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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT, AWARDS HIGHEST HONORS FOR SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO MIDWIFERY AND WOMEN AT NASHVILLE ANNUAL MEETING

Silver Spring, MD – The [American College of Nurse-Midwives \(ACNM\)](http://www.acnm.org), the leading midwifery organization, welcomed new president Ginger Breedlove, CNM, PhD, APRN, FACNM, yesterday during its closing business session at the 58th Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Nashville. After serving 1 year as president-elect, Breedlove will serve a 3-year term as ACNM President.

Breedlove is a professor of graduate nursing at the Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. She received her midwifery education from the Medical University of South Carolina and her PhD from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She co-founded the first free-standing birth center in Kansas and established the first nurse-midwifery practice in the greater Kansas City metro area. Breedlove also co-established and served as program director of the University of Kansas nurse-midwifery education program and has served as a volunteer leader of the Kansas March of Dimes, a charter member of the Kansas Maternal Child Health Coalition, and a consultant to AMOS Health and Hope in Managua, Nicaragua. She has served 2 previous terms on the ACNM Board of Directors as secretary.

Breedlove has been published in numerous scientific journals including the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*, the *Journal of Perinatal Education*, and the *Western Journal of Nursing Research*. She co-authored *The Community Based Doula: Supporting Families Before, During and After Birth* and has been interviewed by *Oprah* and *Prevention* magazines.

As president, Breedlove will work with the Board of Directors to implement ACNM's [Future Focus strategic goals](#), further establishing midwives as leaders in maternity and women's health services. "I am excited and humbled to assume this leadership role during such a dynamic time in the health care community," said Breedlove. "Our strong ACNM staff, partnered with prepared volunteer leadership, will ensure that ACNM has a strong presence in order to expand our capacity with diverse partners at the national, regional, and state levels."

"We want to continue the conversation with other health care providers to ensure that high-value primary and maternity care is afforded to all those in need," added ACNM Chief Executive Officer Lorrie Kline Kaplan, CAE. "Through the Affordable Care Act, more people than ever will have and require access to primary care providers. Midwives are incredibly relevant and can be a vital part of the solution."

Other leaders in the midwifery community were recognized at the ACNM Annual Meeting Awards Dinner on Saturday evening, receiving the organization's top honors:

Tekoa L. King, CNM, MPH, FACNM, is the 2013 recipient of the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award. A graduate from the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing in 1975, Georgetown University School of Nursing where she obtained a certificate in midwifery, and the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health, Ms. King is recognized for her exemplary work as editor-in-chief and deputy editor of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. She has taught residents, medical students, and midwifery students for more than 20 years at UCSF in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Tekoa King is currently an associate clinical professor in the UCSF School of Nursing. Ms. King has served on expert panels for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and the author of numerous articles in leading peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. She is co-editor of *Pharmacology for Women's Health*, which won ACNM's Book of the Year award in 2010 and is considered by many to be the definitive women's health pharmacology text.

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.

Terrah Stroda, CNM, is the 2013 recipient of the Kitty Ernst Award. A 2003 graduate from the University of Kansas School of Nursing, Stroda is known for her passion and initiative to improve the lives of families in the rural areas she serves through midwifery-based care. She led a multi-disciplinary initiative, Delivering Change, to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in Geary County, Kansas. Stroda was awarded the Saving Babies award, the highest accolade given, by the Kansas March of Dimes last fall. In addition to teaching, Stroda has been involved with numerous educational committees.

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.

Susan Sizemore, CNM, ARNP, and Victoria H. Burslem, MSN, CNM, RN, are the 2013 recipients of the Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award. Sizemore attended the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Norfolk General Hospital's Schools of Nursing. She completed her nurse-midwifery training at Meharry Medical College with clinical rotations completed at the US Army Hospital at Fort Campbell, KY (101st Airborne). She is board certified in nurse-midwifery by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and has been in practice since 1975, with devotion to patient teaching. Burslem completed her midwifery education and the course work for her master's degree in maternal-child nursing from the University of Illinois in December 1976. She received her MSN in 1979 after completing the thesis requirement. Burslem has a strong commitment to clinical midwifery education and has been a clinical preceptor for many nurse-midwifery and other advanced practice nursing students throughout her career.

Together, Sizemore and Burslem were recognized for their stalwart efforts to assure liability insurance and hospital privileges for midwives after facing their own privileging challenges in Nashville during the early 1980s. The Nashville community rallied behind the midwives, drawing the attention of Representative Al Gore, and the Federal Trade Commission became involved in an antitrust suit. Though the litigation lasted 11 years, the case was ultimately successful – providing midwives with greater access to hospital privileges and protecting provider liability insurance.

The Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award honors an exceptional CNM or certified midwife (CM) who is a member of ACNM, has been certified for at least 10 years, has not previously received the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award,

and has demonstrated pioneering vision and innovative leadership. Pioneer Award recipients are midwifery's "unsung heroes." The Lang Award recipients are chosen by the A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees.

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NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS: Photos from award presentations are available.

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. With roots dating to 1929, ACNM sets the standard for excellence in midwifery education and practice in the United States and strengthens the capacity of midwives in developing countries. Our members are primary care providers for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. ACNM reviews research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, and works with organizations, state and federal agencies, and members of Congress to advance the well-being of women and infants through the practice of midwifery. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org

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