

2023 Fellows

A Message from The Fellows of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) Board of Governors

There are 74 exemplary midwives who have been accepted for Fellowship in 2023! Fellowship in the American College of Nurse Midwives is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership within ACNM, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement, and have merited special recognition within and outside of the midwifery profession. The ACNM fellowship was first established in 1994. With the addition of the 2023 Fellows, there will be 723 FACNMs.

Thank you for joining us in honoring the new FACNMs and celebrating their accomplishments at this year's 68th ACNM Annual Meeting and Exhibition, May 7-9, 2023.

Congratulations to our new 2023 FACNMs!!



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Tracy Abraham, CNM, DNP, APRN-FPA

Tracy Abraham has worked at the University of Illinois Hospital for the past 24 years providing full-scope midwifery care. Tracy is committed to improving perinatal health outcomes in communities that have some of the highest maternal morbidity and mortality rates within Chicago. Tracy continues to bring a unique skill set to the university, emphasizing clinical practice and promoting best-practice initiatives. Tracy also serves as clinical faculty precepting midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students at UIC's College of Nursing. Tracy continues to have a strong commitment to clinical excellence providing mentorship for the next generation of nurse-midwives.



Kirby Adlam, CNM, PhD, APRN-FPA

Kirby Adlam is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she has mentored graduate and undergraduate students since 2014. Kirby has been an active member on the Illinois ACNM Affiliate board for over 5 years, including serving in elected roles of Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Kirby continued clinical practice while finishing her PhD in nursing, and she now actively engages in research in reproductive health, third-party reproduction, and traumatic birth experiences. Kirby is the proud mom of a 2.5 year old girl with another child on the way.



Tia Andrighetti, CNM, DNP, CNE, CHSE-A

Tia Andrighetti is an Associate Professor at Frontier Nursing University. Her educational expertise lies with the use of active teaching methods, especially simulation, in the education of midwives. Tia has also been instrumental in restarting and keeping the New Hampshire affiliate going. Tia has worked with many organizations to further the interests of clients cared for by midwives, including the March of Dimes, NNEPQIN, NLN, and AMCB. Tia's scholarship involves disseminating evidence about the use of simulation in midwifery education. Tia is a lifelong learner who is currently furthering her education by being a DEI Fellow.



Merrilynn Artman, CNM, MS

Merrilynn Artman has been a Certified Nurse-Midwife since 2001. Merrilynn has worked in a variety of settings, including private practice, hospital-owned practices, and a low-income clinic. Merrilynn spent six years at the University of Colorado in Boulder, working as the manager of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinic and then as a director for support services. Merrilynn founded a private practice in 2007 in Boulder, Colorado and provided in-hospital midwifery services to women and their families for seven years. Merrilynn has extensive experience teaching and supporting students, midwives, new physicians, nurses and other health care providers.



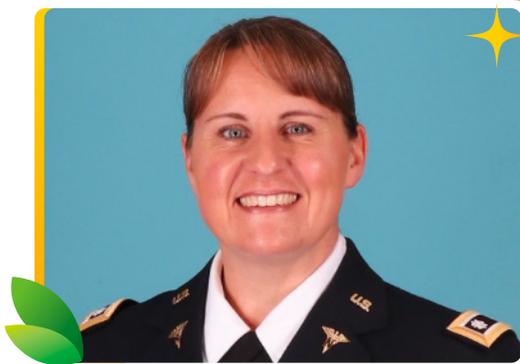
Jessica Bacon, CNM, MSN

Jessica Bacon is a nurse-midwife in New Hampshire. In addition to clinical care, Jessica works in Perinatal Optimization to identify and implement evidence-based solutions to gaps in care. Jessica works with a multidisciplinary team to improve the care of people with substance use disorder, including MAT initiations, integrated prenatal and recovery services, and support for staff caring for people with SUD. Jessica is the current President of the NH Affiliate of ACNM, serves on the NNEPQIN Steering Committee, and is the co-chair of the NNEPQIN Perinatal Community Advocacy Council.



Erin M. Baird, CNM, DNP, MBA, MS

Erin Baird has been a midwife in full-scope practice for 17 years and is the Executive Medical Director of the Women’s and Children’s Service Line or Centra Health with hospitals in Lynchburg, Bedford and Farmville, Virginia. In this role Erin has grown the Midwifery Service Line from four to 15 midwives serving two hospitals and numerous counties. Erin introduced a midwife-led intrapartum model of care to a community hospital and developed a shared-care ambulatory practice of physicians and midwives. Erin’s doctoral work focused on job satisfaction and communication between nurses, midwives, and physicians. Erin is a mentor, educator, and passionate advocate for optimal care.



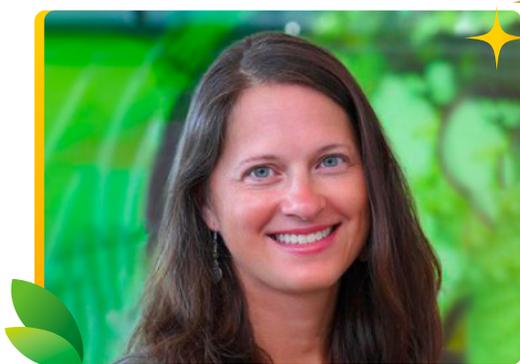
Lana Bernat, CNM, DNP

Lana Bernat is an Army Nurse Corps officer and Certified Nurse-Midwife. Lana currently serves as the Director of Female Force Readiness and Health at U.S. Army Medical Command and concurrently serves as the Women’s Health Nursing Consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army for OB/GYN nurses and nurse-midwives. Lana is recognized for her strategic leadership as well as her clinical leadership serving the military community and supporting graduate medical education programs. Lana’s contributions to publications enhance the professional knowledge of women in military communities.



