



2022 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

Position:	Council Member
Candidate:	Jean L. Raphael, MD, MPH
Candidate Institution(s):	Baylor College of Medicine Texas Children's Hospital
Candidate Subspecialty:	General Pediatrics

Personal Interest Statement for an American Pediatric Society Council Position:

It is an honor to apply for APS Council and contribute to an organization committed to leadership in pediatrics and advancement of child health. Health equity has served as the foundation of my professional career. My health equity-focused research has been funded by NIH, HRSA, and PCORI. Additionally, I have committed myself to efforts to elevate the platform of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. I have worked to cultivate scholars committed to health equity research, participating in numerous mentorship programs targeted towards those Underrepresented in Medicine (UIM). As a Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, I lead efforts to promote equitable clinical care, address social determinants of health, and foster academic community partnerships. My engagement in APS and other professional societies has equipped me with leadership experience and expertise. I currently serve on APS's Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity. In this role, I have organized DEI-related sessions for members, chaired symposia for PAS, and authored commentaries for *Pediatric Research*. As a member of SPR, I serve on the Child Population Health Researcher Advisory Group. As a member of APA, I have served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. These leadership roles have provided me with critical insights on strategic visioning, career development programming, financial stewardship, and interdisciplinary collaboration. I would be honored to serve the APS at a time when creative leadership, adaptable programming, and enhanced engagement are needed to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic - amplified vulnerabilities of children, social injustice, and financial uncertainty in academic pediatrics and research funding. As a Council member, I will concentrate my efforts towards advocacy to advance child health and pediatric research, member career advancement, and expansion of mentorship and sponsorship for UIM.

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Education and Postgraduate Training

1997 – 2001	M.D., Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
2001 – 2004	Resident in Pediatrics, Boston Combined Residency in Pediatrics, Boston, MA
2004 – 2005	Chief Residency in Pediatrics, Boston Combined Residency in Pediatrics, Boston, MA
2005 – 2006	Commonwealth Fund Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy, Boston, MA
2005 – 2006	M.P.H., Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA

Faculty Positions

2006 – 2015	Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
2015 – 2021	Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
2015 – present	Director, Center for Child Health Policy and Advocacy, Texas Children's Hospital
2016 – 2021	Associate Vice Chair for Community Health, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
2018 – present	Associate Director for Health Equity, Baylor College of Medicine Center of Excellence in Health Equity, Training, and Research
2019 – present	Division Chief, Academic General Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
2021 – present	Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
2021 – present	Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine

Current Positions

2006 – present	Staff general pediatrician, Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX
2015 – present	Director, Center for Child Health Policy and Advocacy, Texas Children's Hospital
2018 – present	Associate Director for Health Equity, Baylor College of Medicine Center of Excellence in Health Equity, Training, and Research
2019 – present	Division Chief, Academic General Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
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Selected Society and Committee Memberships

2001 – present	American Academy of Pediatrics
2006 – present	AcademyHealth
2006 – present	Academic Pediatric Association (Research Committee 2006-2011; Mentor, New Century Scholars Program 2014-present; APA representative to Pediatric Policy Council 2014-present; APA Board of Executives 2017-2020; Chair of Public Policy and Advocacy Committee 2017-2020; Mentor, Young Investigator Program 2019-2020; Awards Task Force 2020; National Advisory Committee for Research in Academic Pediatrics Initiative on Diversity Program 2018-present)
2011 – present	American Society of Hematology
2013 – present	Society for Pediatric Research (Child Population Health Researcher Advisory Group 2021-present)
2018 – present	American Pediatric Society (Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity 2019-present)

Areas of Research Interest

I am an academic general pediatrician with a portfolio of scholarship focused on health equity, social determinants of health, and health policy. Throughout my fifteen years as academic faculty, I have impacted child health as a researcher and advocate. My early career focused on identifying contextual factors influencing both health care utilization and retention in care among children with sickle cell disease. This initial scope of research informed subsequent development of behavioral interventions and care delivery models to improve retention in care through addressing social determinants of health. My research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and Health Resources and Services Administration. I serve as a Chair for the Addressing Disparities Study Section for PCORI, have been a standing member of the Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Study Section for NHLBI, and acted as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous grant review panels. I have published my work in top scientific and sub-specialty journals. I have served as a guest editor for journal supplements on sickle cell disease (*American Journal of Preventive Medicine*) and pediatric health disparities (*Pediatric Annals*). I have been on the Editorial Board for *Pediatric Blood and Cancer* and currently serve as an Associate Editor for *Academic Pediatrics*. With a commitment to develop the next generation of health equity researchers, I serve as Associate Director for the Center of Excellence in Health Equity, Training and Research at Baylor College of Medicine. My research endeavors have been complemented by policy efforts to promote screening and addressing of social determinants within health care and managed care organizations. I created and lead the Center for Child Health Policy and Advocacy at Texas Children's Hospital. I have served as an appointee on the Health Disparities Task Force of Texas and subsequently received a Meritorious Service Award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.