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Clinical Practice

Kizzmekia S. Corbett, PhD

Barney S. Graham, MD, PhD

William Gruber, MD

Introduced by **Anthony S. Fauci, MD**, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health

#### The Academy Plaque for Exceptional Service to the Academy

James E. Flynn, MS

Introduced by Mia Jung, MBA, Partner, Oxeon Partners

#### **Special Remarks**

Anthony S. Fauci, MD

NIAID Director, National Institutes of Health Introduced by Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS, NYAM President

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### HONORING OUR 30-YEAR FELLOWS

NYAM congratulates the following individuals celebrating 30 years as Fellows, and thanks them for their service to NYAM and to the larger community.

David W. Brody, MD

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Gerard M. Turino, MD

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### **In Memoriam**

We wish to recognize those Fellows who passed away over the last year:

Richard Amelar, MD

Maurice Carter, MD

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Bernard Cohen, MD

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## THE ACADEMY MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Katalin Karikó, PhD Drew Weissman, MD, PhD

Drs. Karikó and Weissman were selected for their work in pioneering the mRNA technology used in the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.



**Dr. Katalin Karikó** is senior vice president at BioNTech SE since 2013. She is also adjunct professor at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, where she has worked for 24 years. She received her PhD in biochemistry from University of Szeged, Hungary, in 1982. For four decades, her research has been focusing on RNAmediated mechanisms with the ultimate goal of developing

in vitro–transcribed mRNA for protein therapy. She investigated RNA–mediated immune activation and co–discovered that nucleoside modifications suppress immunogenicity of RNA. This groundbreaking work unlocked the opportunity for the therapeutic use of mRNA. She is co–inventor on mRNA–related patents, thirteen of those granted by the U.S. for application of non–immunogenic RNA. She co–founded and served as CEO of RNARx, a company dedicated to developing nucleoside–modified mRNA for therapy. Her patent, co–invented with Drew Weissman on nucleoside–modified uridines in mRNA, is used to create the COVID–19 mRNA vaccines by BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna/NIH. For her achievement she received the Rosenstiel Award, Széchenyi Prize, Semmelweis Award, Wilhelm Exner Medal, Reichstein Medal, Princess Asturias Award and the Vilcek Prize.



**Dr. Drew Weissman** is a professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. He received his graduate degrees from Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Weissman, in collaboration with Dr. Katalin Karikó, discovered the ability of modified nucleosides in RNA to suppress activation of innate immune sensors and increase the translation of mRNA containing certain modified

nucleosides. The nucleoside–modified mRNA–lipid nanoparticle vaccine platform Dr. Weissman's lab created is used in the first two approved COVID–19 vaccines by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna. They continue to develop other vaccines that induce potent antibody and T cell responses with mRNA–based vaccines. Dr. Weissman's lab also develops methods to replace genetically deficient proteins, edit the genome, and specifically target cells and organs with mRNA–LNPs, including lung, heart, brain, CD4+cells, all T cells, and bone marrow stem cells.

## THE ACADEMY MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN HEALTH POLICY

#### The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation

Represented by co-founders Jennifer Breen Feist, JD, and J. Corey Feist, JD, MBA

The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation was selected for its advocacy to change policies and systems to protect the mental health and well-being of frontline healthcare professionals.



Jennifer Breen Feist is a lawyer in Charlottesville, VA, specializing in finance, real estate and wealth management. She is the co-founder of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation and sister of Dr. Lorna Breen. She serves as treasurer of the Central Virginia Chapter of Girls on the Run and is also a co-founder of Women United, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting causes that benefit women and children. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Penn State

Dickinson School of Law and a BS in Political Science from Elizabethtown College.



