



Health Professions Educator Series Health Systems Science Open Forum Session

Change Agency, Advocacy, and Managing Your Passions Through Writing

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Training & Education Resources

- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists \(ACOG\) Congressional Leadership Conference](#)
 - Annual, 3-day ACOG-hosted event to learn about key women’s health topics, and meet with your elected officials on day #3.
 - Funding often available through your ACOG District
- [Physicians for Reproductive Health](#)
 - Annual Leadership Training Academy covers multiple aspects of advocacy, over 3 separate in-person conferences. Includes a Lobby Day at the Capitol.
 - **Funding provided.**
- [Wiki-Edu](#)
 - Virtual classes on effectively writing Wikipedia entries – format, references, etc. Special training for Science/Medicine entries.
- [SIX – State Innovation Exchange](#)
 - Helps state legislators and their staff use evidence-based information to craft policy and legislation. Works to ensure policy is based on science. Helps the legislators reach out to pull in research.
- [SSN – Strategic Scholars Network](#)
 - Helps researchers collaborate to pursue research efforts that can be used to inform evidence-based policies and laws. Helps researchers push their findings up to the legislators.
- [Op-Ed Project](#) – “Public Voices” and other programs
 - Offers mentorship for authors on writing Op-Eds
 - Website with resources and guidelines for writing these pieces.

Websites for Advocacy Engagement

- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists \(ACOG\)](#)
- [Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology \(CREOG\)](#)
- [American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#)
- [American Medical Association \(AMA\)](#)
- Finding your [elected officials](#)
- Find [pending regulations](#) for comment

Tips for Writing/Calling Your Elected Officials

- **American Medical Association (AMA)**
 - [How to make your voice heard by Congress](#), a publication of the AMA [pdf]
 - [Physicians' Grassroots Network](#)
 - [AMA Advocacy Insights webinar series](#)
- **Berkley Library, University of California**
 - [Tips for Contacting Elected Officials](#)
- **National Center for Health Research**
 - [Let Your Voice Be Heard](#)
- **National Women's Law Center**
 - [Guides for contacting legislators, writing letters to the editor, etc.](#)

Organizations Discussed in Session

- [Vo+ER](#)
- [Maternal Mental Health Alliance](#)
- [Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health](#)
- [Mom Congress](#)

Other Collaborators

- **Healthcare** – Other Specialties, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, etc.
- **Legal**
 - [American Civil Liberties Union](#)
 - [National Women’s Law Center](#)
 - [If/ When/ How](#)
- **Other:** DEI, SDH, Environmental, Media/Journalism, Academic, Faith-based, Community Leaders, Business

Podcasts

- **[Freakonomics Radio](#)**
 - #405 - [Policy Making is Not a Science \(Yet\)](#) [Implementation Science]
- **[Freakonomics: No Stupid Questions](#)**
 - #10 “[Why are Stories Stickier than Statistics?](#)”
- **[NPR: Short Wave](#)**
 - 05 Aug 2021 “[How to Correct Misinformation](#)”
 - 06 Jan 2021 “[One Page at a Time, Jess Wade is Changing Wikipedia](#)”
 - 14 Jan 2020 “[Your Brain on Storytelling](#)”