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Frances E. Likis and Captain Patricia Riley Inducted into the ACNM Fellowship

SILVER SPRING, MD— Frances E. Likis, DrPH, NP, CNM, of Nashville, Tennessee and Captain Patricia Riley CNM, MPH of Atlanta, Georgia were inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) at ACNM's 55th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this June. Both women reside in ACNM's Region III, which covers the southern United States.

Frances E. Likis, DrPH, NP, CNM, is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*, the peer-reviewed publication for ACNM. She is a research assistant professor at Vanderbilt University and an investigator for the university's Evidence-based Practice Center, one of only 15 EPCs in the country. In addition, she has served the ACNM Tennessee chapter as vice-chair; currently, she serves on the ACNM Bylaws Committee and the advisory board for the Reproductive Options Education Consortium. She is often asked to speak to other health care professionals as well as students on the local and national levels. She is known widely as a women's health scholar and is also noted as co-editor of the book "Women's Gynecologic Health," a widely used text in midwifery and nursing education programs. Likis received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University and a doctorate in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned her nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner certificates from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing.

Captain Patricia Riley CNM, MPH, an active duty commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, serves as Senior Technical Advisor in the Division of Global HIV/AIDS, Center of Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For over the past decade, Riley has worked in the global health arena where her contributions include introducing hand hygiene and safe water interventions to maternal child health providers in low resource countries; facilitating the introduction of perinatal surveillance in Africa and Afghanistan; and

leading a nine-year collaboration involving CDC and Emory University's Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing in the creation of a health workforce informatics system for Kenya's Ministry of Health. This system, which represents the most comprehensive health workforce database in sub-Saharan Africa, includes critical workforce details, such as, midwifery training and deployment (at the facility level), which is essential for effective delivery of global health interventions targeting women and children. Riley's efforts have inspired the development of similar systems in over 13 countries – the most recent being Zimbabwe – and has resulted in a variety of peer-review presentations and articles articulating the importance of reliable workforce information in scaling up global health interventions.

Riley serves as an adjunct professor at the Nell Hodgson School of Nursing, Emory University, where she mentors graduate dual degree MSN-MPH students—including midwifery students interested in global public health. She has written and delivered over 100 formal presentations on the topics of: midwifery, global health and maternal and child health issues. Riley completed her B S in Nursing at Columbia University and her MPH and midwifery education at The Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health. She also holds a BA degree in History.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) 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.

NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS: Photos from the award presentation are available. Please contact Yolanda Landon, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at ylandon@acnm.org.

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