In celebration of Pride Month 2022, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Nurses Association (ANA) proudly highlights several MFP/ANA trailblazers who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning, intersex, asexual, and/or plus (LGBTQIA+). In this special edition Pride Month e-Newsletter issue, we recognize Shelby Husband, PhD, RN, Austin Nation, PhD, RN, PHN, Lilia Peng, ND, RN, BSN, and Douglas A. Reed, DNP, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC.
Dr. Shelby Husband is a recent 2022 graduate from The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHC). He received his terminal DNP degree while pursuing his Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification. Dr. Husband first began his nursing career 11 years ago as a Hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy Reserve. Currently, he is in the process of commissioning as a United States Nurse Corps Officer in the Navy. Dr. Husband earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from UTHSC in 2017 where he later became an adjunct clinical mental health instructor in 2019 and 2020. During his time as an adjunct clinical instructor, Dr. Husband educated students on the clinical core components of psychiatric nursing, psychiatric disease processes and psychotropic medications. Dr. Husband has received numerous awards for his scholastic excellence including the UTHSC College of Nursing University Scholar award in 2016, College of Nursing Goodman Scholar award in 2016, and Chancellor Diversity Scholarship in 2020. Dr. Husband’s future endeavors include bringing more awareness to mental illnesses, providing mental health services to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ+ youth, and providing the necessary training and resources for other healthcare professionals to provide culturally competent care.
Dr. Austin Nation is a graduate of the University of California, San Francisco – School of Nursing, Community Health Systems. He has been a nurse for over 35 years and is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at California State University (CSU), Fullerton. Dr. Nation completed both the Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research (MTPCCR), as well as was awarded the California Pre-doctoral Program – Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Scholars, completing summer research internships at both Yale University and Duke University. Dr. Nation was also a fellow in the Black AIDS Institute’s African American HIV University – Science and Treatment College and was the recipient of the CSU Chancellor/William Randolph Hearst Award and the Graduate Assistant in Areas of National Need (GAANN) – Clinical Teaching and Research Scholar Fellow. He is actively involved in a number of professional organizations including Western Institute of Nursing, the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and National Black Nurses Association. He has been providing HIV prevention education for over 20 years. His past research interest was focused on understanding substance use and HIV among young Black men who have sex with men (MSM), which was funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/ American Nurses Association (ANA) Minority Fellowship Program. He is currently exploring LGBTQ+ health and mental health care access in Orange County. He has presented this important work at local, regional and international conferences.
Lilia Peng (she/they) is a second-year Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track at the University of Washington, in Seattle, WA. Dr. Peng’s primary interests are improving culturally sensitive mental health care for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and advancing health equity for marginalized groups, especially the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ communities. She is also interested in holistic psychiatric care and the therapeutic use of psychedelic medicines in treating mental illness and substance use. Dr. Peng’s nursing experience has included working in an involuntary psychiatric hospital serving primarily homeless adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Dr. Peng began her healthcare career as a naturopathic physician. She earned her Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND) degree at Bastyr University in Seattle, WA and completed her residency in chronic disease management at the Quest Center for Integrative Health in Portland, OR. She was inspired to pursue additional education to specialize in mental health after witnessing the significant need for psychiatric care among her patients. She plans to integrate her PMHNP education with her background in naturopathic medicine to provide holistic and integrative mental health care to underserved communities. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in Nursing, Economics, and Community, Environment, and Planning (CEP) from the University of Washington. Dr. Peng is a member of the Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses (AAPPN), Psychiatric Association of Naturopathic Physicians (PsychANP), Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians (WANP), and Psychedelic Medicine Association (PMA).
Dr. Douglas Reed is a doctorate-prepared board certified Psychiatric and Family Nurse Practitioner at Premier Health Care, in New York, New York, an affiliate of the Young Adult Institute. In Dr. Reed's current role at Premier Health Care, he provides full-scope psychiatric services at several clinics in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx. Dr. Reed conducts initial psychiatric evaluations, monitors the medication management, and delivers brief supportive psychotherapy. A significant portion of his role entails collaborating with families, caregivers, medical specialists, and other stakeholders to ensure integrated, holistic, evidence-based, patient-centered mental health services delivered to the clients of Premier Health Care. In addition, Dr. Reed has presented psychopharmacology topics to his organization's social work colleagues and often participates in innovative projects such as an in-house pilot psychiatric collaborative program between psychiatry and primary care providers. In addition, Dr. Reed is a clinical director of New Alternatives LGBTQ+ Homeless Youth in New York city. Recently, Dr. Reed became a Bloomberg Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where he will earn the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with a focus on Adolescents.

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