CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS ON ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY IN MIDWIFERY AND WOMEN’S HEALTH

The Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health (JMWH), in conjunction with the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Diversification and Inclusion Task Force, is soliciting manuscripts for the November/December 2016 continuing education theme issue. We invite submissions that focus on the impact of race and racism in midwifery and women’s health. While race is the disparity of focus, we also welcome manuscripts that address issues of discrimination and bias related to other axes of difference, such as sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, immigration status, or religion. Further, we would be very interested in manuscripts that offer promising practices for working across differences and successful examples of dismantling bias. Specifically, we seek manuscripts examining:

Education
- The impact of race and/or racism on access to midwifery and other health care provider education
- The impact of race and/or racism on access to quality primary education – the pipeline to midwifery

Government
- State and federal initiatives to promote diversity – their successes and failures

Practice
- The impact of race and/or racism in the experience of health care providers
- How to promote inclusive workspaces
- The impact of race and/or racism on perinatal health and other women’s health outcomes
- The impact of axes of difference other than race and/or racism on perinatal health and other women’s health outcomes
- The historical impact of race and/or racism on the health of underrepresented minorities

Professional Association
- History of diversity efforts in ACNM or other health-related professional associations
- The impact of race and/or racism on the ability to find community in ACNM or other health-related professional associations

Process of institutional change
- Examples of positive changes from activists
- Lessons learned from successful and unsuccessful initiatives

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Please send your proposed topic, type of article, and contact information to JMWH Editor-in-Chief Frances E. Likis, DrPH, NP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, at flikis@acnm.org before beginning to write a manuscript. The Journal and issue editors will evaluate manuscript ideas and advise authors of the suitability of their proposals.