Meg Berreth, CNM, MSN

Meg Berreth has been in full-scope midwifery practice for the past 21 years. Meg is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Midwifery Program and worked in New Jersey for 6 years before relocating to North Carolina. Meg joined the UNC Medicine OB/GYN department and holds an appointment as Assistant Professor. Meg currently serves as the Medical Director of the OB/GYN Outpatient clinic and was responsible for instituting Centering Pregnancy there. Meg is committed to access to safe reproductive care for all women and their families. Meg brings the midwifery perspective to numerous medical center committees, including OB Safety, APP Credentialing, and Clinical Operations. In 2019, Meg was awarded the UNC School of Medicine Nursing Excellence Award and was chosen for the School of Medicine’s Academic Career Leadership Academy in Medicine.



Michele Burtner, CNM, MS, MPH, IBCLC

Michele Burtner completed an MS in Midwifery at OHSU where she was a NHSC scholar. Her full-scope work includes caring for low and high-risk women and teaching midwifery and medical students, as well as residents. She joined the University of Rochester Midwifery Group as clinical faculty and obtained her IBCLC designation. She served as Midwifery Division Director from 2013-2018. In 2021, Michele completed an academic Fellowship in Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine as well as a master’s in public health from the University of Rochester. She is currently the Associate Medical Director of Breastfeeding and Lactation Services at URMC.



Jennifer Ceccardi, CNM, MSN, WHNP

Jennifer Ceccardi has been a full-practice CNM at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, since 2003, providing direct patient care in office and hospital settings and precepting students for hundreds of hours, receiving the ACNM Outstanding Preceptor Award in 2020. Active with ACNM throughout her career, initially as a member, then becoming the Chair of the Ohio Regional Chapter, assisting with the transition to Ohio Affiliate as one of its founding leaders, and currently a member of the ACNM Program committee. Jennifer has written and implemented policies and guidelines for new practices as well as participated in many legislative events.



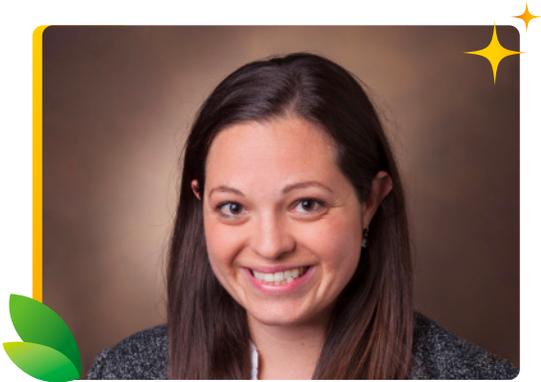
Lena Antimonova Cerbone, CNM, MSN, APRN

While taking a Women's Studies class at Harvard, Lena (Horwitz) Cerbone realized Midwifery was her calling. She completed the Three-Year Non-Nurse College Graduate program at the Yale School of Nursing, fulfilled National Health Service Corps obligations in eastern Oregon, then worked at an HMO in Chicago. Lena has spent the last twenty-plus years on faculty at West Virginia University School of Medicine. There she has practiced, taught, and liaised with the local Homebirth community. She has held leadership positions in both her local ACNM Affiliate and the Midwifery Alliance of West Virginia. All three of her children were born at home.



Kristin H. Conrad, CNM, DNP

Kris Conrad, Director of Midwifery at LewisGale in Salem, VA, earned a BSN from the University of Colorado, an MSN from Emory University and a DNP from Old Dominion University. In her 20 years as a midwife, Kris has promoted patient access to safe, respectful care, by developing midwifery practices, promoting policies supporting physiologic birth, doing consumer outreach, encouraging collaboration between midwives and physicians, teaching medical students/residents, and most importantly, serving as a preceptor for midwifery students. Kris has also served in many leadership roles in the Virginia Affiliate of the ACNM and loves being a midwife.



Hannah L. Diaz, CNM, DNP, APRN

Hannah has been practicing as a full-scope midwife for over 13 years, beginning as an active-duty U.S. Air Force midwife, and now with the Vanderbilt Midwives in Nashville, TN. During this time, she has precepted over 60 midwifery students and 40 family medicine residents. She is currently the Vice Chair of the Midwife Assessment Committee for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS). This leadership position has given her a voice to advocate for this crucial advanced skill for midwives across the country, writing and editing the national midwife ultrasound exam. During her involvement, approximately 150 midwives have become certified.



Colleen Donovan-Batson, CNM, MS, WHNP

Colleen is a CNM/WHNP and midwifery activist with 35 years of experience across all birth settings. Since the 1990s, as the liaison between the California Nurse-Midwives Association (CNMA) and Californians for the Advancement of Midwifery (CAM), midwifery associations promoting direct entry midwifery licensure, Colleen has been committed to furthering unity in the midwifery profession. Colleen served as a primary steering committee member to US MERA for six years, has been an educator in nurse-midwifery and direct-entry programs, and is currently focused on increasing accessible education for student midwives of color. Colleen is a member of the ACNM DEIB committee and represents MANA on the ICM governing council.



Deborah Anne Duran-Snell, CNM, PhD

Debbie practiced home birth midwifery from 1979-1985 and completed her Master's degree in nurse-midwifery in 1989. Debbie has attended ~3,000 births and has provided care to underserved populations, was an owner in a multidisciplinary practice and precepted numerous students. Since 2009, Debbie has traveled and practiced midwifery in several countries, including Nicaragua, Haiti, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Canada. Since 2009, Debbie has finalized development of and directed the first midwifery program at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. At the age of 63, Debbie completed a PhD in 2021. Currently, Debbie is teaching in the Oregon Health & Sciences University nurse-midwifery program.



