Bill Felegi, D.O., HPF Class of 2013, presents his policy poster, *Reducing Opioid Deaths – It’s Not Just About Restricting Access*, to Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., HPF faculty. Many thanks to our judges for participating in the OMED 2013 Policy Poster presentations:

- Joanna Drowos, D.O., MBA, MPH, HPF 2010
- Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., HPF faculty
- Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., HPF 2007
- Brian Hallas, Ph.D., HPF 2004
- Jorge Luna, D.O., HPF 2012
- Ann Peton, HPF 2010
- Sonia Rivera Martinez, D.O., HPF 2012
- Larry Suess, D.O., HPF 1999 and

Above: Melissa Gastorf explains *Removing Barriers to Patient Centered Medical Home Accreditation* to Jorge Luna, D.O. and Larry Suess, D.O.
Shannon Scott, D.O. explains strategies to facilitate the implementation of Ehealth and email into medical practice to Joanna Drowos, D.O., MBA, MPH, and Sonia Rivera Martinez, D.O. Raul Garcia Rodriguez, D.O. discusses the need for access to culturally competent health care for immigrant populations with Jorge Luna, D.O. and Larry Suess, D.O.
Jennifer Gwilym, D.O. explains the impact of Medicare's new value based payment modifier on new physicians in practice to Brian Hallas, Ph.D. and Ann Peton.

Ron Stevens explains Maintaining Patients' Rights in the Chain of Security of Electronic Health Records to Ann Peton.

First Place: William Felegi, D.O. Reducing Opioid Deaths – It’s Not Just About Restricting Access

Second Place: Shannon Scott, D.O. EHEALTH@YOURPROVIDER.COM: Implications for Cost, Quality, and Access to Healthcare
Honorable Mention: Jennifer Gwilym, D.O.  *Impact of Medicare’s New Value-Based Payment Modifier*

Honorable Mention: Raul Garcia Rodriguez, D.O.  *Integrating Immigrants into the U.S. Healthcare System*

Scott Cyrus, D.O., President of American Association of Osteopathic Pediatricians, HPF Class of 2012, served as Program Chair for OMED 2013. Barbara Greenwald, HPF Class of 2009, volunteered at the OMED Helping Hands volunteer activity at Three Square, a food bank serving the state of Nevada.
J. Jerry Rodos, D.O., DSc, Receives NYIT Riland Medal for Public Service

Dr. Rodos received the New York Institute of Technology Riland Medal for Public Service at the twentieth Orientation of the Health Policy Fellowship held in August 2013 at NYIT in Old Westbury, NY.

Above center: Dr. J.J. Rodos, D.O., DSc. Rear right to left: Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., Dean, NYIT-COM, HPF Class of 2007; Nancy Cooper, Coordinator HPF; Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at ATSU and HPF Faculty; Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., Vice President of Health Sciences, NYIT, Director, Health Policy Fellowship.

Dr. J. Jerry Rodos' fifty-year career includes experience in clinical medicine, behavioral medicine and medical education, as well as leadership positions in state and national osteopathic associations, and federal health policy organizations.

A graduate of what is now A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Kirksville, Mo, Dr. Rodos is board certified in Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Family Medicine and Correctional Health Care. He currently operates Transitions Counseling and Consultation in
Dr. Rodos has served as Dean of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Biddeford, Maine and what is now the Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Ill. He also served as interim Executive Director and Associate Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Association and Associate Editor of the American Journal of Clinical Medicine.

From 1988-2002, Dr. Rodos served as Consultant to the Director of the National Health Service Corps, U.S. Public Health Service, under the jurisdiction of the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). A health policy advocate long before health care policy was making national headlines, Dr. Rodos' efforts to increase access to care in underserved communities resulted in the reauthorization of the National Health Service Corps, originally established in 1972.

Dr. Rodos has shared his expertise in policy and politics with seventeen classes of Health Policy Fellows since the inception of the Health Policy Fellowship program in 1994. Fellows describe Dr. Rodos as "Irreplaceable"... "an excellent role model with a great wealth of knowledge".... "a skilled teacher with a broad base of experience ... who provides wonderful insight into the legislative process and who knows health policy intimately".

J. Jerry Rodos, DO, has served his patients, students, profession and community with unparalleled dedication.
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Names Dean of New Campus in Middletown

New York, N.Y. – August 19, 2013 – Touro College and University System President and CEO Dr. Alan Kadish today announced the appointment of Kenneth J. Steier, DO, MBA, MPH, MHA, MGH, Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2002-2003, as Campus Dean for the new Middletown campus of Harlem-based Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM). The Middletown campus, currently under construction, is scheduled to open in August 2014 and is expected to enroll more than 500 students when fully operational.

