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Chicago, IL – The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) announces that Reza Karimi, Amy Seybert, and LuGina Mendez-Harper have been elected as members of the ACPE Executive Committee for the 2022–2023 term of office. Elections were held during the ACPE Board of Directors Meeting in January 26-28, 2022.



Pictured from left to right: Reza Karimi, Amy Seybert, and LuGina Mendez-Harper

- **Reza Karimi, PharmD, PhD**, was elected President of ACPE. He is a licensed pharmacist and preceptor in the state of Oregon. He joined Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Oregon in 2006 and has assumed various leadership positions, including Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, and currently Dean. Dr. Karimi was appointed to the Board by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).
- **Amy Seybert, BS, PharmD, FASHP, FCCP, CHSE**, was elected Vice President of ACPE. She is a Professor and the Chair of the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. She is the Pharmacy Residency Administrator at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and the University of Pittsburgh, where she oversees clinical pharmacy faculty services at UPMC's flagship hospital and its affiliates. Dr. Seybert was appointed to the ACPE Board by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).
- **LuGina Mendez-Harper, PharmD**, was elected Treasurer of ACPE. She is a State Government Affairs Principal with Prime Therapeutics. She has been a pharmacist for over 25 years and has worked in a variety of clinical, administrative, regulatory, and legislative settings. Dr. Mendez-Harper served on the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy for six years and has served in various district and national state board of pharmacy association leadership roles. Dr. Mendez-Harper was appointed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).

ACPE announces the election of Commission Liaisons for the 2022-2023 term. They are:

- **Michael A. Moné, BS Pharm, JD, FAPhA**, was elected as the Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission Liaison.
- **Winnie A. Landis, BS Pharm, CDE, FAPhA**, was re-elected as the International Commission (IC) Liaison.
- **Kimberly S. Croley, PharmD, BCGP, FASCP, FAPhA**, was re-elected as the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation (PTAC) Liaison.

ACPE also announces three new appointments to the Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission:



Jacob P. Gettig, PharmD, MPH, MEd, BCPS, CHCP is a Professor and Associate Dean of Assessment and Postgraduate Affairs at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy in Downers Grove, Illinois. He joined the faculty of Midwestern University in 2003 and was promoted to Assistant Dean in 2009. He served as the College's Continuing Education Administrator from 2009 to 2021 and remains involved in a supervisory/advisory role for the current CPE Administrator. He has been actively involved in AACP's Continuing Professional Development Section, formerly serving as the Section's Chair, and he has been an active field reviewer for ACPE's CPE Program since 2010. Dr. Gettig earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University and subsequently completed a specialty residency in drug information. He later earned a Master of Public Health degree from Benedictine University (Lisle, IL) and a Master of Education degree in Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment from University of Illinois at Chicago. He is board certified in pharmacotherapy and is a Certified Healthcare CPD Professional (CHCP).



Jodie V. Malhotra, PharmD is the Director of Practitioner and International Development and an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Her education includes a PharmD (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy), PGY-1 residency (Cincinnati VA Medical Center), and a Psychiatric Pharmacy residency (South Texas Veterans Health Care System). Her past positions include Assistant Professor at University of the Incarnate Word, Experiential Education Director at Regis University School of Pharmacy and Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacist at Denver Health Medical Center. As the Director of Practitioner and International Development, she oversees the CU Office of continuing professional development (CPD). The CU CPD office coordinates live programs, certificate training programs, webinar series, and enduring programs. She has created training programs for pharmacists around the locally, nationally and internationally, including a PharmD program in Cairo, an ambulatory care training program in Qatar, numerous ACPE certificate programs, and a preceptor development program that has been offered in multiple international settings. She has taught in a variety of different settings and formats including online and live didactic lectures, online and live small group discussions and facilitations, and clinical assessments.



Rubina (Ruby) M. Singh, BS Pharm, PharmD, BCPS is the Vice President of Education and Training at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). Her responsibilities include overseeing AMCP's education team who are responsible for orchestrating educational activities at AMCP's two national meetings, AMCP's webinar program, and other educational opportunities such as online learning. She also serves as the ACPE Administrator for AMCP and a liaison to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for the managed care pharmacy residency program. Dr. Singh has experience in both clinical practice and national pharmacy associations, and more than 20 years of experience in developing educational activities for pharmacists. Dr. Singh received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (currently known as the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia), and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Rutgers University, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. She also completed a residency at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in drug information.

