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JOURNAL OF MIDWIFERY & WOMEN'S HEALTH RECOGNIZES TOP AUTHORS AND ARTICLES OF 2015

**Best research and review articles plus Mary Ann Shah New Author Award presented at
ACNM 61st Annual Meeting**

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 61st Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Albuquerque, NM. The 2016 Best Research Article Award, Best Review Article Award, and Mary Ann Shah New Author Award honor authors whose articles were published in 2015. The awards are sponsored by the Journal's publisher, Wiley.

The 2016 *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* Award Winners include:

Best Research Article of the Year Award

Carmen Giurgescu, PhD, RN, WHNP, Christopher G. Engeland, PhD, Thomas N. Templin, PhD

For the article entitled, "Symptoms of Depression Predict Negative Birth Outcomes in African American Women: A Pilot Study," published in Volume 60, Number 5 (September/October 2015) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. This study found that symptoms of depression predict preterm birth and low-birth-weight infants in African American women.

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

Robyn Schafer, CNM, MSN, RN, EdM, IBCLC, Catherine Watson Genna, BS, IBCLC

For the article entitled, "Physiologic Breastfeeding: A Contemporary Approach to Breastfeeding Initiation," published in Volume 60, Number 5 (September/October 2015) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. This article describes how breastfeeding initiation support has evolved away from emphasis on position and attachment toward dyad-centered, physiologic breastfeeding initiation. *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 review article.*

Mary Ann Shah New Author Award

Simon Adriane Ellis, CNM, MSN

For the article entitled, "Conception, Pregnancy, and Birth Experiences of Male and Gender Variant Gestational Parents: It's How We Could Have a Family" published in Volume 60, Number 1 (January/February 2015) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* and co-authored by Danuta M. Wojnar, PhD, RN, MED, IBCLC, and Maria Pettinato, RN, PhD. This study found that male-identified and gender variant gestational parents report difficulties navigating identity that lead to persistent loneliness and hardships when dealing with complex internal and external processes.

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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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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