

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP GRADUATES

The Class of 2012



The Class of 2011-2012 includes Patricia Chute, D.Ed.; Scott Cyrus, D.O.; John T. Duhn, D.O.; Eric Gish, D.O.; T. Lucas Hollar, Ph.D.; Kimberly Hopely, MNpS; Jorge D. Luna, D.O.; Glenn Nordehn, D.O.; Sonia Rivera Martinez, D.O.; Martin M. Scott, D.O.; Leonid Skorin, D.O., O.D., MS; Ward Stevens, M.S.



Patricia M. Chute, Ed.D., CCC-A
New Rochelle, New York

Graduation PowerPoint: [*Universal Health Care in the US: Economic Disaster or Economic Engine?*](#)

Dr. Chute received her Ed.D. from Columbia University in 1983 in Audiology. Both her Bachelor's and Master's degree were obtained at Hunter College, CUNY in the fields of Speech Pathology and Audiology. She is licensed to practice audiology and dispense hearing aids in New York State and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

Presently, Dr. Chute is Professor and Dean of the School of Health Professions at New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, New York. Prior to her appointment at NYIT she was the founding dean of the School of Health and Natural Sciences at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York. She is a member of the Board of Scientific Trustees for the Deafness Research Foundation and also sits on the Board for the New York School for the Deaf. She is the former director of the Cochlear Implant Center at Lenox Hill Hospital and Manhattan Eye Ear and Throat Hospital. She has been active in the cochlear implant field since 1979 and has over 40 publications including three books entitled "Children with Cochlear Implants in Educational Settings," "A Parent's Guide to Cochlear Implants," and more recently "School Professionals Working with Children with Cochlear Implants." In 1995, she was an invited speaker at the NIH Consensus conference on Cochlear Implants in Children.

Dr. Chute's research has focused on children and adults with severe to profound hearing loss as well as the educational needs of deaf children. She is known both nationally and internationally for her work in this area and organizes workshops around the globe to train speech, hearing and educational professionals.

In addition to her research and educational outreach, Dr. Chute has been active in her state association and served as the Vice President for Audiology for the New York State Speech and Hearing Association. She has also worked closely with lobbying groups for legislation related to the speech and hearing needs of adults and children.

NYIT School of Health Professions sponsors Dr. Chute's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Scott S. Cyrus, D.O, FACOP
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Graduation PowerPoint [Gaps in Residency Training Should Be Addressed To Better Prepare Doctors for A Twenty-First-Century Delivery System](#)

Policy Poster: [Gaps in Residency Training Should Be Addressed To Better Prepare Doctors for A Twenty-First-Century Delivery System](#)

Scott S. Cyrus, D.O, FACOP is a board certified Pediatrician. He is a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP). He's a 1991 graduate of Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his rotating internship in 1992 and his pediatric residency in 1994 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Tulsa, OK. He obtained Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Arts in Zoology from the University of Arkansas prior to beginning his education for his Osteopathic Doctorate.

Dr. Cyrus has served on the board of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association (OOA) for the past ten years and was privileged to serve as President in 2010-2011. He has served on many bureaus and committees at the OOA and is a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates. He has served as President of the Tulsa Osteopathic Medical Society and currently serves on the board as Vice-President of the ACOP. He has served as the chair of the credential committee at the AOA House of Delegates and serves at the pleasure of the AOA president, Martin Levine, DO on the task force for continuing medical education. He served on the AOA Strategic National Project Team as a Strategic Partner at the request of Karen Nichols, DO, Immediate Past President of the AOA. He was honored to be named as an AOA Mentor of the Year finalist in 2009 and currently is a member of the AOA Mentor Hall of Fame. He represents the OOA on the State of Oklahoma Health Care Authority Child Health Advisory Task Force dealing with health issues facing Medicaid dependent children in Oklahoma. He has served as president and is a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, Sunrise. He enjoys his philanthropic service to the community of Tulsa and has chaired many events along side of his wife Janell, who currently is the President to the Advocates for the AOA.