Kim L. Flanders, CNM, DNP

Kim advocates empowering moms and women to make informed decisions for and about their bodies and pregnancies. Childbirth is her passion, evident in her infectious laughter, gentle touch, and the respect with which she treats each patient. Genuine care and concern have helped her build a reputation as a leader in midwifery, the Army, and life. Kim has achieved several accomplishments, but nothing means as much as her relationship with her husband, children, and grandchildren. Kim believes in being a servant leader in her community and has contributed countless hours to meet the needs of underserved populations.



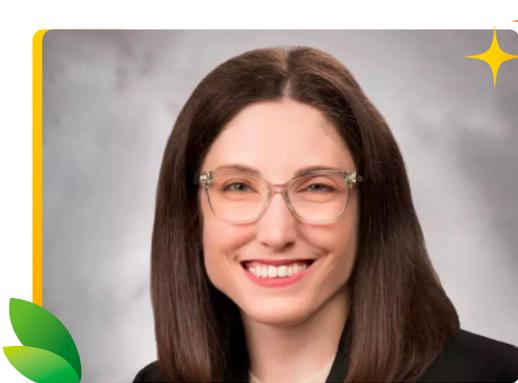
Sara Friedman, CNM, MSN

In her practice as a Nurse-Midwife, Sara Friedman has cared for many underserved women at a Federally Qualified Health Center and spent many years teaching and mentoring student nurse-midwives at Yale School of Nursing, receiving the award of Excellence in Teaching from the ACNM. Sara served on the Core Competencies Committee to examine and revise these competencies. In addition, Sara has participated in several global health projects in various countries, educating women and midwives.



Elizabeth Gabzdyl, CNM, DNP, ARNP

Elizabeth Gabzdyl began her Nurse-Midwifery journey providing full-scope care over 35 years ago. She has been privileged to care for folks in many different settings in California, Illinois and Washington State, including out-of-hospital birth centers, hospitals, sexual and reproductive health centers, and doing international work in Mexico and Haiti. Elizabeth began working as Nurse-Midwifery faculty over 25 years ago and is currently Program Director at Seattle University. Elizabeth is delighted to have mentored and worked with many students, educating the next generation of CNMs! In her free time, she earned her DNP at UIC in 2010.



Lexi Garbus, CNM, MSN

Lexi Garbus is a University of Michigan DNP candidate and has been a practicing Certified Nurse-Midwife since 2017. Outside of clinical practice, Lexi has had an extensive focus on advocacy for midwifery legislation and midwifery consumer engagement. Lexi is the current chair of ACNM's National Government Affairs Committee. Additionally, Lexi has written state proclamations for Midwifery Week, and garnered co-sponsorship for midwifery legislation from her legislators. Through social media, presentations, and interviews, Lexi has engaged consumers of midwifery care and disseminated information about midwifery to the public.



Wendy R. Gibbons, CNM, DNP, MN

Wendy Gibbons has practiced as a nurse and nurse-midwife for more than thirty years. Wendy's care focus has always been women's health. Wendy has had the opportunity to attend deliveries in a variety of settings from birth centers to collaborative care with high-risk patients. Wendy completed a Doctor of Nursing practice to expand their role from clinical practice to include educating nurses and nurse-midwives. Wendy enjoys working with students; they bring new perspectives to issues such as health equity and ways to dismantle traditional care hierarchies. Wendy believes it is imperative to impart respectful care to all birthing people.



Nikia Grayson, CNM, DNP, MPH, MSN, MA, FNP-C

Dr. Nikia Grayson is a Reproductive Justice informed public health activist, anthropologist, and nurse-midwife who has devoted her life to serving and empowering people in underserved communities. Nikia is the Chief Clinical Officer at CHOICES Center for Reproductive Health, a comprehensive non-profit reproductive health care center and the first birth center in Memphis. Nikia is passionate about being a disruptor to the current healthcare system and creating new models of care that integrate midwifery and center Black and brown communities. Nikia works daily to ensure everyone has the rights and means to make decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health.



Lisa Marie Hachey, CNM, DNP, APRN

Lisa Hachey is an Associate Professor and Nurse-Midwifery Program Director at the University of Cincinnati. Lisa has practiced for 24 years in a variety of settings, predominantly in the Cleveland and Detroit areas. Lisa's clinical focus emphasized EB care for medically underserved and marginalized populations with exposure to trauma and violence. Lisa serves in a variety of roles with the HEAL Trafficking international network (45 countries) and is a contributor to the 2020 Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report. Lisa is active in organizations at the State, National, and International level, and is the current president of the Ohio Affiliate.



Whitney Hall, CM, MA, MS

Whitney is a CM from NY, who completed her Master of Midwifery in 2003 and has 20 years of experience in home, birth centers, and hospital settings. Whitney practices full-scope midwifery, and teaches midwifery students and family medicine residents. Whitney is the current secretary of NY Midwives, the ACNM Affiliate, and the president of the NYS Birth Center Association. Whitney also sits on several committees at the NYS DOH, the health system in which she works, and in the affiliates of AABC and ACNM in NYS, striving to uphold the midwifery model of care, decenter whiteness in professional spaces, and protect autonomous midwifery practice in all settings.



