

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

**Diana J. Mason**, RN, PhD, FAAN, DHL (Hon.), is the Rudin Professor of Nursing at the Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing of the City University of New York, where she directs a Center for Health, Media, and Policy. For over 10 years, she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Nursing*, and continues in an emeritus capacity. During her tenure there, she developed numerous grant-funded projects to produce and disseminate cutting edge information on a variety of topics, including a print and video series on nursing care of older adults (funded by Atlantic Philanthropies), a print series on palliative nursing (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) and chronic kidney disease (National Kidney Foundation), a series of articles and videos on assessing older adults (The John A. Hartford Foundation), and several State of the Science reports on topics such as family caregiving, cancer survivorship, safe medication administration, and diabetes self-care management. Under her leadership, the journal received numerous awards for editorial excellence, editorials, articles, news, and dissemination, culminating in 2009 in the journal being selected by the Specialized Libraries Association as one of the 100 most influential journals of the century in biology and medicine—the only nursing journal to be selected for this distinction.

In 2009, she was appointed to the National Advisory Board of the new Kaiser Health News organization sponsored by the Kaiser Family Foundation. Since 1986, she has been one of the Producers and Moderators of “Healthstyles,” a weekly, live radio program in New York City that has received media awards from the State of New York, Public Health Association of New York City, American Academy of Nursing, and the National Association of Childbearing Centers. She was project director for the WBAI-Global Kids’ Sound Partners for Community Health Initiative (funded by the Benton and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations) to train New York City youth in producing radio programs on preventing teen substance abuse.

Dr. Mason has written numerous books and peer reviewed articles in nursing and health-related publications. She is the lead co-editor of the award-winning book, *Policy and Politics in Nursing and Health Care*, now in its fifth edition. As a researcher, she published a series of studies on managed care arrangements with nurse practitioners, as well as studies of human rhythms in health and illness. Since 2006, she has served as Secretary for the American Academy of Nursing and chair of its Raise The Voice Campaign, an initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for identifying and making visible to policymakers and journalists the innovative models of care and interventions developed by nurses that can help to transform health care in the U.S.

Dr. Mason is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Long Island University; fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the West Virginia University Academy of Distinguished Alumni; and the Pioneering Spirit Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She is a graduate of West

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