Currently, Dr. Steier serves as clinical dean and professor at TouroCOM, a position he has held since July 2011. While at TouroCOM, he has been instrumental in achieving accreditation for the new Middletown campus from the American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Additionally, numerous new rotations and residencies have been added at TouroCOM under his watch, and 100 percent of the school's 2013 graduates matched to residency programs this past season.

Dr. Steier is Board Certified in internal medicine, pulmonary and critical care. Prior to coming to TouroCOM, he was a clinical assistant dean at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he was named Preceptor of the Year by the medical students. Dr. Steier has been an inspector for COCA for 15 years, and is also a grant reviewer for the Health Resources Services Administration and a consultant for the Food and Drug Administration.
Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., Vice President of Health Sciences at NYIT and Director of the Health Policy Fellowship, will be awarded a 2013 AOA Distinguished Service Certificate, the American Osteopathic Association's highest award.

The certificate is granted to deserving members for outstanding accomplishments in scientific or professional affairs. Dr. Ross-Lee's award is in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in furthering the osteopathic medical profession, particularly her essential leadership in development of the nation’s first accredited Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution (OPTI) and the AOA Health Policy Fellowship Program (HPF), among many achievements.

During the past twenty years, over 200 Fellows have participated in the HPF, and many have gone on to assume leadership positions in medical education, state politics, national advisory committees, and national and state osteopathic associations.

Nominations for the AOA Distinguished Service Certificate are vetted by the AOA Committee on Awards and ultimately selected by the AOA Board of Trustees. Dr. Ross-Lee's nomination was supported by the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society, the Ohio Osteopathic Association, and the Michigan Osteopathic Association. Distinguished Service Certificates will be presented to Dr. Ross-Lee and two other recipients during the Opening Session of OMED, 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct.1, 2013 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Health Policy Fellows attend July 2013 AOA House of Delegates Meeting in Chicago

Over 60 Health Policy Fellows serve as members of the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates (HOD). Above, 41 HPF Fellows gather for a photo during the July 2013 meeting.
Florida Delegates Joe Giaimo, D.O., HPF 2007, Past President of the Florida Osteopathic Association (FOMA); Anna Hayden, D.O., HPF 2009, Past President of FOMA; Michelle Mendez, D.O., HPF 2011, Director at Large, FOMA; Jorge D. Luna, D.O., HPF 2012, President Elect of FOMA 2013-2014; Paul Seltzer, D.O., HPF 2010, Past President of FOMA.
The HPF Class of 2013 ended their year-long education in health policy with visits to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill on June 10. Fellows visited legislators and legislative health aids in House of Representatives and Senate offices representing Arizona, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and Washington. The AOA Department of Government Relations hosted the seminar held in the new National Osteopathic Advocacy Center.
KCUMB Names Bruce Dubin, D.O., J.D. New Provost and Dean of College of Osteopathic Medicine

"On September 24, the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCUMB) announced the appointment of Bruce Dubin, DO, JD, Health Policy Fellowship Class of 1995, as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, effective mid-November. Dr. Dubin will succeed Marc B. Hahn, DO, who assumed the role of KCUMB President and Chief Executive Officer July 1. Dr. Dubin most recently served as Dean and Chief Academic Officer at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM)."

Available at http://www.aacom.org/resources/e-news/ome/2013-10/Pages/Leaders.aspx

Thomas A. Scandalis, DO, Receives ACOM's Dale Dodson Award

"The ACOM Assembly of Presidents (AOP) recently awarded Thomas A. Scandalis, DO, Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2003 and Interim Dean at the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM), with the group’s Dale Dodson Award. The award was presented to Dr. Scandalis at the AOP’s annual Awards Luncheon during the AOA’s 2013 Osteopathic Medical Conference & Exposition (OMED) in Las Vegas, NV in September. The Dale Dodson Award is named in memory of osteopathic medical education innovator Dale S. Dodson, DO, and recognizes a current or past CEO or CAO of an osteopathic medical college who has made a significant contribution to the advancement or support of osteopathic medical education."

Available at http://www.aacom.org/resources/e-news/ome/2013-10/Pages/Dodson.aspx
WVSOM President and Healthy Children’s Initiative Awarded for Excellence in Rural Health

"West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) President Michael Adelman, DO, DPM, JD, Health Policy Fellowship Class of 1995, and the WVSOM Healthy Children’s Initiative received the 2013 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Rural Health. Dr. Adelman accepted the award on October 22 during the West Virginia Rural Health Conference Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon. The Governor’s Award for Excellence is presented to an individual or organization in recognition of exceptionally meritorious, creative and effective contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural West Virginia."

Available at http://www.aacom.org/resources/e-news/ome/2013-10/Pages/CampusRoundup.aspx#8

Greg Hill, D.O., FAOAO, voted to Board of American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics

Greg Hill, D.O., FAOAO, HPF Class of 2005, was voted to the Board of Directors of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (AOAO) at their annual meeting October 17-19, 2013 in San Diego, CA. Dr. Hill will serve a three-year term from 2013-2016. The Board is involved with Policies & Procedures, Rules and Regulations, Orthopedic Residency Education, and Residency Inspections, in addition to coordinating annual spring and fall educational meetings.

