

## ARP 2020 Officer Biographies

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**Christine Stamos, DNP, ANP-C**

ARP President

Northwell Health, Division of Rheumatology, Director of Fibromyalgia Wellness Program

Assistant Professor, Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies  
Hempstead, NY

Christine A. Stamos DNP, ANP-C, is an Adult Nurse Practitioner (NP) working in Rheumatology since 2002. In 2012, Christine returned to Stony Brook University School of Nursing to complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with research focused on physical and cognitive-behavioral strategies for chronic pain in patients with rheumatic disease (RMD). Her current practice is uniquely situated between both a private and academic practice within the Northwell Health system, in the Division of Rheumatology. She is currently the creator and Director of the Fibromyalgia Wellness Center. This program is designed to address the biopsychosocial needs of patients living with widespread chronic pain through evaluation, education, treatment, and social support. The focus of Dr. Stamos' scholarship includes patient wellbeing and interprofessional education and practice, community engagement. Dr. Stamos disseminates her work through peer-reviewed publications, professional and scientific presentations. In addition to patients with Fibromyalgia, Christine has a full complement of patients with a variety of RMDs, and she brings the focus of wellness to all patient encounters.

As an active member of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR), she has been involved in the ongoing education and training of the interprofessional team through her work over the years as an active member of the ACR Committee on Workforce and Training, Student and Resident subcommittee, the NP-PA Fellowship in Rheumatology Task Force, and The Annual Planning Committee, eventually serving as the chair of this committee. Christine is currently the President-Elect of the Association of Rheumatology Professionals (ARP), a Division of the American College of Rheumatology. Serving in executive leadership, Christine represents her fellow members on both the ACR (invited guest) and ARP Executive Committees, and Rheumatology Research Foundation Board of Directors (invited guest).

Christine has a strong commitment to education and service. In pursuit of these goals, she conducts monthly education seminars for the community. She has been an active member of the American Red Cross serving in both Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, she regularly volunteers with medical missions. In association with Blanca's House, she has created a standing Continuity Clinic in Rheumatology to advance access to rheumatology in underserved areas across Central and South America.



**Janet L. Poole, PhD; OT; FAOTA**

ARP Immediate Past President

University of New Mexico, Occupational Therapy Graduate Program  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Janet L. Poole, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, is Professor and Division Chief of the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program in the School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico. She is responsible for the management and administration of the education program. Dr. Poole teaches courses and content on aging, the role of occupational therapy for people with rheumatic conditions, and research. Dr. Poole has dedicated her research to studying the hand impairments and impact of scleroderma on the performance of daily activities, including self-care, home management, work, and leisure. She speaks routinely at the annual Scleroderma Foundation conference and state scleroderma conferences and has developed patient educational materials. Dr. Poole, along with Dr. Dinesh Khanna, at the University of Michigan, collaborated with patient and stakeholder partners to develop the first self-management program available in the US for people with scleroderma: TOSS (Taking charge Of Systemic Sclerosis). The program is available through [selfmanagescleroderma.com](http://selfmanagescleroderma.com) and the University of Michigan Scleroderma Program website.

Dr. Poole has served on various committees of the ARP, ACR, and RRF. ARP leadership roles include Secretary/Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee, Co-Chair for ACR/ARP Combined Rehabilitation Clinical Symposium, and Co-Chair for the Survey Task Force. She was a member of the Outcomes Task Force, which developed the 2003 and 2011 Arthritis Care and Research Supplements on Patient Outcome Measures, served on the Research Committee, and reviewed abstracts for numerous annual conferences. Dr. Poole has also served on or been the ARP liaison to 6 ACR committees, including the Committee on Journal Publications, the Finance Committee, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, the Annual Meeting Abstract Committee, and the Committee on Research. Service to the Rheumatology Research Foundations includes membership on the Targeted Research Task Force and as a Study Section Peer Reviewer. She received the ARP Master Clinician Award, Distinguished Educator Award, and the Distinguished Lecturer Award. Dr. Poole is also a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and was elected into the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Academy of Research.

Now after completing her term as ARP President (2019-2020), Dr. Poole, will serve as the Chair of the ARP Membership and Nominations Committee (2020-2021).



**Barbara Slusher, PA-C; MSW**

ARP President-Elect

MD Anderson Cancer Center

League City, Texas

Barbara Slusher, MSW, PA-C, DFAAPA is an Advanced Practice Provider supervisor at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center. She completed her PA degree at the University of North Texas, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth. Barbara also holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland with a focus in substance abuse, recovery, and mental illness.

Barbara blends her social work experience with her physician assistant medical training to treat the “whole” person recognizing that physical health is a composite of mental, emotional and physical wellness. Her clinical experience as a physician assistant spans multiple specialties to include: oncology, allergy/asthma, and rheumatology. She has spent greater than eleven years in the specialty of rheumatology as she enjoys the opportunity to educate, treat, and make a difference for patients with chronic rheumatic diseases.

Barbara has a strong commitment to education and service. In pursuit of lifelong learning and international cultural exchange, Barbara opens her home to foreign exchange students and regularly volunteers with medical missions both locally and internationally.



**Kori Dewing, DNP, ANP-BC**

ARP Executive Committee Secretary  
Teaching Associate, University of Washington,  
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology  
Affiliate Associate Professor, University of Washington,  
School of Nursing, Department of Biobehavioral and Health  
Systems

Kori Dewing, DNP, ANP-BC, is an Adult Nurse Practitioner (NP) working in Rheumatology since 2003. In 2009, she returned to the University of Washington to complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with research focused on evaluating the effectiveness of an EMR embedded tool designed to improve rates of DXA screening. She splits her time between clinical work and teaching at the University of Washington in the Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, and in the School of Nursing, Department of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems.

As a member of the American College of Rheumatology, Dr. Dewing has focused her volunteer efforts primarily on educational programs and projects. She has served as a member and chair for the Clinical Focus Course, ARP Practice Committee, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and the Annual Meeting Abstract Committee. She has served on ACR committees, task forces, and programs including the Committee on Rheumatologic Care (CORC), Volunteers to Expand Rheumatology (VERA), Advocates for Arthritis, and is completing a year on the ACR Finance Committee. Dr. Dewing is an author for the Fundamentals of Rheumatology Course and recently completed her term as an Assistant Editor for the Advanced Rheumatology Course. Dr. Dewing was the proud co-recipient of the 2010 ARP President's Award, recognizing the work she did in developing the Advance Practice Skills Training Course created to accompany the newly released Advanced Rheumatology Course. Dr. Dewing will serve as the ARP Secretary during the 2020-2021 term.