Two UF faculty members elected as fellows of American Academy of Nursing

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Two faculty members from the University of Florida College of Nursing have been elected as fellows of the American Academy of Nursing. Robert Lucero, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., and Jeanne-Marie Stacciarini, Ph.D., R.N., both associate professors, will be recognized as fellows at the academy’s annual conference this month.

The academy honors those who have made outstanding contributions to effective nursing through practice, research, creative development, scholarly work, influence on public policy or a combination of these. Fellows also must show the potential to continue making significant contributions to the field of nursing.

Lucero, who joined UF earlier this year, conducts research focusing on enabling health promotion and enhancing health care delivery through consumer health informatics. He is currently principal investigator of a National Institutes of Health subcontract with the New York City Hispanic Caregiver Research Program. The study aims to extend the use of an electronic personal health record by designing, developing and evaluating a Web-based Family Health Information Management System for use by Latino caregivers.

Lucero holds a joint appointment with the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research in Gainesville. He is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a Ford Foundation faculty fellow of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education. Lucero is also an advisory board member of the Canadian Journal of Nursing Research and a board member of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues of Academy Health.

Stacciarini, who has been at UF since 2006, focuses her research on mental health promotion among minorities, community-based participatory research for minorities in rural and international
populations. She is currently the principal investigator on an NIH Career Development K-Award that she is using to examine health inequalities and social isolation among rural Latinos. She is also a co-principal investigator on an international center for gender and health disparities, working with researchers from Mexico and Peru.

In recognition of her work with underserved populations, Stacciarini received the 2012 Southern Nursing Research Society Award for research in minority health and the 2014 American Psychiatric Nursing Association Award for excellence in research. She is on the editorial board of the Electronic Journal of Nursing and holds memberships in the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and the Southern Nursing Research Society.

The American Academy of Nursing was established in 1973 to provide leadership to the nursing profession and the public in shaping future health-care policy and practice that optimizes the well-being of the American people.

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