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***JOURNAL OF MIDWIFERY & WOMEN'S HEALTH* RECOGNIZES TOP AUTHORS AND ARTICLES OF 2013**

**Best research and review articles plus Mary Ann Shah New Author Award presented at
ACNM 59th Annual Meeting**

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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 59th Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Denver, CO. The 2014 Best Research Article Award, Best Review Article Award, and Mary Ann Shah New Author Award honor authors whose articles were published in 2013. The awards are sponsored by the Journal's publisher, Wiley-Blackwell.

The 2014 *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* Award Winners include:

Best Research Article of the Year Award

Susan Rutledge Stapleton, CNM, DNP, FACNM, Cara Osborne, CNM, SD, Jessica Illuzzi, MD, MS, FACOG

For the article entitled, "Outcomes of Care in Birth Centers: Demonstration of a Durable Model," published in Volume 58, Number 1 (January/February 2013) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. This landmark study, which included 15,574 women, found that women who give birth at midwife-led birth centers experience exceptional outcomes and are less likely to have a cesarean birth compared to women who give birth in hospitals.

This award is given annually to honor an author for a contribution to the Journal that enhances midwifery and women's health through the publication of an outstanding research article.

Best Review Article of the Year Award

Joanna Bloomfield, MPH, Sharon Schindler Rising, CNM, MSN, FACNM

For the article entitled, "CenteringParenting: An Innovative Dyad Model for Group Mother-infant Care," published in Volume 58, Number 6 (November/December 2013) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. This article discusses CenteringParenting, a dyad care model that provides an alternate approach to mother and infant care during the first year postpartum while encouraging peer education, empowerment, and professional development.

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Mary Ann Shah New Author Award

Kathie L. Lloyd, CNM, MSN, RN, CNS

For the article entitled, “Protecting Pregnant Women, Newborns, and Families from Pertussis” published in Volume 58, Number 3 (May/June 2013) of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health*. This article reviews the increase in pertussis disease and the “cocooning” strategy to provide vaccines to individuals who have contact with newborns and infants.

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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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. ACNM promotes excellence in midwifery education, clinical practice, and research. With roots dating to 1929, our members are primary care providers for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. ACNM provides research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, establishes clinical practice standards, and creates liaisons with state and federal agencies and members of Congress to increase the visibility and recognition of midwifery care.