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Dr. Peter Buerhaus is a nurse and a healthcare economist who is well known for his studies on the nursing and physician workforces in the United States. He is a Professor of Nursing and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at the College of Nursing, Montana State University. Before coming to Montana State University, Dr. Buerhaus was the Valere Potter Distinguished Professor of Nursing and Sr. Associate Dean for Research at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Professor of Health Policy at Vanderbilt University, and assistant professor of health policy and management at Harvard School of Public Health. Early in his career, he served as assistant to both the chief executive of the University of Michigan's 7 teaching hospitals and to the Vice Provost for Medical Affairs at the the University of Michigan. Dr. Buerhaus has published nearly 180 peer-reviewed articles, with five publications designated as "Classics" by the Federal Government's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Buerhaus was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1994, elected into the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine in 2003 (now the National Academy of Medicine), and is an honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Buerhaus has been awarded honoray doctorates from the University of Maryland and from Loyola University, Chicago. In 2010, Dr. Buerhaus was appointed Chair of the National Health Care Workforce Commission that was created under the Affordable Care Act to advise Congress and the Administration on health workforce policy. He recently served as a member of the National Academy of Sciences National Academy of Medicine Committee on the Future of Nursing, 2020-2030.