

Arizona Geriatrics Society Board of Directors

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Teri Kennedy, PhD, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, FNAP Board Term Expires: 2019

Teri is Director, Office of Gerontological & Interprofessional Initiatives for Arizona State University's (ASU) School of Social Work Downtown Phoenix Campus; Faculty Lead: Clinical Partnerships for ASU's Center for Advancing Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research (CAIPER); and has 17 years of direct practice and administrative experience serving older adults and their families through the provision of health, behavioral health, and social services in home, community-based, in-patient, and skilled nursing facility settings. She serves as President of the Arizona Geriatrics Society. In 2016, she was inducted into the National Academies of Practice and Social Work Academy as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow and received the 2011 Mit Joyner Gerontology Leadership Award through the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) and Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW). She participates in a variety of interprofessional education and practice initiatives between health professions schools in Arizona including serving as Coach Team Coordinator with the Macy Project. She is part of an international Age Friendly University collaboration between ASU, Dublin City University, Ireland and the University of Strathclyde, Scotland and serves as Faculty and Visiting Scholar, the Center for Healthy Outcomes in Aging, College of Nursing & Health Innovation, ASU and and Research Affiliate with the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Consortium, ASU. Teri was selected to participate in the 2015-2016 Health and Aging Policy Fellows program, 2015 Hartford Change AGENTS Policy Institute, inaugural Hartford Change AGENTS Conference, Institute for Aging and Social Work, Master's Advanced Curriculum (MAC) Project, Curriculum Development Institute, and Faculty Development Institute. She has served as Principal or Co-Principal Investigator for various gerontological and interprofessional curriculum infusion and professional training grants in geriatrics and child welfare. Her research interests include healthy aging for older adults and their family caregivers, the cultural construction of happiness, and sustainability of gerontological and interprofessional education and practice initiatives. She is also a singer/songwriter with original CDs of Celtic traditional, contemporary, and original music.