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LEADERS IN MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED AT ACNM'S 61ST ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION IN ALBUQUERQUE, NM

American College of Nurse-Midwives Honors Leaders of Midwifery Community

Silver Spring, MD – Midwives and other health care clinicians were honored with awards in various categories on May 26, 2016 at the [American College of Nurse-Midwives \(ACNM\) 60th Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#). Award winners are chosen by ACNM and by the A.C.N.M. Foundation.

The 2016 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:

Holly Powell Kennedy

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:

Maj Elizabeth Nutter

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:

Maude Callen

Jan Krebs

Denise McLaughlin

Martha Rode

Outstanding Preceptor Award

Recipients:

Robin Aftuck, CNM
Amanda St. Aubin, CNM
Beth Bary, CNM
Michelle Chiafulio, CM
Marcia Ensminger, CNM
Janet Fedullo, CNM
Claudia Gerard, CNM
Rachel Graber, CNM
Andrea Hiles, CNM
Lucia Jenkusky, CNM
Ann Konkoly, CNM
Debra Lowrance, CNM
Pamela Madden, CNM
Deena Mallareddy, CNM
Sukdai Mangru, CNM
Lisa Modell, CNM
Maggie Pastarr, CNM
Caroline Paster, CM
Jaime Pickering, CNM
Carleen Poellinger, CNM
Lynn Rife, CNM
Kate Robinson, CNM
Janine Sayles, CNM
Lori Sherman, CNM
Michelle Telfer, CNM
Cathy Vaux, CNM
Stacy Wilson, CNM

Excellence in Teaching Award

Recipients:

Sukey Krause, CNM
Debora Dole, CNM
Juliana Van Olfen-Fehr, CNM
BARbara J. Reale, CNM
Kate Woeber, CNM
Tonia Moore-Davis, CNM
L.Kim Baraona, CNM
Liz Niederegger, CNM
Elizabeth Gabzdyl, CNM
Kate Harrod, CNM
Barbara Overman, CNM
Christina Elmore, CNM
Jenna Shaw-Battista, CNM

Fellow Award*Recipients:*

Megan Arbour, CNM, MS, PhD
Rebeca Barroso, CNM, PhD, DNP
Kathryn Carr, CNM, MSN
Andrea Christianson, CNM, MS
Jenifer O. Fahey, CNM, MSN, MSPH
Sharon L. Holley, CNM, DNP
Maria Christina Johnson, CNM, MS
Ira Kantrowitz-Gordon, CNM, PhD
Linda Locke, CNM, MPH, LSW
Patricia O. Loftman, CNM, LM, MS
Denise McLaughlin, CNM, MPH
Gretchen Mettler, CNM, PhD
Tonia L. Moore-Davis, CNM, PhD(c)
Robin Neumeier, CNM, MSN
Tonya Nicholson, CNM, DNP, WHNP-BC
Angelita Nixon, CNM, MSN, APRN
Julie Paul, CNM, DNP
Jenna Shaw-Battista, CNM, PhD, NP
Letitia Sullivan, CNM, MS
Barbara A. Winningham, CNM, WHNP-BC, DNP

Public Policy Award*Recipient:*

Angy Nixon

Media Award*Recipient:*

Christy Turlington Burns

Best Book of the Year Award*Recipients:*

A History of Midwifery in the United States: The Midwife Said Fear Not
Helen Varney Burst
Joyce E. Thompson

Exemplary Affiliate Award*Recipients:*

Alabama State Affiliate of ACNM
Maine State Affiliate of ACNM
New Mexico State Affiliate of ACNM

Ohio State Affiliate of ACNM
Virginia State Affiliate of ACNM
Wisconsin State Affiliate of ACNM
Uniformed Services State Affiliate of ACNM

2016 Awards and Scholarships –The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.

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:

Susan A. DeJoy, CNM, MSN, PhD, FACNM
Carol A.L. Howe, CNM, DNSc, FACNM, FAAN
Kay D. Sedler, CNM-ret, MN, FACNM

Bonnie Westenberg Pedersen International Midwife Award :

Given in memory of Bonnie Pedersen CNM to enable an outstanding international midwife to attend the ACNM Annual Meeting as our honored guest. This award recognizes the exemplary leadership of the awardee in advancing maternal and child health and midwifery, thereby assuring safe births for mothers and babies in their home country.

Recipient :

Bupe Mwamba, Nurse and Midwife, Zambia

Therese Dondero Memorial Lecture

Recipient:

Mary Ellen Stanton, CNM, MSN, FACNM

Louis M. Hellman Midwifery Partnership Award

Recipient:

John W. Larsen, Jr. MD, George Washington University

A.C.N.M. Foundation Graduate Education Fellowship

Recipient:

Carrie E. Neerland, MS, APRN, CNM, PhD candidate, University of Minnesota, School of Nursing

W. Newton Long Award

Recipient:

Martha Goedert, CNM, FNP, PhD, FACNM

Basic Midwifery Scholarships

Recipients:

GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Health Care Scholarship

Stephanie Estes, SNM (Johns Hopkins University/Shenandoah University)

Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship

Stacie Walker, SNM (Shenandoah University)

Ebony Simpson, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)

Essence Williams, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)

The Edith B. Wonnell CNM Scholarship

Jennifer Neczypor, SNM (Vanderbilt University)

A.C.N.M. Foundation Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia Stoffel, SNM (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Christine Nuger CNM Memorial Scholarship

Allison Lawrence, SNM (Yale University)

Varney Participant Award

Recipients:

Stephanie Estes, SNM (Johns Hopkins / Shenandoah University)

Leah Rashidian, SNM (San Diego State University)

Carrington-Hsia-Nieves Doctoral Scholarship for Midwives of Color

Karline Wilson-Mitchell, CNM, RM, MSN,DNP (Frontier Nursing University)

Midwifery Legacies Project 20th Century Student Interview Awards

Recipients:

1st Place : Caroline Reid, SNM (Vanderbilt University)

2nd Place : Rose Fisher, SNM (Frontier Nursing University)

3rd Place : Jennifer Neczypor, SNM (Vanderbilt University)

Honorable Mention:

Sharon Bates King (Vanderbilt University)

Emilee Head Lazo (Vanderbilt University)

Rebecca Soderlind Rice (Vanderbilt University)

A.C.N.M. Foundation Staff Appreciation Award

Recipient:

Salvador Chairez

Ray Allen

Kiev Martin

Foundation Leadership Development Award:

Thacher Fellowships (late 2015) **

Recipients:

Colleen Brezine, CNM, MSN

Beth N. Carlson, CNM, MSN

Adelicia Graham, CNM, FNPc, MSN
Thanh-Xuan Le, CNM, WHNP, MSN
Sheri Matteo, CNM, MSN
Patricia Scane, CNM, MS

Thacher Community Grants *

Recipients:

Karla Benzyl, MD (Fall, 2015)
Martine Jean-Baptiste, CNM (Fall, 2015)
Nancy Comello, CNM (Spring, 2016)
Susan Kamin, CNM (Spring, 2016)

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