

Peter Buerhaus Receives 2007 *Nursing Economic\$*/ Margaret D. Sovie Writer's Award



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Peter Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN, renowned professor and researcher, received the 2007 *Nursing Economic\$*/Margaret D. Sovie Writer's Award during the Nurse Faculty/Nurse Executive Summit, sponsored by *Nursing Economic\$*.

Dr. Buerhaus is speaking at the Thursday, March 27, Plenary Session of the National Student Nurses Association 56th Annual Convention at 9:00 a.m. He will address his research findings, soon to be published in *The Future of the Nursing Workforce in the United States: Data, Trends, and Implications* (March 2008, Jones and Bartlett, Publishers). He will also provide a timely, comprehensive, and integrated body of data shaping the nursing workforce and health policy in the future.

Dr. Buerhaus has contributed more than 20 articles to *Nursing Economic\$*, including the acclaimed six-part series on the State of the RN Workforce in the United States, published in 2005-2006. He is well known for his research on key nursing workforce issues and is a leading voice in understanding the trends and implications of nursing care, staffing and productivity.

The award was presented on November 30, 2007, during the networking luncheon at *Nursing Economic\$* first annual Summit. Dr. Buerhaus is the Valere Potter Distinguished Professor of Nursing and Director of the

Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies in the Institute for Medicine and Public Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

"Peter is so deserving of this award. His outstanding collective work on RN workforce issues truly embodies our mission of advancing nursing leadership and providing information and analysis of current and emerging trends," said *Nursing Economic\$* editor Connie Curran, EdD, RN, FAAN. "Peter's voice is an important one in today's nursing world, and we are proud to honor his incredible work."

Prior to becoming the Center director, Dr. Buerhaus was senior associate dean of research at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. He has also served as assistant professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health, where he developed the Harvard Nursing Research Institute and its post-doctoral program in nursing health services research.

The writer's award is named in memory of Margaret D. Sovie, PhD, FAAN, CRNP, a long-time *Nursing Economic\$* Editorial Board member, author, and manuscript reviewer. Dr. Sovie was a nationally known authority in the field of nursing administration, teaching some of the top nurse executives in the nation after having served for nearly a decade as chief nursing executive of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She was also known for her research into nursing conditions following hospital restructuring in the 1990s and the resulting effect on patient outcomes. ☉