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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: Dr. Eun-Ok Im



Dear AAPINA Friends,

Happy Winter~

Although I started this year with a wish for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year has been another pandemic year with lots of unexpected incidents and events. I wish all of you and your loved ones have been staying just fine during this another pandemic year. A new year with new hope will come to us very soon!

Time really flies. My presidency will end by the end of this year, and this message will be my last message as the president of AAPINA.

First of all, I want to welcome our newly elected officers, Dr. Jung-Ah Lee as the president-elect and Dr. Donna-Marie Palakiko as the treasurer. Also, I want to congratulate Drs. Jing Wang (our new president from Jan. 1st, 2022) and Lina Nguyen (our continuing secretary) for their successful one year as AAPINA officers. Furthermore, I want to send my great gratitude to Dr. Alona Angosta, who is completing her 6-year services to AAPINA as the president-elect, president, and past president. Without all her support and patience, I could not lead AAPINA successfully during the past hectic years.

To tell you the truth, my presidency has not been calm and peaceful. We have gone through all new initiatives and infrastructural changes within AAPINA as well as all the new national and international initiatives by multiple organizations, including the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA), World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS), American Nurses Association (ANA), National Academy of Medicine (NAM), and AARP. During my presidency, AAPINA has gone through a number of major changes, including a significantly increased number of our members, the continuous growth of local and international chapters, and increased opportunities for national and international collaborative projects. In 2019, we had our landmarking first international conference outside the U.S. with Taiwan Nurses Association, as all of you remember. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, we co-partnered with Emory University for their inaugural international nursing research conference; NCEMNA also co-partnered the conference with us. This year, we hosted the first virtual conference with Emory University as our annual conference. We had three keynote speakers, including Dr. Shannon Zenk, the NINR Director, and Dr. Hsiu-Hung Wang, the Minister without Portfolio in Taiwan. We had three special sessions, including international leaders from Asian and Latin American countries and national leaders across the U.S. We presented 14 symposium abstracts, 16 podium abstracts, and 27 poster abstracts at the conference.

Many of you may be wondering about our next year's annual conference. Our next year's conference will be a joint conference in Taipei, Taiwan, with Taiwan Nurses Association as the WANS biennial conference. As you may know, WANS is an organization of 19 organizations, including AAPINA. WANS targets to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people worldwide by developing nursing science through global research collaboration, scientific conferences, and scholarly exchanges. WANS has been holding biennial conferences throughout the past decade. It is our great honor to collaborate with the group through this upcoming conference in 2022. Our AAPINA side conference chairs are Drs. Canhua Xiao and Victoria Pak, who were also the conference chairs for this year's virtual conference. The conference planning team has worked very hard to make the conference possible and is making smooth and successful progress with TWNA. Please submit your abstracts to the conference; this will be a great opportunity to get connected with nurses across the globe, especially those from various Asian countries. More details will be shared soon with our members. Please stay tuned!

I have witnessed the prominent growth and progress made during the past years despite the pandemic. The sociopolitical situations with the pandemic have placed AAPINA in the center of discussion and implementation of many national and international initiatives and projects hosted by multiple organizations. We have participated in the COVID-19 vaccine project by ANA. We have also participated in the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing by ANA. We have been contacted by many other organizations who wanted to have serious discussions on health disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic and racism, especially Anti-Asian racism. I bet these initiatives and activities will continue in the coming years.

I want to conclude this message by expressing my gratitude toward all our members who have sacrificed and volunteered for AAPINA. My experience with all of you as the president-elect and the president will not be forgettable throughout my whole life and career. As the past president, I will continue contributing to AAPINA in the coming two years but work in different capacities. I believe that you are in good hands, and our new officers will make AAPINA evolve into the next level.

Best luck for AAPINA!

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PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings from California, all AAPINA members

Hope all of you have been safe and happy in the year 2021 with the long COVID-19 pandemic. My term as the president-elect will start very soon, in January 2022.

