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speaker bio

Dr. Fontaine is the Dean Emerita at the UVA School of Nursing where she served as dean for 11 years until 2019. A champion of creating healthy work environments in clinical and academic settings, she is a past-president of the AACN. In 2009 she established the Compassionate Care Initiative at UVA which has grown to be a guiding force in transforming the culture of the school with a focus on fostering human flourishing and resilience for students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. May and Dr. Fontaine began their work together with the founding of University of Virginia's (UVA) Center for Appreciative Practice in 2008. Most recently, they co-authored the AACN award-winning textbook, *Selfcare for New and Student Nurses* (Sigma).