



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF NURSING

UMSON VIRTUAL ALL-ALUMNI REUNION 2021



Saturday, April 24, 2021

12:30pm—5:00pm

Reunion 2021 Schedule of Events

12:30 p.m.

Reunion Program

Welcome

Laurette Hankins

Associate Dean, Development and Alumni Relations

Reunion Program Emcee

Ruth Lee, DNP '10, MS '04, MBA, RN, NEA-BC

President, Alumni Association

Dean's Welcome and School Highlights

Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN

The Bill and Joanne Conway Dean

Student Speaker

Sharla Chinniah

BSN Class of 2021

Class of 1971 Heritage Class Induction

Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation

J Taylor Harden, PhD, MS '77, BSN '72, FGSA, FAAN

1:45 p.m.

Reunion Lectures Session I

COVID-19 Pandemic: A Local and National Response

Karen Doyle, DNP '20, MBA, MS '91, BSN '85, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN

Senior Vice President, Nursing & Operations, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
Co-incident commander for the COVID-19 pandemic at the University of Maryland Medical Center

Helga Scharf-Bell, DNP '16, FNP-BC, MSN, NHDP-BC

Acting Director, National Disaster Medical System at U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

OR

*Ingenuity in the Time of COVID: Screening, Testing and Vaccinating a Population
Experiencing Homelessness*

Catherine D. Fowler, MPH, BSN, RN

Director of Nursing, Healthcare for the Homeless

*Massive Compassion and Simple Technology: Bringing Telehealth to Homeless Shelters
During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Tracy Zvenyach, PhD '18, MS '06, RN

Co-Founder and President, Nurse Disrupted, LLC
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University

3:00 p.m.

Reunion Lectures Session II

Giving birth during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic: Perspectives from a sample in the US

Rachel Blankstein Breman, PhD '18, MPH, RN

Assistant Professor, UMSON
Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice

OR

*COVID-19 Vaccine Development at an Unprecedented Pace: Perspectives from Nursing in
Phase I-III Clinical Trials*

Ginny Cummings, MS '99, CRNP

Research Study Coordinator
University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Medicine
Center for Vaccine Development

Linda Wadsworth, BSN '81, RN

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4:15 p.m.

Historical "Alumni through the Ages" slideshow

4:30 p.m.

Alumni Networking Sessions/Breakout Rooms

2021 Distinguished Alumni Award



J Taylor Harden

PhD, MS '77, BSN '72, FGSA, FAAN

J Taylor Harden, PhD, MS '77, BSN '72, was commissioned in the basement of the then-University of Maryland School of Nursing Parson's Residence Hall. Upon graduation, she served on active duty at US Walston Army Hospital in Fort Dix, NJ, followed by work at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Washington, DC. Dr. Harden subsequently returned to the University of Maryland for an advanced degree. She is a Vietnam-era veteran and one of the first nurses to apply for and receive a transfer of service from the US Army Nurse Corps Active Reserve to the US Air Force Active Reserve as a Flight Nurse. She served at Andrews AFB, Castle AFB, Lackland AFB, Mather AFB, McGuire AFB and Sheppard AFB.

Dr. Harden is a National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) Distinguished Educator, having taught at schools and departments of nursing across the nation. She is an internationally recognized gerontologist, research administrator, and educator. She is executive director emeritus of NHCGNE and former Assistant to the Director for Special Populations at the National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Harden spent 14 years at the NIA and served as Acting Deputy Director, January 1, 2008 – October 10, 2008. While at the NIA, she conceived and/or expanded program initiatives such as the Butler-Williams Scholars Program

(previously the Summer Institute on Aging Research), Grants Technical Assistance Workshop, Directors Regional Workshops, National Advisory Council on Aging Task Force on Minority Aging Research, and the first NIH Women of Color Research Network-Women in Biomedical Careers. She was an early program administrator on two seminal research projects: *The Study of Women's Health Across the Nation (SWAN)* and the *Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMARs)*. These major NIA initiatives combined Dr. Harden's passion and commitment to women's and minority health.

Dr. Harden achieved national recognition for her work to advance minority health and health disparities research while supporting mentoring and career development initiatives for early career and underrepresented minority scientists in aging. She wrote the NIA MSTEM Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (ADAR) through the Undergraduate Science Education Funding Opportunity Announcement that remains active after more than a decade. Dr. Harden served as Executive Director for the multi-million-dollar John A. Hartford Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) research and career development program grant, which morphed into a non-profit association in 2016, and was affiliated with the American Academy of Nursing, Gerontological Society of America and New York University Rory Meyers School of Nursing. The BAGNC/NHCGNE program supported almost 300 pre- and post-doctoral scholars and fellows across the nation. She continues her mentoring and career development activities as part of the Betty Irene Moore Nurse Fellowship in Leadership and Innovation National Advisory Committee. Dr. Harden is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, New York Academy of Medicine, and American Academy of Nursing. "*Strong Deeds, Gentle Words*" is an abiding motto.



Harden and Dean Jane Kirschling



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