J. Corey Feist is a healthcare executive with over 20 years of experience. Corey is the co-founder of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation and Corey currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the University of Virginia Physicians Group, the medical group practice of UVA Health comprised of 1200+ physicians and advanced practice providers. Corey also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the UVA Darden School of Business where he recently taught a

course entitled "Managing in a Pandemic: The Challenge of COVID-19." Corey is also the Chair of the Board of the Charlottesville Free Clinic. Corey holds his Masters in Business Administration from the UVA Darden School of Business, his Juris Doctorate from Penn State Dickinson School of Law and his bachelors degree from Hamilton College.

## THE STEPHEN SMITH AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

#### Reed Tuckson, MD, FACP

Dr. Reed Tuckson was selected for his work in increasing vaccine confidence among African Americans.



**Dr. Tuckson** is managing director of Tuckson Health Connections, LLC, a vehicle to advance initiatives that support optimal health and well-being through the intersection of health promotion and disease prevention; applied data and analytics; enhanced quality and efficiency in care delivery; and the application of telehealth and biotech innovations.

Currently, Dr. Tuckson's focus is on advancing his work as a co-founder of the Black Coalition Against COVID, a multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary effort working to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington, D.C., and nationally by coordinating the four historically Black medical schools, the NMA, the Cobb Institute of the NMA, the National Black Nurses Association, the National Urban League, and BlackDoctor.org.

Previously, he enjoyed a long tenure as executive vice president and chief of medical affairs for UnitedHealth Group, a Fortune 20 health and well-being company.

A recognized leader in his field, Dr. Tuckson is honored to have been appointed to leadership roles at the National Institutes of Health; National Academy of Medicine; numerous federal Advisory Committees; and corporate, non-profit and academic boards.

Previously, he served as president of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; the senior vice president for professional standards of the AMA; the SVP for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation; and the commissioner of public health for Washington, D.C. He is also past President of the American Telemedicine Association.

He has been recognized several times by *Modern Healthcare Magazine*'s listing of the "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives" in healthcare.

He is a graduate of Howard University, Georgetown University School of Medicine, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania's General Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship Programs, where he was also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar studying at the Wharton School of Business.

## THE JOHN STEARNS MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Kizzmekia S. Corbett, PhD Barney S. Graham, MD, PhD William Gruber, MD

Drs. Kizzmekia S. Corbett, Barney S. Graham and William Gruber were selected for the critical roles they played in accelerating the development of multiple COVID-19 vaccines.



**Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett** is an assistant professor of immunology and infectious diseases at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Shutzer Assistant Professor at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study, and associate member of the Phillip T. and Susan M. Ragon Institute. Prior to Harvard, she was a research fellow and scientific lead at the National Institute of Allergy and

Infectious Diseases Vaccine Research Center. Dr. Corbett uses her viral immunology expertise to propel novel vaccine development for pandemic preparedness, including mRNA-1273, a leading vaccine against SARS-CoV-2. The vaccine concept incorporated in mRNA-1273 was designed by Dr. Corbett's NIH team from viral sequence and rapidly deployed to industry partner, Moderna, Inc., for Phase 1 clinical trial, which unprecedently began only 66 days from viral sequence release. mRNA-1273 was shown to be 94.1% effective in Phase 3 trial and is authorized for use in multiple countries. Alongside mRNA-1273, Dr. Corbett boasts a patent portfolio that also includes universal coronavirus and influenza vaccine concepts and novel therapeutic antibodies. In all, she has over 15 years of experience studying dengue virus, respiratory syncytial virus, influenza virus, and coronaviruses, garnering several prestigious awards, such as the Benjamin Franklin Next Gen Award and the Salzman Memorial Award in Virology. Combining her research goals with her knack for mentorship, Dr. Corbett invests much of her time in underserved communities as an advocator of STEM education and vaccine awareness. In 2008, she received a BS in biological sciences, with a secondary major in sociology, from the University of Maryland – Baltimore County, where she was a Meyerhoff Scholar and NIH undergraduate scholar. She then obtained her PhD in microbiology and immunology in 2014 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill holding multiple honors, including a director's scholarship.



