Katherine Scafide

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IAFN DIRECTOR AT LARGE CANDIDATE BIO

Dr. Katherine "Kat" Scafide is grateful for the opportunity to give back to her profession by submitting her nomination for the Director-At-Large position. Since joining IAFN in 2004, Dr. Scafide has had the pleasure of watching the organization grow exponentially in its membership while expanding the public's understanding of forensic nursing. In addition to her academic education, Dr. Scafide brings a breadth of forensic nursing experience as a practicing clinician, researcher, author, and leader. As a practicing clinician, Dr. Scafide spent 8 years providing medical forensic examination services to both living and deceased victims of violence across the lifespan. During this time, she uncovered a tremendous need for research to support forensic nursing practice and improve health equity. To address these challenges, Dr. Scafide spent the last decade in academia conducting and disseminating research that addresses important forensic clinical problems affecting diverse patient populations. She has co-authored 27 articles/chapters (4 in JFN), provided 30+ scholarly presentations (6 for IAFN), and received $1.8 million in federal funding to conduct research that will impact forensic nursing practice. Dr. Scafide will bring to the Board added leadership, strategic planning, and shared governance experience. She was elected Chair of the shared governance structure within her university. Additionally, she leads several interdisciplinary research teams in which Dr. Scafide is responsible for managing large budgets. Dr. Scafide currently serves IAFN as Chair of the Research Committee. In her role as Director-At-Large, she seeks to further IAFN's mission to promote the advancement and dissemination of forensic nursing science to support practice through strategic initiatives.