Kathleen Harmon, CNM, APRN-FPA

Kathleen is the Co-Chair of the OBER Sub-Committee /OB Task Force. Their goal is to develop a plan and implement a robust quality and safety program that improves patient outcomes and satisfaction for patients, providers, and staff. Kathleen is the Clinical Practice Director of the University of Illinois, providing administrative oversight and support for the CNM practice, and also serves as the UI Health OB/QI Administrator, evaluating quality and safety of patient care and identifying opportunities for quality of clinical care improvement. Kathleen created a Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship that provides financial support for a BIPOC student during their midwifery education program and also established a partnership with Melanated Group Midwifery Care to improve health disparities and maternal outcomes.



Annemarie Heath, CNM, DNP, ACC

Annemarie is dedicated to serving low-resourced communities through quality clinical care and health care system change. As a professor at the University of Puerto Rico, she focused on improving maternal infant health through midwifery care. Annemarie founded and directed the 501(c)3 Proyecto ADAMES to address maternal and infant mortality in the Dominican Republic for over ten years. Annemarie was the Co-Medical Director of Women's Health and Director of Clinical Team Advancement at a community hospital and was responsible for the creation of a robust quality improvement program through cultural change throughout the hospital.



Bridget O. Howard, CNM, MSN

Increasing a midwifery presence and philosophy which supports birth, family planning and quality of life is what Bridget seeks for her patients and her profession. Bridget has dedicated over 24 years of service to ACNM and the A.C.N.M. Foundation promoting funding for awards and scholarships to aid students to complete their basic midwifery education and for midwives to further research in Doctoral studies propelling our profession forward. Bridget works tirelessly on the Board of Directors to develop and implement strategies to drive ACNM as a leader in racial and health equity, funding, project development, membership growth, and midwifery marketing strategies.



Abigail Howe-Heyman, CNM, PhD

Abby Howe-Heyman is the midwifery track director at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a contributing editor at the Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health and the author of a chapter in the 7th edition of Varney's Midwifery. She has been a nursing educator for over fourteen years. She co-founded a full-scope practice, Clementine Midwifery and Women's Health, and has worked clinically at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, UCLA Santa Monica Hospital, and currently works as a sexual assault nurse examiner at Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center and Puentes de Salud, a clinic serving uninsured Spanish-speaking patients in South Philadelphia.



Sue Hudson, CNM, MSN

Sue Hudson, CNM, MSN has been working as a nurse-midwife for 25 years in Northeast Ohio. She graduated with a degree in biology from Kenyon College and went on for Master's work in genetics at Bowling Green State University. Sue graduated from Case Western Reserve University's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, attaining her Master's in Nurse-Midwifery. She has served as chair of the ACNM's NE Ohio Chapter twice and was president of the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses. In February of 2020, Sue was named to direct the Cleveland Clinic Midwifery Service where she also directs the Centering Pregnancy program.



Brenda Jackson, CNM, DNP, FNP

Brenda Jackson has been a nurse for 35 years, committed to compassionate, expert, and equitable patient care. Her clinical experience is extensive in the areas of emergency room, pediatric intensive care, family nurse practitioner, and nurse-midwifery. For the past seven years, she has been a senior leader in Kaiser Permanente's National Women & Children's Health Care emphasizing interregional, multidisciplinary collaboration to implement strategic advancement in patient quality, safety, and care experience. She has successfully led care initiatives including Reproductive Health Access, Centering Pregnancy, National Perinatal Patient Safety, Maternal Mortality Review Committee, Perinatal Remote Monitoring, and BIPOC Women's Patient Advisory Council.



Noelle Jacobsen, CNM, DNP, APRN

Noelle Jacobsen is faculty for the Department of Midwifery and Women's Health at Frontier Nursing University. Her nearly two decades of CNM work have been in the public and private sectors as a clinician and an educator. She volunteers as an ACNM Florida Affiliate leader. She has helped organize APRN & student-APRN attendance in Tallahassee to gain state legislature support for autonomy for Florida APRNs, including CNMs. Her professional interests include serving socioeconomically vulnerable populations and championing healthy equity, group prenatal care, breastfeeding, perinatal mental health, and innovations in midwifery education, specializing in clinical simulation and practicum experiences.



Janet Kaplan, CNM, MN, MPH

Janet Kaplan began her 32-year career by opening a midwifery-owned practice in North Carolina, the first midwife to have privileges at the local hospital serving rural Appalachian and Indigenous women. While at Baystate Medical Center she was clinical faculty for Tufts School of Medicine. She facilitates QA/QI at her current position, and holds appointments on Vermont's Maternal Mortality Review Panel, Midwifery Advisory Committee, and the Regional PQC steering committee. Her international work includes FreMo Birth Center in Nairobi, Kenya, and being on the medical crew of a search and rescue mission to save refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.



Lisa Kiser, CNM, DNP, WHNP

Lisa Kiser is faculty at the University of Arizona, where she is helping create a nurse-midwifery program with an EDI framework. She works two days a week providing women's healthcare at a rural health center thirty minutes from the US-Mexico border. Lisa is deeply committed to increasing health equity in her community. She helped organize and volunteers for the women's health program at the Tucson Free Clinic and the healthcare team at the migrant welcome center. Lisa is also board president for the Southeast Arizona Health Education Center where she supports binational health initiatives in Mexico and Arizona.



Julie Knutson, CNM, DNP, WHNP, IBCLC

Julie Knutson is an Assistant Professor and Clinician Educator for Brown University. She has worked in public health clinics, for Indian Health Service, at freestanding birth centers, and in hospital practices around the US. Julie earned her DNP in 2021 with a focus on breastfeeding equity and has published in peer-reviewed journals. She is a contributor to the AMCB Certificate Maintenance Program, Vice President of the RI ACNM Affiliate, and a founding member of the Midwifery Council at Women and Infants Hospital where she enjoys teaching midwifery interprofessionally.