Dr. Cyrus is currently the President and owner of Children and Adolescent Medical Services, Inc, a pediatric practice employing two pediatricians. Dr. Cyrus is Vice Chief of Staff and Chief of Pediatrics at SouthCrest Hospital. Following residency graduation, he took a position with Hot Spring Pediatric Clinic and was a partner in the clinic until he moved back to Tulsa to his current position. Prior to beginning his doctorate studies he worked in the largest hospital in Oklahoma in the intensive care unit and the emergency department as a registered nurse.

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is Dr. Cyrus' sponsor for the Health Policy Fellowship.

The American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians is proud to announce the inauguration of Scott S. Cyrus, DO, FACOP, HPF Class of 2011-0212, of Tulsa, Oklahoma as the **ACOP 2013 President**.

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In 1995, Dr. Cyrus became a Fellow of the ACOP in 1995. He chaired the Continuing Medical Education Committee, became a board trustee in 2007, and served as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President.

Nationally, he has served as chair of Bureau Credentials at the AOA House of Delegates. He serves as a member of the Oklahoma's Delegation to the AOA House of Delegates. Dr. Cyrus serves on the Bureau of Membership and has represented the Bureau on the AOA CME task force. He is the vice chair for the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialty Societies and is a member of the Bureau of Conventions, serving as convention chair for OMED 2013. He participated in the AOA National Project Team as a strategic partner and in 2011 completed the AOA Health Policy Fellowship.

In the state of Oklahoma, Dr. Cyrus served on the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees completing his service in 2012. He served on many of the bureaus and committees and was President in 2010-2011. He is a lifetime member of the Osteopathic Founder's Foundation as well as the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association and is a member of the Tulsa Osteopathic Medical Society, where he has served as a board member and president. (From Stewart Hinckley, Executive Director, ACOP 3/13/13)



John T. Duhn, DO
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Graduation PowerPoint: [Retail Clinics: Improving Coordination of Care](#)

Dr. Duhn currently works for Advantagehealth.org as a Family Practice physician and is Board Certified in Family Practice. Dr. Duhn received his Osteopathic Medical Degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003. While in medical school Dr. Duhn completed an Undergraduate Fellowship in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1997 with a B.S. of Physiology/ Lyman Briggs with a Specialization in Health and Humanities. He completed an AOA approved Internship and Residency in Family Practice at Mercy General Health Partners 2003-2006. He is an Associate Clinical Professor at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

He has been in family practice for five years. He worked Urgent Care during residency and continued that until 2011. He offered obstetrical care to his patients until 2010. Dr. Duhn has been to the Dominican Republic on two mission trips to help at local community clinics. He has also gone to Africa during residency to help with malaria patients. He completed training in chronic disease management and process improvement from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. His hospital system is trying to lead the way with a transition to an Accountable Care Organization.

Dr. Duhn is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Michigan Osteopathic Association, and the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He participated in the Training in Policy Studies Program while in residency and was sponsored by the West Michigan Osteopathic Association. He served on the Board and the Quality committees with Advantage Health.

Michigan Osteopathic Association may help sponsor Dr. Duhn's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Eric E. Gish, D.O.
Denver, Colorado

Graduation PowerPoint: [Mitigating the Societal Costs of Poorly Coordinated Healthcare Through Improved Electronic Health Record Communication](#)

Dr. Gish earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth in 1998 after completing a one-year pre-doctoral fellowship in osteopathic manipulative medicine. Additionally, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1990 with a minor in chemistry. He further completed a three-year residency in family medicine at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida in 2001. He holds dual board certifications in Family Medicine and OMT and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

Dr. Gish is actively involved in multiple state and national organizations. Currently he is a member of the AOA, ACOFP, Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine, Colorado State Society of ACOFP, and AAO. He currently is President of the Colorado State Society of ACOFP and is President-Elect for the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, he has served as a delegate for ACOFP and AOA and as a Trustee for CSOM. At Rocky Vista University, he is a member of the Admissions and Curriculum Committees, and serves as faculty sponsor for the SAAO and AOCPMR.