**Dr. Barney S. Graham** is former deputy director of the NIAID Vaccine Research Center. He was a professor of medicine at Vanderbilt with a joint appointment in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology before joining the VRC in 2000 as a founding member. He is a recipient of the Robert M. Chanock Award for lifetime contributions to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) research, the Dr. Charles Mérieux Award for Achievement in Vaccinology and Immunology from the National Foundation

for Infectious Diseases, and the Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal Award from the Sabin Vaccine Institute. His primary interests are vaccine development for viral diseases, viral pathogenesis, mechanisms of immunity, and pandemic preparedness. He directs basic laboratory research, contributes to the pipeline of new VRC vaccines, and provides oversight of candidate VRC vaccines and antibodies in advanced development including those for HIV, Ebola, and Chikungunya. His laboratory explores the structural basis for antibody–mediated viral neutralization, investigates basic mechanisms by which T cells affect viral clearance and immunopathology, and has developed novel vaccines for RSV, influenza, Zika, paramyxoviruses, and coronaviruses including the first COVID–19 vaccine and monoclonal antibody to enter clinical testing and that have now achieved Emergency Use Authorization. He earned a BA from Rice University, an MD from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and a PhD in Microbiology & Immunology from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he also completed internal medicine residency, chief residencies, and a fellowship in infectious diseases.



**Dr. William Gruber** is senior vice president of Pfizer Vaccine Clinical Research and Development, and responsible for global clinical research and development of vaccines to meet licensure and post–licensure requirements. He has over 35 years of experience in vaccine development. Dr. Gruber joined Pfizer in 1999 as vice president of clinical vaccine research and development for Wyeth, now Pfizer Inc. Other experience includes roles as associate professor of pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt

University School of Medicine, and director of the Diagnostic Virology Laboratory at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Dr. Gruber's clinical research group has been responsible for global clinical research and development of now licensed pneumococcal conjugate, meningococcal conjugate, rLP2086 meningococcal B, and influenza vaccines, as well as investigational Staph aureus, C. difficile, HIV, RSV, parainfluenza, and HSV vaccines. Dr. Gruber also guides the clinical research and development for Pfizer's Group B streptococcus and RSV maternal

immunization vaccine programs, as well as vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and Lyme disease.

He is board–certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, member of the Society for Pediatric Research, Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Fellow of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and member of the America Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Gruber has served as a consultant and/or reviewer for NIAID, PATH, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and scientific journals.

His education includes a BA, Mathematical Sciences, Rice University, Houston, Texas; MD, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; Pediatric Residency, Chief Residency, and Pediatric Infectious Disease Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, and Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas.

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James Flynn was selected for his leadership in advancing The New York Academy of Medicine's vision for health equity as a member and former chair of NYAM's Board of Trustees.



James (Jim) Flynn is the managing partner of Deerfield. He joined Deerfield in 2000, focusing on pharmaceutical companies and gradually assuming broader responsibility throughout the firm. In 2004 Jim began co-managing the firm with Deerfield's founder, Arnold Snider. Upon Arnie's retirement in 2005, Jim assumed his current role overseeing Deerfield's investment activities as well as the management

of the firm. Since that time, the firm has expanded its investment capabilities to include private structured financings, developed additional proprietary market research instruments through the Deerfield Institute, and created the Deerfield Foundation to contribute toward the health and welfare of disadvantaged children.

Before joining Deerfield, Jim was a top ranked analyst at Furman Selz from 1996 to 2000, where he built a team to cover the pharmaceutical and medical device industries and also managed a proprietary trading account. Previously he served from 1993 to 1996 as vice president of corporate development of Alpharma Inc., a pharmaceutical company, where his responsibilities included business development and strategic planning and the management of several licensing transactions. Jim began his career in healthcare investing from 1988 to 1993 at Kidder, Peabody & Co., where he ultimately served as a senior analyst covering the specialty pharmaceutical industry.

