Silver Spring, MD—The Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health, the official journal of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), honored the contributions of exceptional authors with 3 awards presented at the ACNM 57th Annual Meeting & Exposition in Long Beach, CA. At a ceremony on Tuesday, June 5, Editor-in-Chief, Frances E. Likis, DrPH, NP, CNM, FACNM, announced the winners of the 2012 Best Research Article Award, Best Review Article Award, and Mary Ann Shah New Author Award. These awards honor authors whose articles were published in 2011 and are sponsored by the Journal’s publisher, Wiley-Blackwell.

The 2012 Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health Award Winners include:

Best Research Article of the Year Award
Cheryl Tatano Beck, CNM, DNPSc; Eugene R. Declercq, PhD, MBA; Carol Sakala, PhD, MSPH; and Robert K. Gable, EdD
For the article entitled, “Postpartum Depressive Symptomatology: Results from a Two-Stage US National Survey” published in Volume 56, Number 5 (September/October 2011) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health. In this study, more than half of women (63%) screened positive for elevated postpartum depressive symptoms approximately 7 months after giving birth, which highlights the need for primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. This award is given annually to honor an author for contributions to the Journal that enhance midwifery and women’s health through the publication of outstanding research articles that promote understanding of clinical practice, policy, education, or research.

Best Review Article of the Year Award
Megan K. Kloetzel, MD, MPH; Peter Milgrom, DDS; and Colleen E. Huebner, PhD, MPH
For the article entitled, “Referrals for Dental Care During Pregnancy,” published in Volume 56, Number 2 (March/April 2011) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health. This article discusses the maternal and child health benefits derived from oral health during pregnancy, and the importance of prenatal care providers referring pregnant women for dental care. This award is given annually to honor an author for contributions to the Journal that enhance midwifery and women’s health through the publication of outstanding review articles that promote understanding of clinical practice, policy, education, or research.
Mary Ann Shah New Author Award

Annette Manant, CNM, MN, APRN, of Kaneohe, HI

For the article entitled, “Centering Pregnancy: An Integrative Literature Review” published in Volume 56, Number 2 (March/April 2011) of the Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health and co-authored by Joan E. Dodgson, RN, PhD, MPH. According to this integrative review, current research findings suggest positive outcomes associated with the Centering Pregnancy practice model, and further study of the model is needed to better understand how it affects perinatal outcomes.

This award recognizes a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) or certified midwife (CM) who publishes for the first time as the primary author of an original research or review article. The award is given annually in honor of the accomplishments of Mary Ann Shah, CNM, MS, FACNM, Editor Emeritus of the JMWH, and recognizes her outstanding achievements as Editor-in-Chief for 25 years.

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