

Betty Staples, MD, FAAP
Pediatric Residency Program Director
Duke University Medical Center

Betty Staples, MD is honored to be nominated to the slate for the APPD Board, At-large position. Dr. Staples is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics (2013) and Director of the Pediatric Residency Program (2008) at Duke University Medical Center (2002).

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Subsequently, she completed pediatric residency and a year of general pediatrics fellowship at Duke University Medical Center (2002). She is currently a member of Cohort IV of the APA's Educational Scholars Program.

Highlights of her career as a Pediatric Educator include her role as Continuity Clinic Director (2002-2008), Associate Program Director (2003-2008) and Director (2008-present) of the Pediatric Residency Program at Duke. During this time, the program has developed several innovations including a robust community pediatrics rotation, newborn care elective, and flexible on-line curriculum that received commendation from the Pediatric RRC/ACGME. She was pleased to be part of the leadership group that was recognized by the APA with the 2012 Teaching Program Award.

Dr. Staples has appreciated the support of APPD over the last 11 years and has worked to contribute to this outstanding professional organization. Specific efforts have included a workshop presentation on teaching cultural competency and an upcoming workshop on incorporating milestones into resident remediation. She has also presented posters on a parental leave policy, every other night team structure as a novel approach to duty hour revisions and computer based handover simulation. Last fall, she was invited to participate in a panel discussion on running an efficient and effective Clinical Competency Committee. She recently completed a three year term as Chair of the Southeast Region for APPD. During her tenure, the Southeast region had their first regional meeting and successfully advocated for a modification of the unit requirements for individualized curriculum. She currently serves on the planning Committee for the APPD Program Director Grassroots Session.

For over a decade, Betty has recognized the value of APPD in the development of her career. As an At-large Board member, she hopes to bring enthusiasm, creativity and a practical approach to ensure APPD continues to foster the development of its members and advocates for outstanding training for future pediatricians.