After completing his residency in Family Medicine/OMT, Dr. Gish returned to his alma mater for one year to teach in the Department of OMM and to give back to the institution which granted his degree. During his employment, he was bestowed the privilege of being 2nd year course director, pre-doctoral fellowship director, CME co-director, and interim residency director. He additionally submitted the institution's first NIH K24 faculty mentored training grant. Upon completion of his employment with TCOM, he began a private practice in Denver, Colorado and successfully practiced OMT for five years. During this time he was recruited by Rocky Vista University to become their inaugural Chair for the Department of OPP/OMM and currently continues to serve in this capacity.

Rocky Vista University – College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Gish's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



T. Lucas Hollar, Ph.D.
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Graduation PowerPoint: [Public Health Prevention Interventions and Healthcare Spending](#)

Dr. T. Lucas Hollar earned his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in December of 2008. Before graduate school, Dr. Hollar earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.A. in Spanish from Erskine College. Dr. Hollar's fellowships and internships span an array of disciplinary research. For example, while working on his Ph.D., Dr. Hollar was a Research Fellow for the Agatston Research Foundation. There, he worked on a childhood obesity intervention that resulted in statistically significant improvements for intervention students in BMI percentiles, BMI z-scores, blood pressure measures, and standardized test scores in comparison to control students. These findings have been published within peer-reviewed journals such as *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, and the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. He also was a Research Fellow for the Broward Sheriff's Office's (BSO) Office of Organizational Development and Accreditation. Research he performed for the BSO focused on organizational decision making and organizational development.

Currently, Dr. Hollar is an Assistant Professor of Public Health within the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program of Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine. The MPH Program tasked him with creating a Health Administration Concentration, which he designed to involve healthcare organization, finance, administration, and management within the context of health policy. Accordingly, his teaching responsibilities are within this vein. Before starting at NSU in the fall of 2010, Dr. Hollar had served as an Assistant Professor of Government at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA). While at SFA, he taught a number of graduate and undergraduate courses in Policy Systems and Program Evaluation, Public Policy Analysis, American Public Policy, Public Administration Research Methods, and American Government: Structure and Function, to list a few. As he was completing his Ph.D., Dr. Hollar had been an adjunct professor within FAU's School of Public Administration. There he taught classes such as Public Management and Administration, Organizational Behavior and Administrative Communication, and Research Methodologies for Public Management. Lastly, before attending graduate school, Dr. Hollar taught high school Spanish in an underserved public high school in upstate South Carolina from 2000 to 2002.

Dr. Hollar's professional activities involve extramurally funded research and evaluation activities. Currently, he is an evaluation consultant for childhood obesity projects funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and by the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida. He is also responsible for a return on investment evaluation contract between NSU's MPH Program and Broward House, South Florida's oldest and largest HIV/AIDS community service nonprofit organization. Additionally, Dr. Hollar is a member of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Florida Public Health Association, the American Society for Public Administration, and the Public Administration Theory Network. Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Dr. Hollar's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Kimberly A. Hopely, M.S.
Phoenix, Arizona

Graduation PowerPoint: [*The Future of Graduate Medical Education Funding*](#)

Ms. Hopely received her Master of Science in Nonprofit Studies at Arizona State University in the spring of 2011. She graduated from Arizona State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies – Health Administration & Organizational Leadership. Kimberly completed an internship in organizational leadership at St. Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center/Barrow Neurological Foundation in 2007.

Her professional and civic affiliations include Keogh Health Foundation – Board Treasurer; Catholic Health Care West - Community Health Integration Network Board; St. Luke’s Health Initiatives - Asset Based Community Development Consultant; Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Charities Board; American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine – Council of Development & Alumni Professionals; National Association of Community Health Centers - Steering Committee; Arizona Town Hall – Delegate; Council for Advancement and Support of Education - Member. Kimberly is also a Founding Member of the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona.

Kimberly has been a leader in the nonprofit sector for twenty years. Currently she is the Senior Director for Institutional Advancement at A.T. Still University (ATSU) where she oversees development for the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona and alumni relations for the western United States. Prior to joining ATSU, Kimberly was the Executive Director of the United Way of Grays Harbor in Washington where the organization became ranked 32nd in the country for community impact. Her experience in community development was cultivated during her tenure as Director of Community Mobilization where she provided grants to communities to reduce substance abuse. As the Health Services Specialist for The Opportunity Council in Bellingham, Washington, Kimberly lead health policy efforts and community partnerships for early childhood programs county-wide – resulting in an appointment as a Federal Program Review Consultant for Head Start contracts nationally.

