

The logo for ASAHP UPDATE features a stylized circular emblem on the left, composed of overlapping segments in shades of blue, green, and purple. To the right of the emblem, the words "ASAHP UPDATE" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. "ASAHP" is in a dark blue color, and "UPDATE" is in a lighter blue color.

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### 2016 ASAHP SPRING MEETING

The *ASAHP 2016 Spring Meeting* will be held on March 17-18 at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme for this event is "A View from the Corner Office: the Future for Allied Health Education, Practice, and Diversity." Information about the: registration process, lodging, descriptions of plenary session speakers, and opportunities for exhibits/sponsors can be accessed at <http://www.event.com/events/2016-asahp-spring-meeting/event-summary-d7ac5c1022a44d09befa20a0d0365642.aspx>.

Rooming rates begin at \$155 per night. Rooms are reserved for March 14, 2016 - March 18, 2016. The special room rate will be available until February 24th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/S/DFSHHF-ASAHP-20160316/index.jhtml> or by telephone at 502-585-9206. Please use group code "ASAHP" to identify yourself as part of the room block.

### NECROLOGY

**Lee Holder**, founding Dean of the College of Community and Allied Health Professions at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences who subsequently became Dean of the College of Allied Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center where he served until his retirement, died on January 30, 2016. He was President of ASAHP in 1980 at a time when occupants of that office served for one-year terms.

**Howard Kazuro Suzuki**, former Dean of the School of Health Professions at the University of Florida, died on January 26, 2016. He was a founder of the Southern Association of Allied Health Deans at Academic Health Centers.

### 2015 ASAHP ANNUAL REPORT

The Association's Annual Report for 2015 has been placed on the Association's website and can be accessed from the Publication's Section at [www.asahp.org](http://www.asahp.org).

### 2016 ASAHP ELECTION

Nominations are being accepted for the *2016 ASAHP Election*. The following positions will be contested when the election opens on July 15:

Treasurer (two-year term)

Board of Directors (three-year term)

Nominations & Elections Committee (two-year term)

(Members are reminded that in order to have votes counted, dues payments must be up-to-date.) The deadline for submitting nominations is **March 31, 2016**. They can be directed to any of the following individuals who serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee. The same holds true for obtaining information about the election.

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## JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH

Given the broad range of interests represented by the term allied health, it often is challenging to match articles submitted to the Association's *Journal of Allied Health* with reviewers who are well-versed in specific topical areas. A related matter is a desire to avoid calling upon the same group of current reviewers too often. Although the panel consists of 209 reviewers, there rarely ever seems to be enough of them at any given time. Thus, newcomers always are welcome to join the ranks.

Ideally, they should possess a doctorate degree and have experience both as authors and reviewers for other journals. Deans and directors at ASAHP member institutions are requested to bring this invitation to the attention of their faculty.

Reviewers are sought in the following areas: *Athletic Training, Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science, Curriculum Development, Dental Hygiene, Dietetics/Nutrition, Genomics, Geriatrics, Health Promotion, Health Workforce, Interprofessional Education, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Qualitative Research, Radiation Therapy, Radiologic Science, Respiratory Therapy, Statistics, and Research Methodology*. Please send responses to [thomas@asahp.org](mailto:thomas@asahp.org).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PCORI seeks to fund projects that address critical knowledge gaps in the communication and dissemination of research results to patients, their caregivers, and clinicians, and the communication among these groups to make the best possible decisions in choosing among care and treatment options. Academic institutions are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting a Letter of Intent is March 2, 2016. Information can be accessed at: <http://www.pcori.org/sites/default/files/PCORI-PFA-2016-Cycle-1-Communication-and-Dissemination-Research.pdf>.

Other funding opportunities that may be of interest are directed toward: Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research, Addressing Disparities, and Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options. More information can be accessed at [http://www.pcori.org/content/cycle-1-2016-funding-announcements?utm\\_source=020916+Monthly+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=020916+Monthly+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.pcori.org/content/cycle-1-2016-funding-announcements?utm_source=020916+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=020916+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_medium=email).

## REFORMING STUDENT AID

According to a report from the Urban Institute, based on a review of proposals for improving the complex array of federal student aid programs, there exists agreement on some broad policy directions, but considerable differences of opinion about the details. Many advocates support automatically placing student borrowers into income-driven repayment plans, which set payments at some percentage of discretionary income.

Essentially no one argues against consolidating tuition tax credits and deductions into a single credit. The report examines over 20 proposals for reforming student loan repayment and education tax credits and deductions, evaluating the equity and efficiency of proposed provisions and providing recommendations for strengthening these components of federal student aid.

The report can be accessed at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000567-Strengthening-Federal-Student-Aid-An-Assessment-of-Proposals.pdf>.

## CAM

According to information provided by the RAND Corporation, complementary and alternative medicine professionals are treated differently by insurance payers. Moreover, integrating them into primary care rarely is considered in health policy or research. It is believed that limiting their scope of practice has significant policy implications for patients, the CAM professions, and health care in general.

A Research Brief entitled *Advancing Complementary and Alternative Medicine Professions* examines the landscape for four types of CAM practitioners with the strongest claim on established professional status: chiropractic; acupuncture and Oriental medicine; naturopathic medicine; and massage therapy. The study examines various policies that apply to CAM, the research literature, and the results from two panel discussions — one of CAM experts and the other of health care decision-makers.

The Brief is available for downloading at [http://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_briefs/RB9894.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9894.html).

A companion piece is a book on this topic can be downloaded for free at [http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research\\_reports/RR1200/RR1258/RAND\\_RR1258.pdf](http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR1200/RR1258/RAND_RR1258.pdf).