Elizabeth G. Korb, CNM, MSN

Elizabeth Korb has been a practicing nurse-midwife for 37+ years, mostly in North Carolina. She served every office in ACNM in our state except treasurer, revising bylaws, drafting legislation, and creating an infomercial, and mini-business institute. She also served on the Midwifery Joint Committee, ACOG Clinical Practice Expert Panel for Health Care Financing Administration. Elizabeth assisted in writing the Mountain Area Perinatal Substance Program grant, now "Project Cara." She compiled Benchmarking for our practice for which we were awarded Best Practice Award for VBACS in 2009. The practice also was awarded the "With Women for a Lifetime, Silver Commendation Practice Award" in 2003.



Katie Lavery, CNM, MS

Katie Lavery has had a career-long engagement with ACNM MI affiliate and national organizations, including task forces and committees. She served as Region IV Representative to the ACNM Board from 2020-2022. She is part of the State leadership for regulation and policy development and insurance reimbursement. Katie has successfully developed and managed an independent practice in a state where this is incredibly difficult.



Kelly Lemon, CNM, WHNP-BC

Kelly Lemons is an Assistant Professor at West Virginia University in the School of Nursing and the School of Medicine. She is a dual-certified women’s health nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife who provides full-scope midwifery care in Morgantown, WV. She serves as a clinical course instructor for the undergraduate nursing maternal-child health course. Kelly is deeply committed to serving individuals with substance use disorder. She is involved in many local and statewide programs and committees, serves as the Principal Investigator for the “ACE Program”, and is the primary prescriber in a multi-disciplinary opioid use disorder treatment program.



Miri Levi, CNM, DNP, MBA, FNP, IBCLC

Miri Levi holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science and is currently the Program Director for the new Nurse-Midwifery Fellowship Program at the Mayo Clinic. She has worked as a midwife and family nurse-practitioner in a variety of clinical settings including hospital, birth center, and homebirth practices. She is a peer reviewer and has published in the *Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health*. Miri recently completed her DNP and has a special interest in breastfeeding, postpartum, and interpregnancy care.



Kylea L. Liese, CNM, PhD

Kylea L. Liese is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois Chicago. As a medical anthropologist and certified nurse-midwife, Kylea engages a reproductive justice framework to contextualize and address the social drivers and repercussions of maternal morbidity and mortality. She uses mixed methods to examine causal pathways and unforeseen consequences that link reproduction and health disparities in communities with intersecting identities of oppression. Kylea’s clinical practice, and attending births in community and hospital settings, informs and grounds her academic research. As an educator, she uses the classroom to address and discuss how structural and implicit biases, including the centering of whiteness, impact healthcare provision and outcomes.



Breia Loft, CNM, MSN

After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1997, Breia had the privilege of caring for many women and catching 1000s of babies. The education of nurse practitioner students, student nurse-midwives, and obstetrical resident physicians on normal physiologic birth and “midwife magic” has always been a priority. Most of Breia’s years of practice were in Atlanta, Georgia, until she returned to Memphis, Tennessee, and joined the only hospital-based nurse-midwifery service. At this FHQC Level 3 facility, Breia helped to grow the midwife service to a thriving practice and currently serves as the Director of Midwifery Services.



Sheila Lopez, CNM, MSN

Sheila Lopez has been a CNM for ten years. She is currently a CNM at University of Alabama at Birmingham, a new program for UAB. She is no stranger to trail-blazing, as she was the first CNM to attend births in Birmingham in over 20 years. She served as director of midwifery as this practice grew from one to three midwives, and tripled birth volume. She serves as the state affiliate’s president. She serves on the state of Alabama’s Joint Committee for APRNs, working with the Boards of Nursing and Medical examiners to make recommendations on scope of practice issues.



Amy MacDonald, CNM, MSN

Amy MacDonald, a CNM for 31 years, began her career opening the New River Birth Center, the first freestanding birth center in West Virginia in 1991. In 1991, Amy created and led the Duke Midwifery Service within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for 14 years. As a founding member of Centering Healthcare Institute from 2008-2021 and as a consultant for Group Care Global currently, she trains healthcare providers to successfully facilitate and implement group model care in the US and internationally. She currently works at Pomelo Care, a virtual maternity care practice as Director of Group Care.



Laurie MacLeod, CNM, MSN, RN, C-EFM, C-ONQS

Laurie MacLeod has 16 years of full-scope clinical experience in academic and community locations. Laurie was involved in the Outcomes of Waterbirth study at OSU which was cited in the ACNM Hydrotherapy position statement. A clinical preceptor of 15 years, Laurie has precepted students from Yale University, The Ohio State University, University of New Mexico, University of Cincinnati and Frontier University.



Anjali Dhir Madeira, CNM, DNP, MPH

Anjali Dhir Madeira was lucky enough to move to Alaska almost 5 years ago to join an amazing practice of CNMs at Southcentral Foundation/Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Anjali has been learning from colleagues and Alaska Native women alike to understand the challenges of providing healthcare in a resource-rich, low-access region. Every shift is an opportunity to improve our care systems and become a better provider. Prior to Alaska, Anjali was very involved in respectful maternity care research and programming in refugee camps and other low-access areas around the world.



Penny R. Marzalik, CNM, PhD, APRN, IBCLC

Penny is an Associate Professor and Director of the Nurse-Midwifery program at Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. Over her 40-year career, her contributions to the midwifery profession began with persevering to secure hospital privileges to provide full-scope midwifery, educating undergraduate and graduate students in maternity care and midwifery, and in 2018, publishing "Midwifery Education in the U.S." to further understanding of the profession. Penny was recently appointed to the advisory board of The Baby Academy, an international online prenatal education service, and values her ability to contribute to the consumer education side of maternity care with her background as an American midwife.