I would like to thank the current leadership group, including president Dr. Eun-Ok Im, president-elect Dr. Jing Wang, the immediate past president Dr. Alona Angosta, secretary Dr. Lina Nguyen, and treasurer Dr. Weihua Zhang for their outstanding leadership in leading AAPINA for the past years. I also acknowledge all legendary former leadership groups of AAPINA to make our group visible nationally and internationally.

As the new president-elect of the AAPINA, my vision for the AAPINA is to support our Asian-American and Pacific Islander nurses, students, and nursing educators/researchers globally through research, practice, and education by facilitating and promoting networking and collaborative partnerships with communities ultimately to reduce health disparities among the vulnerable populations in the nation and world.

By working closely together with the AAPINA members and leadership group, I will put my effort to continue our excellence and make AAPINA more visible to national and international nursing communities.

Hope all AAPINA members continue to be safe and healthy and have a prosperous year during 2022.

Sincerely,

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From the Editor's Desk: Dr. Meng Zhao, PhD, RN

In 2021, AAPINA has significant growth. We have more members, collaboration organizations, and advertisements on our website. Getting united, we are proud to be Asian American/Pacific Islander nurses and are able to get our voices heard! We are also proud that the 2021 Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing (NHWSN)/AAPINA Joint Virtual Conference was held successfully on November 29-30, 2021. We look forward to our new AAPINA leadership taking us further in success!

The year 2021 continues to be a hard year as the Covid-19 pandemic continues. We suffered from the Delta variant and now the Omicron. Till Dec 8, Omicron has been detected in 19 states. As Omicron has an unusual combination of mutations, it may spread faster than all the other Covid-19 strains. The CDC recommends using all precautions no matter fully vaccinated or not. If you would like to travel abroad during the Christmas/ New Year holidays, please also be aware of major changes in travel restrictions. I wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year and look forward to a better 2022!

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- Dr. Angela Chia-Chen Chen**, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC from Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University;
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- Dr. Jinyoung Kim**, PhD, RN, FAAN from School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV);
- Dr. Gloria Park**, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, RN from College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi;
- Ms. Kristine Lim** – AAPINA IT support member

SPECIALTY REPORT

The COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses Campaign from the American Nurses Association, AAPINA, and other collaborating organizations has come to a close on 11/30/21. Through this campaign, we have launched a dedicated website to serve as a nursing hub for critical, current, and credible COVID-19 vaccine information. We hope it has been both helpful to you and helps you educate patients and members of the communities you serve.

<https://covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org/>

A few of the links from this website are included below:

- Watch [Eight Things You Need to Know about the COVID-19 Booster](https://youtu.be/zJHjLHjh-LQ)
<https://youtu.be/zJHjLHjh-LQ>
- Read Now [A Transcultural Nurse’s COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Story](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/10436596211044751)
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/10436596211044751>
- We Asked. Nurses Answered. [Explore the latest results from our COVID-19 survey.](https://covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org/covid-19-survey)
<https://covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org/covid-19-survey>

Here are some highlights from the Asian American respondents from the COVID-19 survey (n=320):

- More than 80% received information on the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC, NIH, and other government organizations. 92% trusted in these resources.
- 92% felt comfortable with recommending the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 96% were vaccinated or planned to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- 90% were willing to get a recommended COVID-19 vaccine booster.
- 88% planned to get their children vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID VACCINE FACTS FOR NURSES

Children under 18 account for nearly 27% of all new COVID-19 cases nationwide.

Visit covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org for resources on how to protect your child from COVID-19.

[COVIDVaccineFacts4Nurses.org](https://covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org)
SOURCE: AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS / CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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Are you a bedside RN in the United States that has 2 or more years of nursing experience?

Are you a part of a diverse nursing team?



If so, please participate in this 5 minute Walden Doctoral student survey.



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MEMBER NEWS



Dr. Connie Kim Yen Nguyen-Truong was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Washington State University (WSU) and is in the College of Nursing.