A.T. Still University partially sponsors Ms. Hopely’s participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Jorge D. Luna, D.O., CPE
Davie, Florida

Graduation PowerPoint: [The Physicians' Role in Health Care Cost Containment: A Duty to Provide Parsimonious Care](#)

Health Policy Poster: [The Physicians' Role in Health Care Cost Containment: A Duty to Provide Parsimonious Care](#)

Dr. Luna obtained his DO degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1977. He graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with a degree in Physics in 1970. Dr. Luna completed a one-year rotating internship at Lansing General Hospital in 1978. He completed a certificate program at Nova Southeastern University in Management Education for Healthcare Professionals in 1998. Dr. Luna became a Certified Physician Executive from the American College of Physician Executives in February 2011. He is board certified in Family Medicine by the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Luna is currently the 2nd Vice-President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, has been on the executive board of the association, and is past president of the Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Luna has been a delegate to the American Osteopathic Association since 2006. He is currently Vice-Chief of Staff of Memorial Hospital Pembroke in Pembroke Pines Florida, past Chief of Medicine, and on the Executive Committee since 1996. He currently serves and has served in multiple committees both at the hospital and the Health Maintenance Organization level.

Dr. Luna is currently Chief Medical Officer for Broward County, for Continucare Corporation, a Management Services Organization, with responsibility for eight full-risk managed care medical centers. He is also responsible for quality documentation initiatives for the entire company, and is involved in the implementation of EMR for the entire company. He has been in Family Practice for 32 years, 17 years in managed care as medical director, 4½ of which were as full time hospitalist. Dr. Luna also participates in the rotation of coverage in the inpatient hospice unit at Memorial Hospital Pembroke.

Dr. Luna was born in Colombia, South America, and came to this country to attend college. He has lived, studied and worked in Michigan, New England, Arizona, and has resided in South Florida since 1982. He has a son who recently started in a managed care practice after completing an Osteopathic Internal Medicine Residency, and a second son who is completing an Allopathic Internal Medicine residency in Chicago.

The Florida Osteopathic Association and secondarily Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsor Dr. Luna's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Glenn Nordehn, DO
Chicago, Illinois

Graduation PowerPoint: [Impact of State vs. Federal Control of Maryland's Health Insurance Exchange](#)

Policy Poster [Impact of State vs. Federal Control of Maryland's Health Insurance Exchange](#)

Dr. Nordehn received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1987. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1978. He completed a one-year rotating internship at Oakland General Osteopathic Hospital in 1988. Dr. Nordehn completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Marshfield Clinic/St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI in 1991. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

He practiced Internal Medicine in Duluth, Minnesota upon graduation from residency. From 1998 to 2010 he was a full time faculty at the University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth. His position was Director of Health Education Technology and Medical Learning. Additionally, he was Chief Medical Officer for Northstar Physicians Network, an Independent Practice Organization while in Minnesota. In 2010, Dr. Nordehn became Chair of Internal Medicine at Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM). During his participation in the Health Policy Fellowship, Dr. Nordehn became Associate Dean of Clinical Education at CCOM.

Dr. Nordehn is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Internists, and the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society. His teaching interests have been in medical education. Use of technology in medical education is a particular interest of his. Research efforts have been in the area of human heart sounds automated analysis. In this capacity Dr. Nordehn has done research on the use of artificial intelligence applications to assign diagnoses to specific heart sounds. He has developed medical educational oriented iPhone Apps. Recently, he collaboratively developed an online logging system whereby medical students track and analyze their performance. Currently, he is developing a peer-coaching program tied to the online logging system. Dr. Nordehn has a strong interest in tracking the implementation of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges.

Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsored Dr. Nordehn's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO, FACOFP
Old Westbury, NY

Graduation PowerPoint: [Cost Implications of Hospitals Employing Physicians](#)

Dr. Rivera-Martinez received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology (NYCOM/NYIT) in 2002. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1983 from the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras, P.R. She worked for many years as a Corporate Controller and Internal Auditor before re-entering the college arena to complete her required pre-medical courses. Dr. Rivera-Martinez completed her internship and family medicine residency at Long Beach Medical Center in Long Beach, NY, where she received the Intern of the Year Award in 2003 and Chief Residency Award in 2005. During her residency Dr. Rivera-Martinez completed the Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) program, a national program that was created to provide osteopathic physicians in training (residents) experience in the development of health policy at the federal and state levels. She is board certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment by the American Osteopathic Association.

For her National Health Service Corps scholars service commitment, she worked for 4 ½ years as an Attending Physician for the Department of Family Medicine at the Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Jamaica, NY. Dr. Rivera-Martinez currently works at NYCOM/NYIT as an Assistant Professor in the Family Medicine Department. She serves on the NYCOM/NYIT Marketing, Research and Education committees. In 2004, she was received the American Osteopathic Foundation Wyeth Emerging Leader award. She was awarded Fellowship of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians in 2011.

Dr. Rivera-Martinez has been very active furthering Osteopathic Medicine through leadership roles in various national, state and local organizations and committees. She is member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), American Medical Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), American Academy of Family Physicians, New York State Osteopathic Medical Society (NYSOMS), and American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO). She is the current President of NYSOMS, current President for the New York State Chapter of ACOFP, Chair for the AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, Chair for the ACOFP Osteopathic Research Committee and Vice-Chair for the AOA Council on Women's Health Issues and is a member of several other committees of osteopathic associations. Dr. Rivera-Martinez has served as member of the AOA's House of Delegates representing the state of New York for the several years. In addition, she serves as Treasurer and immediate Past-President of the NYCOM Alumni Association.

NYCOM/NYIT sponsors Dr. Rivera-Martinez's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Martin J. Scott, D.O., M.S.
Trenton, New Jersey

Graduation PowerPoint: [Prevention is the Cure: Moving the Nation away from Sickness and Disease to Wellness and Prevention](#)
Policy Poster: [Prevention is the Cure: Moving the Nation away from Sickness and Disease to Wellness and Prevention](#)

Dr. Scott completed his medical studies at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1981, leading to a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a one-year rotating internship at Delaware Valley Medical Center in Bristol Pennsylvania in 1982 under former AOA President Archie Feinstein, D.O. He graduated from Rider University with a B.S. in Biology and minor in Chemistry. He received his M.S. in Physiology at Rutgers University and pursued his Doctorate in Bio-Physics and Physiology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. After post-doctoral studies, he assumed a position as Assistant Clinical Professor at UMDNJ-SOM in the Department of Osteopathic Sciences and currently serves in the Department of Family Medicine. He also serves as an outpatient instructor for Postdoctoral Fellows at the Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute in Piscataway, New Jersey. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine and pursuing additional qualifications in occupational/preventive medicine by the American Osteopathic Association. He is a certified breath alcohol technician instructor and certified medical review officer.

He has managed an occupational health clinic in Trenton, New Jersey for the last 25 years providing care to injured workers in the central New Jersey area. In addition he has a full-time family practice. He served as a physician member of the Pear Review Committee for CompSource (now Horizon Casualty), the occupational medicine division of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey. He co-chaired the Physician Manpower Task Force at the Medical Society of New Jersey addressing the future needs of physicians in New Jersey. He has served in numerous positions for the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, culminating as President in 1997-1998. He has served as a New Jersey Delegate to the American Osteopathic Association for the last 20 years. He has been active in community affairs, serving on the Board of Directors of the local YMCA and lecturing to numerous companies, schools, civic groups, and serving as team physician. He has also been a guest on both radio and television.

His special interest includes treatment of obesity as it pertains to preventative medicine. He is founder and Medical Director of HealthYOUUniversity, an experimental program to facilitate healthy lifestyles of the uninsured. Dr. Scott is on staff at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton and the University Medical Center at Princeton in the Department of Family Medicine.

New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation sponsors Dr. Scott's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.