Manola Annabella McCain, CNM, DNP, MSN

Manola was born and raised in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She has been in the U.S. since 2005 and completed her midwifery education at Vanderbilt School of Nursing (VUSN) in 2010. Since then, she has been practicing full-scope midwifery, has served people from many cultural backgrounds in various stages of life, and has delivered close to 800 babies. For the past 3 years, she has been involved in quality improvement both locally and internationally. In Nashville, she is also serving as faculty advisor for the Hispanic/Latinx Student Affinity group as well as the Nashville Volunteer Doula at VUSN.



Sarah Meyer, CNM, MSN

Sarah Meyer is a Senior Instructor at the University of Colorado College of Nursing and Lead Midwife at the Center for Midwifery Lone Tree. She has reassured, informed, and encouraged adolescents, young women, new mothers, seasoned mothers, wise women, and elders for twenty years. She has a deep appreciation for the amazing midwives who have supported her professionally and personally. She also enjoys sharing her passion for midwifery with the next generation. Her current work focuses on growing academic midwifery in a community hospital setting and facilitating safe transfers from community birth into hospitals.



Sue Nankin, CNM, DNP, WHNP

Sue Nankin has been an advocate for improving access and quality in reproductive health for over two decades. Currently, she serves as Director of Health Services for a multistate Planned Parenthood affiliate, where she trains and mentors CNMs and WHNPs in family planning, gender affirming care, abortion services, ultrasound, sedation, and quality assurance. Sue's research interest focuses on developing practice guidelines for the provision of mifepristone and misoprostol, particularly for those living in rural areas and abortion service deserts. She is most proud of having precepted dozens of midwifery, WHNP, and medical students, helping build the next generation of care providers.



Paulomi Niles, CNM, PhD, MPH, LM

Paulomi Niles' clinical practice, in the largest municipal hospital system in the nation, is always at the center of work as a researcher, advocate, and educator. Paulomi is an Assistant Professor and conducts midwifery research rooted in critical feminist praxis. Paulomi actively lead efforts to reclaim the rights of midwives to be autonomous providers who hold our own distinct body knowledge, at the nexus of art and science. Paulomi is a progeny of a lineage of midwives who are centered in public service that holds clinical excellence, authentic midwifery, and radical compassion, at the helm of our work.



Jessica Olsen, CNM, DNP, WHNP-BC

Jessica is a CNM/WHNP who received her DNP from Georgetown University where her research was titled Characteristics and Outcomes of Postgraduate Midwifery Fellowship Programs in the US. Currently she works at Orlando Health and is an APP supervisor for the women's service line. She is the incoming Chair to the Midwives-PAC and ACNM Surgical First Assist Faculty. She is Chair of the Media Committee for the FL Affiliate, building their website (www.floridaacnm.com), manages their social media, and is Secretary to the Orlando chapter. Jessica is a clinical preceptor and a Clinical Faculty Advisor for the NM/WHNP programs at GU.



Nicole K. Olshanski, CNM, DNP

Nicole Olshanski is the Lead Midwife at Mercy Health Youngstown and the Director of the Nursing Program at Thiel College. She provides care to patients in Youngstown, Ohio in the Centering Pregnancy Program and works as a laborist at Mercy Health. She has a longstanding commitment to research and education with undergraduate students, midwifery students and residents. She has served on Medical Outreaches providing Women's Healthcare in Mexico, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. She is the Chapter Leader for the Youngstown/Warren Association of Women's Health



Robin Jennifer Pass Tucker, CNM, MSN, WHNP-BC

Ro Tucker is a clinical director and practice owner of Metro Area Advanced Practice Healthcare, a reproductive healthcare practice in DC founded to offer midwifery care to those who have experienced healthcare discrimination, such as LGBTQ people and people who have experienced weight bias or trauma. She works with HIPS, an organization that provides services for unhoused and sex worker clients, and volunteers with the Miscarriage and Abortion hotline. Ro is an outspoken, passionate expert about the role of midwives in abortion care and has presented on it and spoken to the media about it to local and national audiences.



Loral Patchen, CNM, PhD, IBCLC

Loral Patchen is the founding practice director of Midwives of Medstar, a midwife-led practice affiliated with a hospital in DC. She chaired the Task Force providing stewardship to achieve Baby Friendly designation. She championed an initiative to bring nitrous oxide to labor and delivery, the first hospital in its region to offer the option. Loral partnered with two DC school-based health centers to provide full-scope midwifery services to students and with the Health Justice Alliance to establish one of the first medical-legal partnerships focused on perinatal care. Finally, Loral leads and supports numerous research activities, including projects funded by NIH.



Deanna Pilkenton, CNM, MSN

Deanna Pilkenton completed her midwifery training at Vanderbilt in 2003. Over the past twenty years, she has worked with birthing families in the birth center and homebirth setting, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and a small community hospital. She was on faculty at Vanderbilt University for over ten years. She currently practices full-scope at Women's Healthcare in Massachusetts. She has published and presented extensively on her expertise in labor support, student debriefing, and international interdisciplinary student coursework. She is a practice leader in DEI efforts and Primary CS reduction. Deanna lives in New Hampshire with her husband and four children.



Elizabeth Ann Quinkert, CNM, MSN

Elizabeth Ann Quinkert is a Certified Nurse-Midwife in Jeffersonville, Indiana, with 25 years of experience providing full-scope midwifery services to the women of Kentuckiana. She started the first midwifery service in southern Indiana in 1997, WomanCare Midwifery Service, as a lone midwife, growing the practice to seven midwives currently in practice, and serves as the Practice Director. She has delivered over 4300 babies in her career. She opened the first freestanding birth center in southern Indiana, Tree of Life Family Birth Center, in 2019, is a co-owner of the facility, and serves as the Administrative Director. She is a wife, and mother of four daughters, and has 11 grandchildren.