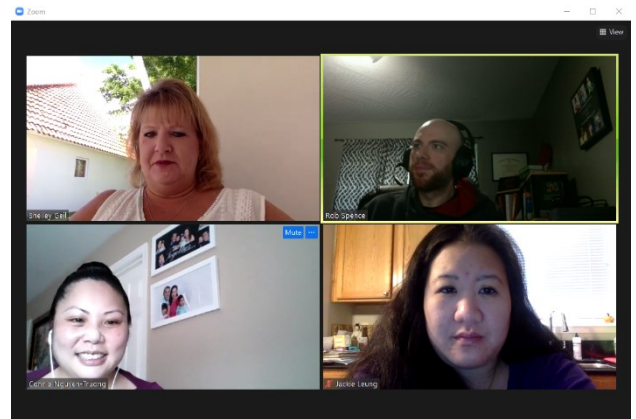
Dr. Nguyen-Truong was one of 19 people selected and inducted this 2021 year into the prestigious National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education. NLN says of its selection process, “Evaluations take into account applicants’ contributions to innovative teaching and/or learning strategies; nursing education research; faculty development activities; academic leadership; promotion of public policy initiatives that advance nursing education; and/or collaborative educational, practice, or community partnerships.” Dr. Nguyen-Truong has two decades of nursing experience and has been a nurse educator and nurse scientist for a combined 15 years. Her research and teaching focus on cultural immersion experiences and enhancing communications between nursing faculty and students and representatives of minoritized communities, including Micronesian Islanders, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and Laotian partners. She has developed innovative, culturally safe, linguistically appropriate engagement and educational curriculums and models.

Dr. Shu-Yi (Emily) Wang was featured in 2021 Colorado Nightingale Nursing Luminary Award of Leadership in Administration, Education, Research or Non-Traditional Nursing Practice by Colorado Nurses Foundation. <https://www.nursingald.com/publications/2339> (See page 10).

MEMBER'S SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

CONNIE KIM YEN NGUYEN-TRUONG, PhD, RN, ANEF, Associate Professor, College of Nursing
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- Dr. Nguyen-Truong and Dr. Sara Waters, Assistant Professor in Human Development at WSU, are dual Principal Investigators on the WSU Health Equity Research Center grant funded award, “Coalition building for anti-racism and community-participatory health equity research in Asian communities and Pacific Islander communities: Planting the seed to dismantle structural racism.” The partnership is multi-sectoral and across disciplines, including WSU College of Nursing, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resources Sciences, School of Biological Sciences, Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization, and PeaceHealth.
- Dr. Nguyen-Truong and Dr. Jacqueline Leung, JD, MS, CHW, Executive Director at the Micronesian Islander Community, worked with Dr. S. Rob Spence, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, and Dr. Shelley Geil, DNP, MN, ARNP, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, where Dr. Spence led the DNP project in the co-creation of the Micronesian Early Education Toolkit, <https://labs.wsu.edu/ecl-mic/>, with Micronesian Islander Parent Leaders from the Health & Education Program (2021). MIPLs are not in the photo to align with consent/confidentiality.
- Publications
 - Spence, S. R., Leung, J., Geil, S., & Nguyen-Truong, C. K. Y. (Senior author). (2020). Gaining entrée into a Micronesian Islander-based community organization through culturally responsive team building and reflection. *Asian/Pacific Island Nursing Journal*, 5(3), 177-180. <https://doi.org/10.31372/20200503.1099> [Special Issue New Knowledge and Practices]
 - Nguyen-Truong, C. K. Y., Davis, A., Nguyen, V., Nguyen, K. Q. V., Truong, A. M., & Leung, J. (2021). Perceptions, beliefs, and experiences of Asians and Micronesian Islanders on family health history genetic cancer screening community outreach. *Journal of Cancer Education*, advanced to online. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-021-02085-0>



Daisy Sherry, PhD, APRN, ACNP-BC, Associate Professor & Associate Dean of the College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Lewis University

- Dr. Sherry was awarded as Project Director for a U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration \$2.1 million Nursing Workforce Diversity grant. Racially and ethnically diverse students, as well as economically or educationally disadvantaged students will substantially benefit from this program. The goal of this program is to attract, retain, and complete a bachelor of science in nursing degree with a more diverse student population that better represents the community. Additionally, students will participate in summer research projects and if any AAPINA members would be interested in a collaboration for student experiences, please contact Dr. Sherry, sherryda@lewisu.edu.

