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:
Frances T. Thacher, CNM, MS, 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.

Recipient:
Ann Marie Konkoly, CNM

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 Jaggar, 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 Schindler 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
*Maternal and Newborn Outcomes Following Waterbirth: The Midwives Alliance of North America Statistics Project, 2004 to 2009 Cohort*

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
Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award
This award honors midwifery’s “unsung heroes” who have demonstrated pioneering vision and innovative leadership. Award winners are exceptional CNMs or 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 aptly named for Dorothea M. Lang, CNM, MPH, FACNM – past-president of ACNM and the A.C.N.M. Foundation, whose visionary leadership has advanced the profession of midwifery in countless ways.

Recipients:
Rosemary J. Mann, CNM, MSN, JD, PhD
Susan J. Leibel, MSN, MPH

Therese Dondero Memorial Lecture
Timothy R.B. Johnson, Jr., MD, FACOG, University of Michigan

Louis M Hellman MD Midwifery Partnership Award
Jessica Illuzzi, MD, MS, Yale University

A.C.N.M. Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Education
Karen Trister Grace, PhDc, MSN, CNM, Johns Hopkins University SON

Carrington-Hsia-Nieves Doctoral Scholarship for Midwives of Color
Venay Uecke, CNM, MSN (University of New Mexico – Fall 2016)

Jeanne Raisler Award for International Midwifery
Jennifer Neczypor, RN, SNM, Vanderbilt University

W. Newton Long Award
Adria Goodness, MN, CNM, PMHNP-BC
Michelle Collins, CNM, PhD, FACNM
Wreatha Carner, CNM, MN, DNP

Basic Midwifery Scholarships:
GlaxoSmithKline TUMS Consumer Health Care Scholarship
Heidi Carter, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)

Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship
Jeanine Valrie-Logan, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)
Karen Ojeda, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)
Tenzing Sherpa, SNM (Case Western Reserve University)

The Edith B. Wonnell CNM Scholarship
Mari Upshaw, SNM (University of New Mexico)

Christine Nuger CNM Memorial Scholarship
Rebecca Palmer, SNM (Vanderbilt University)
A.C.N.M. Foundation Memorial Scholarship
Kathryn Dirks, SNM (Emory University)
Christine Higgins, SNM (Emory University)
Chloe Campbell, SM (SUNY Downstate- Direct Entry)

Texas Midwifery Creation Scholarship
Lauren Olvera, SNM (Baylor University) – In memory of Nivia Nieves Fisch, CNM, FACNM
Rebekah Randall, SNM (Texas Tech University) – In honor of Sr. Angela Murdaugh, CNM, FACNM

Varney Participant Award
Paris Maloof-Bury, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)
Heidi Carter, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)

Midwifery Legacies Project 20th Century Student Interview Awards
1st Place: Rebecca Palmer, SNM (Vanderbilt University)
2nd Place: Phoebe Lithgow, SNM (University of Pennsylvania)
3rd Place: Chelsea Biegler, SNM (Vanderbilt University)

Honorable Mentions:
Katherine Tan, SNM (Vanderbilt University)
Rebecca Smiddy, SNM (Georgetown University)
Rebekah Randall, SNM (Texas Tech University)
Alexandra Speros, SNM (Vanderbilt University)

The A.C.N.M. Foundation Staff Appreciation Award
Ashley West, ACNM Communication and Marketing Specialist

Thacher-MBN Leadership Development Awards: Fall 2016
Mary Lou Kopas, CNM, MN
Darlaine Laviolette, CNM, MSN
Erin McMahon, CNM, MSN, EdD
Jennifer Steir, CNM, MSN
C. Nichole Wardlaw, CNM, MSEd, MSN

Thacher Community Grants:
Kelly Roberts, CNM, MSN (Fall, 2016)
Erin Morelli, CNM, MSN (Fall, 2016)
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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