Since 2009, Jim has served as the Chairman of the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees of Continuum Health Partners until its merger in 2013 with Mount Sinai Health System, where he continues to serve on the Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of The New York Academy of Medicine. He holds a BS in Cellular and Molecular Biology and Economics from the University of Michigan.

#### **Speaker and Guest Biographies**



Jonathan A. Epstein, MD, graduated from Harvard College in 1983, Harvard Medical School in 1988 and completed his residency and fellowship in Medicine and Cardiology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he also completed an HHMI Postdoctoral Fellowship in Genetics. In 1996 he accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the University of

Pennsylvania. From 2006–2015, he served as Chairman of the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and Scientific Director of the Penn Cardiovascular Institute. He is currently the William Wikoff Smith Professor, Executive Vice Dean and Chief Scientific Officer at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer at the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Dr. Epstein has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Sir William Osler Young Investigator Award from the Interurban Clinical Club (2001), the Outstanding Investigator Award from the American Federation for Medical Research (2006) and the Harriet P. Dustan Award for Science as Related to Medicine from the American College of Physicians (2020). He is a member of the Philadelphia College of Physicians, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association of Physicians, Past President of the Interurban Clinical Club, Past President of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and a member of the National Academy of Medicine (previously the Institute of Medicine). He serves on several editorial boards, and is a past Deputy Editor of the Journal of Clinical Investigation. Dr. Epstein was a founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2007.

Dr. Epstein's research has focused on the molecular mechanisms of cardiovascular development and implications for understanding and treating human disease. His group has been at the forefront of utilizing animal models of congenital heart disease to determine genetic and molecular pathways required for cardiac morphogenesis, with implications for pediatric and adult cardiovascular disease. Stem cell, angiogenesis and epigenetic studies have had direct implications for the development of new therapeutic agents for heart failure and myocardial infarction.



Anthony S. Fauci, MD, was appointed director of NIAID in 1984. He oversees an extensive portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, tuberculosis and malaria as well as emerging diseases such as Ebola and Zika. NIAID also supports research on transplantation and immune–related illnesses, including autoimmune disorders, asthma and allergies. The NIAID budget for fiscal year 2021 is an

estimated \$6.1 billion.

Dr. Fauci has advised seven presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues. He was one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a program that has saved millions of lives throughout the developing world.

Dr. Fauci also is the longtime chief of the Laboratory of Immunoregulation. He has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune–mediated and infectious diseases. He helped pioneer the field of human immunoregulation by making important basic scientific observations that underpin the current understanding of the regulation of the human immune response. In addition, Dr. Fauci is widely recognized for delineating the precise ways that immunosuppressive agents modulate the human immune response. He developed effective therapies for formerly fatal inflammatory and immune–mediated diseases such as polyarteritis nodosa, granulomatosis with polyangiitis (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis), and lymphomatoid granulomatosis. A 1985 Stanford University Arthritis Center Survey of the American Rheumatism Association membership ranked Dr. Fauci's work on the treatment of polyarteritis nodosa and granulomatosis with polyangiitis among the most important advances in patient management in rheumatology over the previous 20 years.

Dr. Fauci has made seminal contributions to the understanding of how HIV destroys the body's defenses leading to its susceptibility to deadly infections. Further, he has been instrumental in developing treatments that enable people with HIV to live long and active lives. He continues to devote much of his research to the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to HIV.

In a 2021 analysis of Google Scholar citations, Dr. Fauci ranked as the 35th most-cited living researcher. According to the Web of Science, Dr. Fauci ranked 9th out of 2.5 million authors in the field of immunology by total citation count between 1980 and January 2021. During the same period, he ranked 20th out of 2.4 million authors in the field of

research & experimental medicine, and 132nd out of 992,000 authors in the field of general & internal medicine.

