Silver Spring, MD—The Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health, the official journal of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), honored the contributions of exceptional authors with 3 awards presented at the ACNM 60th Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Washington, DC. The 2015 Best Research Article Award, Best Review Article Award, and Mary Ann Shah New Author Award honor authors whose articles were published in 2014. The awards are sponsored by the Journal’s publisher, Wiley.

The 2015 Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health Award Winners include:

Best Research Article of the Year Award
Jeremy L. Neal, CNM, PhD, Jane M. Lamp, MS, RN-BC, CNS, Jacalyn S. Buck, RN, PhD, Nancy K. Lowe, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN, Shannon Gillespie, MS, RN, Sharon L. Ryan, CNM, DNP
For the article entitled, “Outcomes of Nulliparous Women with Spontaneous Labor Onset Admitted to Hospitals in Preactive Versus Active Labor,” published in Volume 59, Number 1 (January/February 2014) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health. This study found that many low-risk, nulliparous women are admitted to labor units prior to active labor, which increases their odds of receiving oxytocin augmentation and giving birth via cesarean.
This award is given annually to honor an author for a contribution to the Journal that enhances midwifery and women’s health through the publication of an outstanding research article.

Best Review Article of the Year Award
Whitney Pinger, CNM, MSN, FACNM, Tekoa L. King, CNM, MPH, FACNM
For the article entitled, “Evidence-based Practice for Intrapartum Care: The Pearls of Midwifery,” published in Volume 59, Number 6 (November/December 2014) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health. The 13 Pearls of Midwifery are evidence-based intrapartum practices that support and facilitate normal physiologic birth.
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Mary Ann Shah New Author Award

Dorothy Brewin, CNM, PhD
For the article entitled, “Using a Life Course Model to Examine Racial Disparities in Low Birth Weight During Adolescence and Young Adulthood” published in Volume 59, Number 4 (July/August 2014) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health and co-authored by Angela Nannini, PhD, FNP-C. This study found that factors contributing to an increased risk of infants born low birth weight are different for black non-Hispanic women than for white non-Hispanic women, suggesting that prevention strategies need to differ by race.

This award recognizes a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) or certified midwife (CM) who publishes for the first time as the primary author of an original research or review article. The award is given annually in honor of the accomplishments of Mary Ann Shah, CNM, MS, FACNM, Editor Emeritus of the JMWH, and recognizes her outstanding achievements as Editor-in-Chief for 25 years.

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