Dr. Hill, a 1986 graduate of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, is a hand surgeon with Western Reserve Orthopedics & Upper Extremity Surgery in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Dr. Hill has served two tours in Iraq as an orthopedic trauma surgeon. In addition to his membership in the AOAO, Dr. Hill is a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA), American Society of Surgery of the Hand (ASSH), American Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS), Ohio Army National Guard (ONGA), American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgeons (AOBOS), and the National Board of
Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Dr. Hill is current President of the OU-HCOM Society of Alumni and Friends. Dr. Hill is serving as 2013 President of the National Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA).

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2013


The Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2013 held their graduation in Washington DC September 20 as part of the third annual American Osteopathic Association Health Policy Forum.

Three Fellows presented their health policy briefs at the Policy Forum: Shannon C. Scott, D.O., presented SUBJECT: EHealth@Yourprovider.com: Implications for Cost, Quality, and Access to Healthcare; Jennifer Gwilym, D.O. presented The Potential Impact of Medicare's New Value-Based Payment Modifier; and David Park, D.O., FACOFP, (pictured below on the left) presented Merging Allopathic and Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education: Is it Worth It?

Below right, Patricia Chute, EdD, Dean of School of Health Professions at New York Institute of Technology and HPF Class of 2012; Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, ATSU; and Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., Vice President of Health Sciences at New York Institute of Technology and Director of the Health Policy Fellowship.

To view Fellows' graduation PowerPoints, click on Graduates link.
Welcome Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2014

Left to right: Oneka Marriott, D.O., MPH; Cynthia Kelley, D.O.; Brian Marshall, D.O.; David Levine, M.D.; Jeanne Rupert, D.O., Ph.D.; Monte Mitchell, D.O., J.D.; George Thomas, Chair, AOA Bureau of Federal Health Programs; Norman E. Vinn, D.O., President, American Osteopathic Association; Robert Juhasz, D.O., President Elect, American Osteopathic Association; Donna Emanuele, DNP, MSN, RN; Pamela Grimaldi, D.O.; Lauren Donatelli Seyler, D.O.; Maria Plummer, M.D.; Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., Vice President of Health Sciences at New York Institute of Technology and Director of the Health Policy Fellowship.

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**David Coffey, D.O., FAAO, Installed as President of the American Academy of Osteopathy**

The American Academy of Osteopathy announced May 15 that "David Coffey, DO, FAAO, Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2011, of Deatsville, AL., assumed the office of President of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) at the President’s Banquet during the annual AAO Convocation in Orlando, Fla., March 23. He will serve a one-year term. Dr. Coffey, a 1984 graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), is board certified in Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine."
Robert Hunter, D.O. and Michael D. Weiss, D.O. installed as President of Ohio and Michigan State Osteopathic Associations

Michael D. Weiss, D.O., Health Policy Fellowship Class of 1999-2000, was installed as President of the Michigan Osteopathic Association on May 15. According to MOA, “Dr. Weiss, a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, is in private practice in obstetrics and gynecology (OB-GYN) and serves as the director of the Women’s Wellness Institute in Rochester Hills . . . and he is the primary physician for Metro Vein Centers of Rochester Hills, and is an assistant professor of OB-GYN at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Weiss is an Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association trustee and an American Osteopathic Board of OB-GYN distinguished fellow.

Robert L. Hunter, D.O., HPF Class of 2010, was sworn in as President of the Ohio Osteopathic Association during the OOA Symposium May 18th. A graduate of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Hunter is a family medicine and emergency physician with Providence Medical Group in Huber Heights, Ohio. Dr. Hunter is a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA), American Medical Director Association (AMDA), American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), and the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP). Dr. Hunter served as President of the Ohio Chapter of the ACOFP in 2011.

Above: Greg Hill, D.O., HPF Class of 2004, President OU-HCOM Alumni Association; Rob Hunter, D.O., HPF Class of 2010, OOA President; and John Ramey, OOA Immediate Past President at the OOA Symposium in Columbus, Ohio in May 2013.
Craig D. Phelps, D.O., President of ATSU, announced the appointment of Norman Gevitz, PhD, as Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs for ATSU. Dr. Gevitz commenced his duties in July 2013. Currently, Dr. Gevitz is Assistant Director of the Health Policy Fellowship, Professor of History and Sociology of Medicine and Director of the Academic Medicine Scholars Program at New York Institute of Technology – College of Osteopathic Medicine.