Kari Radoff, CNM, MSN

Kari Radoff joined Boston University in 2012 after completing a Fulbright grant in Nicaragua to develop a radio-based pregnancy education intervention. She is the associate director of midwifery, and has advocated for patient centered options including access to nitrous oxide, development of a PROM at term policy, quality improvement initiatives to promote physiologic birth, and founding the maternity care guidelines committee. She has created patient education materials in multiple languages to support pregnant people at a safety net hospital, and is a clinical consultant for Partner to Decide, a non-profit developing perinatal care patient decision aids.



Heather Ramsey, CNM, DNP

Heather Ramsey is an Advanced Practice Supervisor at Nebraska Medicine where she practices full-scope midwifery and manages a team of Certified Nurse-Midwives and Nurse Practitioners. During her 27-year career she has taught a multitude of students, residents, and fellows fostering a commitment to high-quality and compassionate care. Prior to her current position, Heather was the founding CNM and director of Nebraska's first freestanding birth center as well as Nebraska's first in-hospital birthing center. She was instrumental in effecting change by standardizing CNM clinical credentialing within a multi-state hospital system that aligned with ACNM and allowed CNM's to practice to their full educational level.



Frances Sahrphillips, CNM, MS

Frances has worked closely with the Georgia Perinatal Association and served many roles on the Board of Directors for several years. The biggest accomplishment has been Frances' role as Conference Chair where she facilitated and coordinated the Annual Meeting and Conference in 2021.



Thecly H. Scott, CNM, PhD, WHNP, FACHE

Thecly Hines Scott has held a variety of leadership roles, most recently completing an executive tour as Commanding Officer of U. S. Naval Hospital Guam. She is currently the Deputy Director for the San Diego Market - Defense Health Agency and provides oversight and management in an integrated healthcare delivery system providing care to 377K DOD/VA eligible beneficiaries. At all levels, she has leveraged her expertise and leadership to drive policies and initiatives that focused on safe perinatal and neonatal care delivery, timely response to obstetrical emergencies, readiness to provide emergent care, and access to care.



Karen Sheffield-Abdullah, CNM, PhD, MSN

Karen Sheffield-Abdullah's research focuses on the utilization of holistic, integrative, multi-sector strategies to promote physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing for individuals and communities. Her research focuses on the development of culturally relevant interventions to reduce disparities in stress related adverse outcomes during the perinatal period. She has served as a nurse-abstractor on the North Carolina Maternal Mortality Review Committee and has expertise reviewing maternal opioid overdose cases. Karen is an assistant professor at UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing. She is a mindfulness instructor and is currently pursuing Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction teacher certification through the Brown University's Mindfulness Center.



Jodie Simms-MacLeod, CNM, FNP-C

In 2018, Jodie became the first Midwifery Director at University of Tennessee Medical Center and led the start of the hospital's first midwifery service line. She serves as Chair-elect for the hospital's Advanced Practice Provider Governance Council, and is the APP lead for the Women & Infants Center of Excellence. Jodie is part of an interdisciplinary task force for reducing the primary cesarean rate and has led health equity initiatives, including TeamBirth, for our institution. She also founded a community-based initiative to support our BIPOC community. In 2022, Jodie was named Vanderbilt University Midwifery Preceptor of the Year.



Susan M. Skinner, CNM, MS, APRN, MBCPTc

Susan Skinner is a CNM at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and was one of two CNMs to establish the Midwife Program in 1997, now a collaborative group of 13. Susan has served as a staff CNM, Service Director, and a leader in bringing innovative programs to Mayo. Susan is committed to mentoring midwifery students, medical students, and residents. All first-year family medicine and OB residents do a 4-week rotation with the midwife service. Susan is most proud of her mindfulness contributions to patients and staff, by establishing the MBCP (Mindfulness-Based Childbirth and Parenting program) and creating a Mindful Parenting Program.



Sunday W. Smith, CNM, MSN

Though Sunday has only been a midwife for 6 years, she has expanded availability in the area to 7 counties. Sunday has sought BIPOC students to ensure equity across demographics with qualified providers. To expand access to community care for more birthing families, Sunday has increased the number of insurances accepted including Medicaid. Sunday strives to improve the quality of women's health care in the North Country.



Audrey Stedford, CNM, DNP, ANP-BC, CDE

Audrey Stedford has a Masters in Adult Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's in Midwifery and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. She has been a practicing midwife since 2007 and opened her own practice in 2016. She has broad experience as a clinician, educator, and leader. She was an Adjunct Professor and transitioned to full time while still maintaining her clinical practice. She is currently the director of the graduate nursing programs. Audrey works to enhance midwifery and care of families. She served as a member of the Board of New York State Affiliate; New York Midwives (NYM/NYSALM).



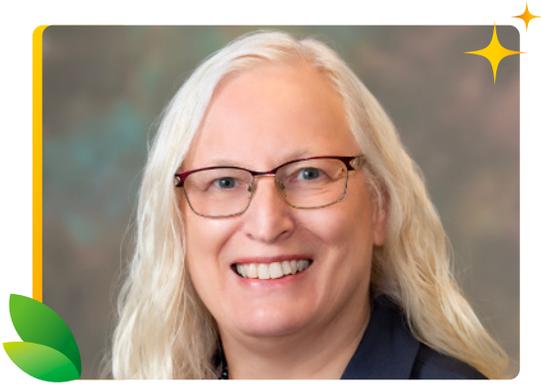
Karie E Stewart, CNM, MPH, MSN

Karie Stewart is a practicing midwife with the University of Illinois Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and the President of the ACNM Illinois Chapter Affiliate. As the Founder of Melanated Midwives, a nonprofit organization she aims to support BIPOC student midwives and diversify the midwifery workforce. As a co-Principal Investigator, on a 7M PCORI-funded project to examine Black Midwives for Black Women: Maternity Care to Improve Trust and Attenuate Structural Racism over the next 4 years, her goal is to highlight the importance of the collective use of evidence-based practices to address the Black Maternal Health Crisis in Chicago.



