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LEADERS IN MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED AT ACNM’S 62ND ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION IN CHICAGO, IL

American College of Nurse-Midwives Honors Leaders of Midwifery Community

Silver Spring, MD – Midwives and other health care professionals were honored with awards in various categories on May 24, 2017 at the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) 62nd Annual Meeting & Exhibition.

The 2017 Award Winners are:

**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.

Recipient:
Francis Thatcher

**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.

Recipient:
Ann Marie Konkoly

**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.

Recipients:
Kathryn Schrag, CNM, FNP
Mary Theresa Bradish, CNM
Nadene Brunk, CNM, MSN
Outstanding Preceptor Award
Theresa Gay, CNM
Lindsay Carleton, CNM
Heather Lane, CNM
Fern Jaffe, CNM
Michelle Barcus, CNM, MSN
Melody Shambley, CNM
Jessica Brumley, CNM
Jenny Allen, CNM
Nikole Gettings, CNM
Rachel Kay, CNM, MPH, MSN
Susan Comte, CNM, MSN
Stephanie Tillman, CNM
Sarah Hakala MS, CNM
Mary Anne Scherer, CNM, MSN, RN
Kyanna Kuntz, CNM
Kathy Leggitt, CNM, MS
Susan Akins, CNM
Julie King CNM
Vanessa Wright, CNM, NP, MS
Ana Delgado, CNM

Excellence in Teaching Award
Laura Zeidenstein, CNM, MSN, DNP, FACNM
Kathy Herron, CNM
Erin McMahon, CNM, EdD
Dawn Durain, CNM, MS, PhD, FACNM
Pamela Reis, CNM, PhD, NNP-BC
Kate Woeber, CNM
Kim Baraona, CNM, DNP, ARPN
Anita Lenas, CNM, DNPC, MSN, FNP
Jeremy Neal, CNM, PhD, RN
Megan Arbour, CNM, MS, PhD, FACNM
Lee Kirstin Roosevelt, CNM, PhD, MPH
Lisa Hanson, CNM, PhD, FACNM
Melissa Saftner, CNM, PhD
Marie Hastings-Tolsma, CNM, PhD, FACNM
Nancy Jo Reedy, CNM, MPH, FACNM
Debra Penney, CNM, MPH
Rebekah Kaplan, CNM
Fellow Award
Jill Allman, CNM, DMP
Rebecca Bagley, CNM, DNP
Margaret Beal, CNM, PhD
Ruth Boone, CNM, DNP
Debora Dole, CNM, PhD
Kate Fouquier, CNM, PhD, RN
Sherilyn Gibbs, CNM, DNP, RNC-OB
Jennifer Jagger, CNM, MSN, WHNPRNC-OB
Karen Jefferson, CM, LM
Lucia Jenkusky, CNM, MS, C-EFM
Susan Krause, CNM, MSN
Mayri Leslie, CNM, MSN, EdD
Carrie Neerland, CNM, MS, APRN
Ann Forster Page, CNM, MS, APRN
Dana Perlman, CNM, MSN
Lesley Rathbun, CNM, FNP, MSN
Pamela Reis, CNM, PhD, NNP-BC
Melissa Saftner, CNM, PhD
Melanie Sumersille, CNM

Public Policy Award
Karen Jefferson, LM, CM
Susan Rooks, CNM, MPH

Media Award
Lisa Yarger
Lovie: The Story of a Southern Midwife and an Unlikely Friendship (University of North Carolina Press)

Best Book of the Year Award
Sharon Schindle Rising CNM, MSN, FACNM
Charlotte Houde Quimby CNM, MSN, FACNM
The Centering Pregnancy Model: The Power of Group Health Care

ACNM Video Contest Award
Amy Rogers, SNM
Mary Dunn, SNM
Kiley Hewett, SNM

Exemplary Affiliate Award
Region 1 Rhode Island
Region 2 Pennsylvania
Region 3 South Carolina
Region 4 Arkansas
Region 5 South Dakota
Region 6 Texas
Region 7 Alaska
Best Podium Presentation Award
Elizabeth Jesse, CNM, PhD
_The Role of Mediators in Reducing Antepartum Depressive Symptoms in Rural Low Income Women Receiving a Culturally Tailored Cognitive Behavioral Intervention_

Best Research Poster Award
Kimberly Trout, CNM, PhD, APRN
_Carbohydrate Restriction or Social Determinants? Impact on Outcomes in Pregnancies Affected by Gestational Diabetes_

Best DOGH Podium Award
Patricia L. Riley, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN
_Nurse and Midwifery Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Towards Viral Load Testing in Managing HIV-Infected Patients in East, Central and Southern Africa._

Best Research Article of the Year Award
Marit L. Bovbjerg, PhD, MS
Melissa Cheyney, PhD, CPM, LDM
Courtney Everson, MA, PhD

Best Review Article of the Year
Cheri Van Hoover, CNM, MS
Lisa Holt, RN, MSN, MS
_Midwifing the End of Life: Expanding the Scope of Modern Midwifery Practice to Reclaim Palliative Care_

Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health Mary Ann Shah New Author Award
Jyesha Wren Serbin, CNM, WHNP-BC, MS
_The Impact of Racism and Midwifery’s Lack of Racial Diversity: A Literature Review_

Immunization Champion Award
Nicole Rouhana, PhD, FACNM, FNP-BC
Niessa Meier, CNM, DNP
Noelle Jacobsen, DNP, CNM
DeAnn Brown, CNM
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. ACNM promotes excellence in midwifery education, clinical practice, and research. With roots dating to 1929, our members are primary care providers for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. ACNM provides research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, establishes clinical practice standards, and creates liaisons with state and federal agencies and members of Congress to increase the visibility and recognition of midwifery care.

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