As Dr. Phelps explains, "prior to his time in New York, Dr. Gevitz served for twelve years as chair of the Department of Social Medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has also held various academic administrative positions, including co-director of the undergraduate rehabilitation counseling degree program at the Illinois Institute of Technology and director of the medical humanities program at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine. Dr. Gevitz is a respected and prolific author and editor, focusing on the history and future of osteopathic medicine, as well as the history of dentistry, pharmacy, and medical ethics."

Dr. Gevitz has served as faculty for the Health Policy Fellowship for most of its twenty years, and was appointed Assistant Director of the program by Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., Director of the Health Policy Fellowship, in 2010.

A master of both policy and politics and the teaching process, Dr. Gevitz's contribution to the education of the Health Policy Fellows has been invaluable. We wish you all the best in your new endeavor.
Robert Schneider, D.O., Assistant Professor at KCOM and HPF Class of 2010-2011 wins Humanism in Teaching Award

ATSU-KCOM Class of 2013 has voted Robert Schneider, D.O., FAAFP, the winner of this year's Leonard Tow Humanism in Teaching Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Students chose Dr. Schneider as the ATSU-KCOM faculty member that best embodies the Arnold P. Gold Foundation's definition of humanism in their practice and teachings - one who has a deep sensitivity and respect for others, including full acceptance of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and who exemplifies compassionate, empathetic treatment of all persons while recognizing each one’s need and autonomy.

Dr. Schneider is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He is also a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, and is a Director at large for the (MAFP) and a member of the Education Commission. He is a member of the American Association of Primary Care Endoscopy and the American College of Physician Executives. He is also a board member of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association and is on the executive board of the Heartland Physicians Corporation (a local IPA). He serves as a Campus Group Advisor at KCOM for Sigma Sigma Phi and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

Michael L. Kuchera, DO, Professor and Chair of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Marian College of Osteopathic Medicine, HPF Class of 2000-2001, named Fellow in the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators

According to Inside OME (3/21/3), "AACOM has announced the 2013 Fellows for its National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (NAOME). Established in 2009 as the first national health professions education academy, NAOME was created to develop a community of outstanding osteopathic medical educators who have met rigorous standards of academic scholarship. Academy fellows are inducted for a five-year period, during which they serve as leaders and mentors for academic scholarship in the osteopathic medical education profession."

Dr. Kuchera joins HPF grads Patricia S. Sexton, DHEd, Associate Dean of Curriculum, A.T. Still University-Kirksville
College of Osteopathic Medicine - NAOME Fellows Chair (Educational Leadership), HPF Class of 2008-2009; and John Graneto, DO, MEd, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Education Director, Emergency Medicine, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (Teaching/Evaluation), HPF Class of 1998-1999.

For more information on NAOME and a full list of fellows, visit AACOM's [NAOME page](#).

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**The “Doctor of Osteopathy”: Expanding the Scope of Practice, by Norman Gevitz, Ph.D. appears in March JOAO**

Dr. Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., Health Policy Fellowship faculty and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs for ATSU, has written a series of six articles on the history and controversies related to the DO degree. The first in the series, *A Degree of Difference: The Origins and Osteopathy and the First Use of the “DO” Designation* appeared in the January 2014 edition of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*. Access the article [here](#). The “Diplomate in Osteopathy”: From “School of Bones” to “School of Medicine” appears in the February edition of *JAOA*. Access the article [here](#). The third in the series, The “Doctor of Osteopathy”: Expanding the Scope of Practice, is available [here](#).
According to Ken Johnson, D.O., Executive Dean of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, "A commission of leading experts in osteopathic medical education issued recommendations for sweeping reforms to the way that primary care physicians are educated. An analysis of the findings of the Blue Ribbon Commission for the Advancement of Osteopathic Medical Education (BRC) is published in the November 4 issue of Health Affairs. Stephen Shannon, D.O., president of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (above left), is the lead author of the paper." Co-authors include Boyd R. Buser, D.O.; Marc B. Hahn, D.O.; John B. Crosby, J.D.; Tyler Cymet, D.O. (above right); Joshua S. Mintz, and Karen J. Nichols, D.O., HPF Class of 1996.

**ABSTRACT:** Physician education in the United States must change to meet the primary care needs of a rapidly transforming health care delivery system. Yet medical schools continue to produce a disproportionate number of hospital-based specialists through a high-cost, time-intensive educational model. In response, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine established a blue-ribbon commission to recommend changes needed to prepare primary care physicians for the evolving system. The commission recommends that medical schools, in collaboration with their graduate medical education partners, create a new education model that is based on achievement of competencies without a prescribed number of months of study and incorporates the knowledge and skills needed for a twenty-first-century primary care practice. The course of study would occur within a longitudinal clinical training environment that allows for seamless transition from medical school through residency training.

The full article can be accessed in Health Affairs.
Health Policy Fellowship Class of 2014 meets at American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine for Federal Role in Health Policy Seminar