A new Chair and Vice Chair have also been elected for the CPE Commission:

- **Ginger Scott, RPh, MS, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy and Director of Continuing Education at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, was elected Chair of the CPE Commission.
- **Peter J. (P.J.) Hughes, PharmD, MEd, BCPS**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Faculty Success and Continuing Professional Development, Samford University, was elected Vice Chair of the CPE Commission.

The Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission (CPEC) was established in January 2007 to better serve the CPE program and to support the achievement of ACPE's mission to assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education. The duties of the CPEC include: recommending policies and procedures for the ACPE CPE Provider Accreditation program; assisting in strategic planning; integrating principles of Continuing Professional Development; contributing to the planning of ACPE's CPE educational workshops and conferences; reviewing ACPE accredited providers' comprehensive reports; and recommending accreditation actions to the ACPE Board of Directors.

ACPE would also like to recognize and congratulate outgoing members JoAnn Francis, BS Pharm, MBA, CHCP, Director, Educational Services Division, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Barbara Jolly, RPh, MPA, LDE, Director, Office of Lifelong Professional Development, Sullivan University College of Pharmacy for their hard work and dedication to the objectives of the CPE Commission.

ACPE announces two re-appointments to the International Commission:



Michael D. Katz, PharmD is a Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy. His practice interests include general internal medicine, endocrinology, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, and evidence-based practice. Dr. Katz also serves as Director of all residency-related activities for the College of Pharmacy. He teaches pharmacy and medical students in both the classroom and experiential settings. He has been involved in international education and practice for over 15 years and is the College of Pharmacy's Director of International Programs. He has consulted and lectured extensively in Asia and the Middle East regarding pharmacy education and clinical pharmacy practice. He is the Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the USA-Thai Pharmacy Consortium. Since 2009, Dr. Katz has directed the largest clinical training program for pharmacy faculty members and practicing hospital pharmacists in Saudi Arabia.



Shailendra Saraf, MPharm, PhD is a Professor of Pharmacy in Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, and Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). He has a career of over three decades in academics fulfilling his passion for teaching and research and has had diverse responsibilities in quality assurance of pharmacy education, accreditation of programs, and institutions. In addition, he had a two decades long association with the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) and National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and was involved in the development of standards and the instruments for assessment.

Prof. Saraf was closely involved in the development of new standards and regulations at PCI, specifically the PharmD, Regulation, PG, and UG regulations and Pharmacy Practice regulations. Previously, he worked as Principal of a College (7 years), Director of University Institute (11 years), and Dean of the Faculty of Technology (12 years). He was also the Vice-Chancellor of one of the State Universities in the Chhattisgarh state and has served as Vice-President of Pharmacy Council of India. Prof. Saraf has completed several funded research projects and has more than 200 publications with 29 SCOPUS H-index and over 3800 citations, besides several books and chapters to his credit. He has received several national and international awards and nominated members of different international statutory and professional bodies.

A new Chair and Vice Chair/Chair-Elect have also been elected for the IC:

- **Michael D. Katz, PharmD**, Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and Director, College of Pharmacy International Programs and Residency Programs, University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy, Tucson, Arizona, was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the IC.
- **Sherief Khalifa, PhD**, Professor and Vice Chancellor for Quality and Global Engagement, Dean, College of Pharmacy, Gulf Medical University, UAE, and Professor of Pharmacognosy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Suez Canal University, Egypt, was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the IC.

The IC was established in January 2011 to better serve the international community and to support the achievement of ACPE's mission to assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education. The duties of the IC include: recommending policies and procedures for the ACPE International Services Program (ISP) Certification Program; assisting in strategic planning; reviewing ACPE-certified program reports; and recommending certification actions to the ACPE Board of Directors.

ACPE would also like to recognize and thank **Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAPhA, President of Pharm Consult NV, LLC**, Reno, Nevada, for her service as Chair of the International Commission in 2021.

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About the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

ACPE is the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. In collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ACPE accredits pharmacy technician education and training programs. ACPE also offers evaluation and certification of professional degree programs internationally. The mission of ACPE is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy. ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose Board of Directors is appointed through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the American Council on Education (ACE). To learn more about ACPE, visit www.acpe-accredit.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

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