And here's a link to the university's press release:

<https://www.lewisu.edu/news/Newsarticle.htm?PArticleID=11918#.YQ228OhKjIU>

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- Dr. Chen serves as a Co-I & faculty mentor for a NIH/NIDA funded T32 grant entitled "Research Training in Drug Abuse Prevention." (July 2021-June 2026; \$2,294,493; PI: Dr. Nancy Gonzales).
- Publications:
 - Oh, L., **Chen, A. C. C.**, Li, W., & Leong, K. (2021). Quality of life, discrimination experience and associated factors among Asian American Nursing Staff in the U.S. during the COVID-19 crisis. *Asian Journal of Research in Nursing and Health*, 4(4), 141-153.
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 - Leong, K. J., Li, W., & **Chen, A. C. C.** (*in press, anticipate to publish in April 2022*). Racism, Risk, and Supply: US Policies toward COVID-19 and Asia, and Current and Future Impacts on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. *COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies*.
 - **Chen, A. C. C.**, Ou, L, Beaman A., Amresh A. (2021). Developing a game-based intervention to promote HPV vaccination among adolescents. *Asian Journal of Research in Nursing & Health*, 4(2), 44-58.
 - **Chen, A. C. C.**, Han, S. Y., Li, W., Leong, K., & Oh, L. (2021). COVID-19 and Asian American College Students: Discrimination, Fear, and Mental Health. *Journal of Emergency Management Special Issue addressing the mental health issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic*, 19(9), 121-131.
 - Yin, Y., **Chen, A. C. C.**, Yang, H., Wang, H., Nie, A., & Chen, H. (2021). Factors associated with HIV-related stigma towards people living with HIV among nurses in Liangshan Yi

Autonomous Prefecture, China: A cross-sectional study. *Frontiers in Psychiatry* [impact factor 4.157]. doi: 10.3389/fpsy.2021.714597.

- Langer, S.L., Castro, F. G., **Chen, A. C. C.** et al. (2021). Recruitment, engagement, and retention of under-represented and vulnerable populations to research: Moving beyond the NIH enrollment report. *Public Health Nursing*. Online version available 08 July 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1111/phn.12943>



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AAPINA ORGANIZATION NEWS

The 2021 Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing (NHWSN)/Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) Joint Virtual Conference was held successfully on November 29-30, 2021. This International Research Conference had more than a hundred of the audience, made up of professors, nurse professionals, nursing students, and research staff. The conference also included deans and leaders from Asian and Latin American countries. Our theme this year was “POST COVID-19: Supporting our patients and workforce going forward.” We had the privilege to hear nurse researchers and leaders across different countries about the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare systems. Dr. Shannon Zenk (the NINR director) and Dr. Hsiu-Hung Wang (the Minister without Portfolio, Taiwan) provided us with extraordinary opening keynote presentations. Our symposia, podium presentations, and poster presentations covered a variety of exciting topics, such as chronic illness management, health disparities, and COVID-19 vaccination.

This event represented a strong and important relationship between the NHWSN and the AAPINA to continue a conversation with a variety of countries that began last year during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. We discussed the residual impacts of COVID-19 on long-term patient outcomes across countries and prepared nursing scientists and nursing workforces for future pandemic situations across countries.

Thank you so much for your participation in the conference. A heartfelt thank you to the sponsors and the NHWSN staff for making this event possible.

