

Faculty Bio

Kathleen L. Gallant
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Kathleen L. Gallant has over 15 years of experience as a volunteer advocate for people challenged with psoriatic disease, with at least 10 of those years in global advocacy. As a person disabled from psoriatic disease and fibromyalgia, Kathleen strives to utilize her “good days” for productive advocacy and outreach. Kathleen currently serves as ex-officio/IFPA Representative to the Board of Directors of the National Psoriasis Foundation/NPF, U.S. As a volunteer with the NPF, she formed and led a support group in Pittsburgh for eight years and travelled numerous times to Capitol Hill, speaking about the challenges of living with psoriatic disease and struggling with her disability, Medicare and access to treatment. Kathleen was elected to the NPF Board in 2007 and Chaired the Outreach Committee. Ms. Gallant has served on the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) since 2007. In 2009, Kathleen helped develop and drive the IFPA campaign to have WHO recognize psoriasis as a severe, inflammatory noncommunicable disease with serious physical, psychosocial and socioeconomic impacts, which ultimately led to the adoption of the Psoriasis Resolution at the 67th World Health Assembly in 2014 and the WHO Report of Psoriasis. Although most of her focus has been centered on global advocacy to WHO, she also represents IFPA on the Collaboration Team of the Global Psoriasis Atlas Project and participates in the meetings of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, aiming to create awareness among Member States and the UN ECOSOC that psoriasis/psoriatic arthritis can be disabling and awareness is needed to bring down the barriers to full participation in society.

Ms. Gallant received her Master of Public Administration/Nonprofit Management from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and her undergraduate degree In Public Service from the University of Pittsburgh, PA. Kathleen studied Global Civil Society at the London School of Economics and Political Affairs and has also served on the Board of the American Association of University Women, Pittsburgh Chapter.