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MIDWIVES, CLINICIANS, AND LEADERS RECOGNIZED AT ACNM's 59th ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER

The American College of Nurse-Midwives Honors Leaders of Midwifery Community

Silver Spring, MD – Midwives and other health care clinicians were honored with awards in various categories last week at the American College of Nurse-Midwives' 59th Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Award winners are chosen by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and by the A.C.N.M. Foundation.

The 2014 award winners include:

Hattie Hemschemeyer Award
The Hattie Hemschemeyer Award, named in honor of ACNM's first president and a pioneer of the profession, is ACNM's most prestigious award and is given annually to an ACNM member who has been certified for at least 10 years and has made continuous outstanding and/or historically significant contributions to midwifery, ACNM, and/or maternal child health.
Judith Mercer, CNM, PhD, FACNM

Kitty Ernst Award
The Kitty Ernst Award, affectionately known as the "Young Whippersnapper Award," is named after the College's fourth and youngest president, and one of its most dynamic living legends. The Kitty Ernst Award was established in 1998 to honor an ACNM member who has been certified for less than 10 years and has demonstrated innovative, creative endeavors in clinical practice, education, administration, or research relating to midwifery and women's health.
Kim Q. Dau, CNM, MS

Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award (A.C.N.M. Foundation Award)
This award honors midwifery's "unsung heroes" who have demonstrated pioneering vision and innovative leadership. Award winners are exceptional CNMs or certified midwife (CMs) who are members of ACNM, have been certified for at least 10 years, and have not previously received the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award. The Lang Award is award is aptly named for Dorothea M. Lang, CNM, MPH, FACNM – past-president of the ACNM and the A.C.N.M. Foundation, whose visionary leadership has advanced the profession of midwifery in countless ways.
Laraine Guyette, CNM, PhD, FACNM

Distinguished Service Award
This award recognizes a CNM/CM or other professional for an unusual and exemplary effort in the field of community service, innovation in midwifery practice, education, or research.
Ellen Martin, CNM, MS, FACNM
Susan R. Stapleton, CNM, DNP, FACNM

Kimberly A. Couch, CNM

Outstanding Preceptor Award
1. Margaret Holcomb, CNM, DNP
2. Group Health Tacoma Midwifery Practice
3. OB/GYN Associates of Kerrville Texas Midwifery Practice
4. Pamela Auman, CNM
5. Jalana N. Lazar, CNM, WHNP
6. Theresa Gay, CNM
7. Tanya McDermott, CNM
8. Amber Evans, CNM
9. DeAnna Griebenow, CNM
10. Heather Paar, CNM
11. Kathleen Harmon, CNM
12. Sukdai Mangru, CNM
13. Kate Harrod, CNM, PhD, FACNM
14. Kara Myers, CNM
15. Richard Jennings, CNM, MSN
16. Megan Donaghy, CNM
17. Eliza Burelle, CNM, MSN
18. Elaine Rosenwach, CNM
19. Tom Chappell, CNM, MSN
20. Sylyna Kennedy, CNM, RN, MSN
21. Rebecca Garrett-Brown, CNM
22. Connie Swentek, CNM, MSN, FACNM
23. Teresa Damery, CNM
24. Monica Newby, CNM
25. Carla Morrow, CNM
26. Linda Gillet, CNM
27. Lisa Mattke, CNM

Fellow Award
1. Tanya Bailey, CNM, MSN, FACNM
2. Patricia Burkhardt, CM, LM, DrPH, FACNM
3. Victoria Henderson Burslem, CNM, MSN, FACNM
4. Michelle Reneé Collins, CNM, PhD, FACNM
5. Connie Dewees, CNM, DrPH, MN, FACNM
6. Michelle Grandy, CNM, MN, FACNM
7. Milree Keeling, MS, CNM, BCSI, FACNM
8. Julia Lange Kessler, CNM, RN, DNP, FACNM
9. Gwen Amber Latendresse, CNM, PhD, FACNM
10. Elaine M. Moore, CNM, MSN, FACNM
11. Whitney Ann Pinger, CNM, MSN, FACNM
12. Connie Swentek, CNM, MSN, FACNM
13. Ruth E. Zielinski, CNM, PhD, FACNM

Media Award
C. Margo Mowbray, *An Answering Flame: Horseback Nurse in an Adverse Land*

Organizational Partner
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

Best Book of the Year Award
Presented to: Nancy Bardacke, CNM, MA
For the book entitled: *Mindful Birthing: Training the Mind, Body, and Heart for Childbirth and Beyond*

Presented to: Patricia Harman, CNM
For the book entitled: *The Midwife of Hope River: A Novel of an American Midwife*

Exemplary Affiliate Award
North Carolina State Affiliate of ACNM

ACNM Video Contest Winner(s)*

1. Emily Fitzgerald, *"Midwifery Moment of Truth"*
2. The University of Pennsylvania Midwifery Class of 2014, *"Choose a Midwife"*

*These videos can be viewed on ACNM's YouTube channel

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To learn more about ACNM and the award winners, or to receive a photo for press purposes, please contact Damaris Hay, ACNM Media Relations Specialist at (240) 485-1856 or via e-mail at dhay@acnm.org.

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is the professional association that represents certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States. With roots dating to 1929, ACNM sets the standard for excellence in midwifery education and practice in the United States and strengthens the capacity of midwives in developing countries. Our members are primary care providers for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. ACNM reviews research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, and works with organizations, state and federal agencies, and members of Congress to advance the well-being of women and infants through the practice of midwifery. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org

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