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Karen Burgin, CNM, MA, Named to ACNM Fellowship

Silver Spring, MD – Karen Black Burgin, CNM, MA, of Montclair, New Jersey was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM's 54th Annual Meeting in Seattle this past spring.

Burgin earned her master's in nursing from Columbia University's Teachers College and obtained her midwifery education from State University of New York (SUNY)-Downstate Medical Center. She has practiced full scope nurse-midwifery for more than two decades at various hospitals in Brooklyn, including the first-ever collaborative physician-midwife practice with privileges at Methodist Hospital in 1984. Today, Burgin is a guest lecturer for both the SUNY-Downstate and Columbia University midwifery programs, and she continues to serve as editor-in-chief for the New York area chapter's newsletter Metro Midwives.

During her extensive career, Burgin was chair of ACNM's Informational Publications Committee, and the Membership Committee for the New York chapter. In addition, she served as an associate editor of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* for more than twenty years. On an international level, Burgin has assisted in hosting midwifery educators from Japan, so that midwives from the United States and Japan could compare notes and share best practices.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

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