Leonid Skorin, Jr., DO, OD, MS
Albert Lea, Minnesota

Graduation PowerPoint: [The Negative Impact of Defunding of Centers of Excellence and Health Careers Opportunity Programs on Our Nation's Health Care Workforce](#)

Dr. Skorin received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1986. He graduated from DePaul University in 1978 with a B.S. in Biology. He received a B.S. in Visual Science in 1981 and a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree in 1982 from the Illinois College of Optometry. He completed a one-year rotating internship at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in 1987. Dr. Skorin completed a Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship at the University of Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary in 1988 and his Ophthalmology Residency at Michigan State University – Metropolitan Hospital in 1991. He became a Costin Institute Scholar in 2008, completed the Mayo Clinic/University of Minnesota – Carlson School of Management Leadership Development Certificate Program in 2010 and received his Masters in Science in Medical Education Leadership from the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2011. He is board certified in ophthalmology by the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology.

Dr. Skorin is the current President of the Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society. He is the Editor-In-Chief of the international ophthalmology journal, *Clinical & Surgical Ophthalmology*. Dr. Skorin serves on the editorial review board of several other medical and optometry journals and is the Section Editor for Evidence-Based Clinical Reviews for the *JAOA*. The third-edition of his textbook, [Ocular Therapeutics Handbook: A Clinical Manual](#) was just released in early 2011 by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Dr. Skorin is the Chair of the Osteopathic Medicine Academy for the National Academies of Practice. In 2000, Dr Skorin received the Presidential Achievement Certificate from the American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology for his medical and surgical volunteer work in Ukraine. He is the recipient of the 2006 Albert Lea Medical Center – Mayo Clinic Health System Distinguished Clinician of the Year Award and in 2007 was named Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice.

Dr. Skorin is currently the senior staff ophthalmologist at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea, Minnesota. He is the Director of Continuing Medical Education and Chair of the Institutional Review Board at this institution. He is also an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic, College of Medicine.

Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society is sponsoring Dr. Skorin's participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.

[February 2013: The Case for Investing in Diversity, by Leo Skorin, HPF 2011-2012, appears in current edition of Minnesota Medicine](#)

Dr. Skorin is the Editor-In-Chief of the international ophthalmology journal, Clinical & Surgical Ophthalmology. Dr. Skorin serves on the editorial review board of several other medical and optometry journals and is the Section Editor for Evidence-Based Clinical Reviews for the JAOA. The third-edition of his textbook, Ocular Therapeutics Handbook: A Clinical Manual, was released in 2011 by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

His policy brief is available here: [The Case for Investing in Diversity](#)



Ward W. Stevens, MS, FACHE, CMPE
Blacksburg, Virginia

Graduation PowerPoint: [The Potential Impact of Payment Bundling on End-of-Life Care](#)

Mr. Stevens received a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas in 1987. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia in 1984 with a B.A. in Economics. Mr. Stevens is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and is a Certified Medical Practice Executive through the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

Mr. Stevens has been active in Virginia's free clinics having served as a board member of the Virginia Association of Free Clinics, the Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic and the Free Clinic of the New River Valley. Mr. Stevens served terms as president for each of these organizations. Mr. Stevens is the Chairman of the Council for Rural Virginia which develops coalitions to advocate for rural issues and is a board member of OneCare whose purpose is to address substance abuse issues in Southwest Virginia. Mr. Stevens is an adjunct professor to the Pre-Medical Program and University Honors at Virginia Tech.

Mr. Stevens is currently the Executive Director of the Osteopathic Network of Excellence in Education (OMNEE), an Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution, established by the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Additional duties include establishing and operating primary care physician practices that serve as training sites for medical students and residents and assisting in the development of graduate medical education programs in community hospitals.

Prior to joining VCOM, Mr. Stevens spent approximately 20 years in hospital administration including 10 years as a chief executive officer. Mr. Stevens began his career in healthcare administration at Charter Hospital of Las Vegas, an 80-bed psychiatric hospital. In 1989, Mr. Stevens began a 14-year stint at Alleghany Regional Hospital in Low Moor, Virginia where he held positions as an assistant and associate administrator prior to becoming the Chief Executive Officer in 1995. In 2003, Mr. Stevens became the Chief Executive Officer at Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg, Virginia where he served until joining VCOM in 2006.

The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsors Mr. Stevens' participation in the Health Policy Fellowship.