Dr. Fauci has delivered major lectures all over the world and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the highest honor given to a civilian by the President of the United States), the National Medal of Science, the George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians, the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service, the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, the Robert Koch Gold Medal, the Prince Mahidol Award, and the Canada Gairdner Global Health Award. He also has received 50 honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Fauci is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society, as well as other professional societies including the American College of Physicians, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the American Association of Immunologists, and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. He serves on the editorial boards of many scientific journals and as an author, coauthor, or editor of more than 1,300 scientific publications, including several textbooks.



Mia Jung, MBA is a Partner in Oxeon Partners' search business and has spent over 20 years working in the healthcare industry, holding commercial leadership roles in the pharmaceutical, medical technology, and executive search industries at companies such as Merck, Guidant, Boston Scientific, Russell Reynolds, and Oxeon. In her role at Oxeon, she partners with high growth, innovative healthcare organizations, boards, and investors to build diverse and

cohesive leadership teams. She is the co-founder of *Break Into The Boardroom*, an initiative that seeks to drive gender parity in the boardroom. Her projects include work with VC, Private Equity, and public company backed organizations across, payer, provider, consumer, employer, life sciences, and medical technology segments.

Throughout her career in the medical technology industry she spent her time leading exceptional teams and launching innovative products such as the industry's first remote patient wireless platform and cardiac resynchronization therapy for heart failure patients throughout large provider systems in the United States and

throughout Europe and Asia.

Mia combines her experience working within an innovative and disruptive organization while advising similarly oriented clients. Her experience with great teams, innovative technology and global sales and business development are utilized across Oxeon Holdings. Mia integrates Oxeon's mission To Make People Healthier and it's core values into every aspect of her professional and personal life. She cares deeply about health (her own and others) and if she is not spending time with her family or twin sister's family, she can be found at a 6am Barry's Bootcamp class. Otherwise, the majority of her time is committed to helping innovative healthcare organizations find rockstar leaders. She currently lives in New York City (a short walk from the Oxeon office) with her husband Scott and two children. Nixon and Lexi.

Mia earned her undergraduate degree in Communications and Business at Villanova and has an MBA from Columbia and London Business School. At Columbia she served as the Co-Chair for Sanford Bernstein's Ethics and Leadership program. Her board work includes Independent Director roles at Abzena, a Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe backed company, The New York Academy of Medicine Board, and serves as an Advisory Member of the The Moth's Development Committee. She has also served as a speaker/advisor to MIT's Martin Trust Center for Entrepreneurship.



**Senator Tim Kaine** was elected to the Senate in 2012 and serves on the Armed Services; Budget; Foreign Relations; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committees.

Tim has made boosting job opportunities for everyone a top priority. As co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, Tim focuses on expanding access to job-training programs to ensure that students of all ages

are prepared with the skills they need for the jobs of the modern economy. Tim has also led successful efforts in the Senate to reduce unemployment for military families and veterans.

As a Senator from one of the states most closely connected to the military and the father of a Marine, Tim is focused on crafting smart defense strategy and reducing the risk of unnecessary war. He works to ensure that the military has the resources it needs to keep the country safe and that servicemembers and veterans receive the benefits and care they have earned. He has also been the leading voice against Presidents starting wars without a vote by Congress.

Tim believes that health care is a right, not something reserved just for those who can

afford it, and has consistently pushed for reforms to expand access to quality care. This includes legislation to give Americans more options for affordable health insurance and to combat the opioid abuse epidemic.

Tim grew up working in his father's ironworking shop in Kansas City. His parents taught him the value of hard work and showed him how small businesses and technical skills strengthen this country every day. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he started his public service career by running a technical school founded by Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. He trained teenagers to become carpenters and welders, equipping them with skills to lift up themselves and their communities.