Deborah Stiffler, CNM, PhD, RN

Deborah Stiffler began her career as a Certified Nurse-Midwife in 1986. She practiced primarily in underserved areas increasing access for pregnant women. In 2003, Deborah received her PhD and went into academia where she has taught nurse-midwifery, women's health nurse practitioner and nursing students. Deborah continued to care for higher-risk women as she worked part-time at a large metropolitan hospital midwifery service until 2010. Deborah has worked with the state of Indiana on efforts such as prescriptive authority, CNMs practicing to the extent of their license, and Medicaid coverage for high-risk pregnancies.



Cindy Stippich, CNM, MSN

Cindy Stippich is a 1996 graduate of Marquette University, and was the first CNM and Advanced Practice Provider to have hospital privileges at Beaver Dam Community Hospital. She has been instrumental in developing a unique collaborative culture, and providing a full scope of midwifery care. She has obtained multiple certifications, i.e. Women's Ultrasound, ALSO, and Hypno-birthing. She is a preceptor for medical, nursing, and midwifery students. Currently, she is on the Advance Practice Advisory Council for Marshfield Medical System. She has recently completed the first CNM orientation and competency checklist for the MMC System.



Leslie Ann Stroud, CNM, MSN

Leslie Stroud, as Director of the Midwifery Program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland directs a nationally recognized midwifery program. A CNM since 2001, Leslie continues to practice full-scope Midwifery at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Her passions are teaching future nursing leaders, and empowering women in their health care. Leslie has provided nursing leadership at both the local and state levels of ACNM. She has been honored for Medical Staff Excellence by MetroHealth, and Excellence in Precepting by ACNM. Leslie is an active member of ACNM, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses.



Jamie Swietlikowski, CNM, MS, WHNP

Jamie Swietlikowski is an experienced clinician and educator who has practiced full scope midwifery for over 10 years in both an out-of-hospital and academic tertiary care setting. Since graduating from the Georgetown University dual Midwifery/WHNP program, she has developed subspecialty expertise in perinatal mental health and substance use disorders. She has worked to promote compassionate, evidenced care for perinatal patients with opioid use disorders through scholarship, teaching, clinical practice, and advocacy. In tandem with her clinical practice and teaching, Jamie has been an active member of the ACNM community. She currently serves as the Maryland Affiliate President.



Karen Swift, CNM, ARNP, MSN

Karen Swift has been a certified Nurse-Midwife for over 35 years. She has had the pleasure of serving her patients in all settings: homes, birth centers, and hospitals! Karen has co-owned an independent midwifery practice for over 15 years, serving the community with full-scope care. Karen serves on the Providence St. Peter Perinatal Committee.



Tanya Tringali, CNM, MS

Tanya is the owner and founder of Mother Wit Maternity & Consulting Services, a virtual practice created to fill gaps in the healthcare system with an emphasis on fitness, nutrition, education, and strong relationships. She is the host of The Mother Wit Podcast. She has been in clinical practice for 17 years and midwifery faculty for 16 of them. She is currently serving as adjunct faculty at NYU and Georgetown University. Tanya is proud to be a co-editor of the forthcoming 3rd edition of Prenatal and Postnatal Care: A Person-Centered Approach.



Tracy R. Webber, CNM, DNP, MPA

Originally from Brooklyn, Tracy Webber earned her BS in Healthcare Administration from L.I.Post University and an MPA degree in 1993. After working in that field for several years, Tracy received her RN and MSN/CNM from Yale in 2002 and 2003. She also earned a DNP in Leadership at YSN in 2019. She is most proud of her historical research about enslaved midwives (Helen Varney, Thesis Chair). She was the first midwife to attend births at Pocono Medical Center, and later served as Director of Midwifery at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn. In 2018 she joined the faculty at the University of Rochester as Assistant Professor of Ob-Gyn and Director of the Midwifery Division. Tracy also currently serves as the co-director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the UR Medical Medical Center.



Julie A. Womack, CNM, PhD, FNP-BC

The centerpiece of Julie Womack's professional career has been research on aging and HIV with a particular focus on geriatric syndromes. In addition to a strong history of publication and funding, Julie has leveraged this work to become a research leader at the Veterans Health Administration (VA) and to build awareness of the importance of midwifery and nursing research. Practicing since 1994, first as a CNM and then as an FNP, Julie has precepted SNM, WH and FNP students and mentored PhD, DNP, and MSN students.



Michelle J. Zamudio, CNM, MSN

Michelle's contributions reflect the belief that all women deserve midwifery. As a US Air Force Lt Colonel, Michelle learned to advocate in powerful ways to effect positive changes in maternal health care. Michelle serves on state health policy boards, completed several terms on the OH Board of Nursing, and has successfully drafted several pieces of APRN and maternity legislation. Michelle developed the Ujima Project to reduce maternal mortality in Ohio and believe it is a highlight in her career. Serving as the first midwife/APRN Associate Professor at a College of Medicine as well as faculty at a College of Nursing, Michelle has impacted the care that families receive from a variety of providers into the future.

Others not pictured

Maggie Schumacher, CNM