He was first elected to office in 1994, serving as a city councilmember and then Mayor of Richmond. He became Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006. He is married to Anne Holton, who served as Virginia Secretary of Education from 2014 until 2016 and as the Interim President of George Mason University from 2019 until 2020; she now teaches education policy at GMU. They both revel in the adventures of their three grown children and live in the same Northside Richmond neighborhood where they moved as newlyweds more than 30 years ago.



Mary O'Neil Mundinger, DrPH, is Edward M. Kennedy Professor of Health Policy and Dean Emeritus of the Columbia University School of Nursing. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Nursing, and The New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Mundinger is the founder of Columbia Advanced Practice Nurse Associates (CAPNA), the first nursing school faculty practice where nurse practitioners hold commercial managed

care contracts and are compensated at the same rate as primary care physicians. In 2000, she published the first randomized trial comparing nurse practitioner and physician practices, and in 2004, she established the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Columbia University, the first clinical nursing doctorate in the nation.

Dr. Mundinger holds a BS cum laude from the University of Michigan, a Doctor of Public Health from Columbia University School of Public Health, a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary) from Hamilton College, and a Doctor of Science (Honorary) from William Paterson University. In 1984–85, she served as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy. In 1995, she was the first nurse to be honored and profiled by the University of Michigan as a distinguished alumna. She is a noted health policy expert, primarily known for her work on workforce issues and primary care. Author of *Home Care Controversy: Too Little, Too Late, Too Costly* (1983) and *Autonomy in Nursing* (1980), she led Columbia's nursing school from 1985–2010.



Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP, is the 17th president of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. Prior to his appointment at Downstate, Dr. Riley served as clinical professor of medicine and adjunct professor of Health Policy & Management at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Before that, Dr. Riley served from 2007–2013 with distinction as the 10th president and chief executive officer and professor of medicine at the historic Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

An academic, primary care general internist, Dr. Riley has more than 25 years of progressively senior executive level management, policy, and leadership experiences in academic medicine, patient care, research administration, academic health center administration, healthcare management, health policy, biotechnology, the corporate sector, government service, advocacy, and organized medicine.

Dr. Riley holds a Master of Public Health in Health Systems Management from the Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Morehouse School of Medicine, and a Master's in Business Administration from Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Riley completed his residency training in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, rising from an instructor of medicine to vice president and vice dean for Health Affairs and Governmental Relations. He also held an associate professorship of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Riley is immediate past president and president emeritus of the 105,000–member American College of Physicians (ACP). He is an elected member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine, where he served as vice–chair and then chair of the NAM section on the Administration of Health Services, Education, and Research, and is a Master of ACP.

In October 2020, Dr. Riley was appointed Chair of The New York Academy of Medicine's Board of Trustees.



Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS, is the President of The New York Academy of Medicine and is leading its strategic vision for health equity. Dr. Salerno is one of the nation's pre-eminent leaders in health and healthcare and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to assuring that everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy life. Health equity has been the unifying theme of her career, during which she has worked to improve care for veterans, those living with metastatic breast cancer, Medicaid

recipients, and Alzheimer's patients.

Prior to coming to NYAM, Dr. Salerno served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Susan G. Komen™, the world's largest breast cancer organization. She also served as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health, and Chief Consultant for Geriatrics and Extended Care for the U.S. Veterans Health Administration. Dr. Salerno is a board–certified physician in internal medicine and holds an MD degree from Harvard Medical School and a Master of Science in Health Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. She was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine in 2018 and was elected as a Fellow of The New York Academy of Medicine in 2017.

Dr. Salerno is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Meritorious Service Award, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (2001); NIH Director's Award (2003, 2005, 2008); Surgeon General's Crisis Response Service Award, U.S. Public Health Service (2006); Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Award of Merit (2020); and Community Service Award, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Greater Washington D.C. (2020). She was also a 2019 National Honoree of the National Organization of Italian American Women, was recognized by *City & State New York* on its Health Power 50 list in 2019 and 2020, and received a Doctor of Humane Letters (hon.) from Stonehill College in 2021.

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