



AMWA 2014 Awards



Presidential Recognition Award

Arianna Huffington

Arianna Huffington is the chair, president, and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, a nationally syndicated columnist, and author of thirteen books. In May 2005, she launched The Huffington Post, a news and blog site that quickly became one of the most widely-read, linked to, and frequently-cited media brands on the Internet. In 2012, the site won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. In 2013, she was named to the Forbes Most Powerful Women list. In 2006, and again in 2011, she was named to the Time 100, Time Magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people. Originally from Greece, she moved to England when she was 16 and graduated from Cambridge University with an M.A. in economics. At 21, she became president of the famed debating society, the Cambridge Union. She serves on several boards, including EL PAÍS, PRISA, the Center for Public Integrity, and the Committee to Protect Journalists. Her 14th book, *Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating a Life of Well-Being, Wisdom and Wonder*, will be published by Crown in March 2014.



Presidential Recognition Award

Patricia Yarberry Allen, MD

Patricia Yarberry Allen, M.D., is a gynecologist in solo full time practice in New York City. She is the director of the New York Menopause Center, a Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Weill Cornell Medical College, and an Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. She is a board certified fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Yarberry Allen is a Faculty Advisor of The Weill Cornell Community Clinic and the Director of the Women's Clinic at this medical student

run, free clinic, the Weill Cornell Community Clinic, where she oversees the care of patients, and most importantly, mentors the medical students who work in the clinic. She is a founder of Women's Voices for Change and the publisher of its on-line zine. This site, www.womensvoicesforchange.org, has a growing audience whose demographic, women over forty, are given accurate health information, profiles of extraordinary women of reinvention, daily posts from columnists who help us provide the new truth that women in their second half of life are visible, vital and are a force to be acknowledged and respected.



Presidential Recognition Award

Gayatri Devi, MD, FACP

Gayatri Devi MD, FACP is a Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine and Director of the New York Memory Services. Previously an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Devi is board certified in the specialties of Neurology, Psychiatry, and Pain Medicine.

She has specialized in the area of memory disorders for the last two decades and published and presented extensively in this area. She has discussed memory in the media, including on NPR, the BBC, Time, CBS and the Wall Street Journal. Dr. Devi is President of the National Council for Women's Health, starting the Girls Get Healthy program in 2004, providing weekly nutrition, exercise, and sex education classes to inner-city New York City school girls. She volunteers as a Mounted Auxiliary Parks Patrol Officer for the NY City Dept. of Parks. She is a blogger for the Huffington Post and for Psychology Today. She is the author of *Estrogen, Memory and Menopause* (Alpha Sigma Books, 2001), *What your doctor may not tell you about Alzheimer's Disease* (Time Warner Books; November 2004), and *A Calm Brain: Unlocking your Natural Relaxation System* (Penguin Dutton Books, 2012).



Elizabeth Blackwell Award

Mary Guinan, PhD, MD

Dr. Mary Guinan is a physician and scientist who was employed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta GA in various scientific and administrative positions for over 20 years rising to a top leadership position as the Associate Director for Science. She was part of the first CDC Task Force to investigate the AIDS epidemic. That story is told in the book and movie "And the Band Played On." She has worked in public health throughout her career and

has extensive experience both nationally and internationally in prevention and control of diseases including service in the smallpox eradication program in India. In 1998, she left CDC to start a second career as Nevada State Health Officer. In 2004 she became the founding Dean of the UNLV School of Public Health, now renamed the School of Community Health Sciences. In 2013, she stepped down as Dean and joined the faculty. She is currently writing a book about her CDC experiences. She has been an AMWA member for 40 years and served as president. Dr. Guinan received her MD from Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and her PhD from the University of Texas. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Preventive Medicine, and Public Health.



Bertha Van Hoosen Award

Linda Brodsky, MD

Linda Brodsky, MD was an internationally renowned pediatric otolaryngologist and founder of Women MD Resources, an organization dedicated to helping women physicians get the jobs they want, be paid what they deserve and “have it all.” She helped change the way the healthcare marketplace and women physicians engage to achieve these goals. Dr. Brodsky spent 25 years building a well-respected department at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, and was the first women ever, in any surgical department, to be promoted to tenured full professor of otolaryngology and pediatrics at the State University of New York at Buffalo. At the top of her career, she became aware of information that led her to believe that her she was a victim of gender discrimination, and she spent the next 10 years fighting her way through a legal labyrinth. Since the resolution of her legal battles in 2007 and 2008, Dr. Brodsky devoted her energies to changing the status quo for the next generation of women physicians and the patients they serve. Her full story is found on her personal website www.lindabrodskeymd.com. She also blogged at www.thebrodskyblog.com and Like Mother, Like Doctor with her medical student daughter Dana at www.talkingscience.org. For many years, she served as chair as AMWA Gender Equity Task Force



Women in Science Award

Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH

Dr. Claudia Baquet’s research laid the foundation for what is now called “health disparities” dating back to her landmark research at NCI [1984-1992] and her role on the Secretary’s Task Force on Black and Minority Health Chapters on Health Services and Cancer. This led to a policy change at NCI in reporting cancer statistics by requiring the inclusion of race and ethnic specific

data which were essential in the development of the first intervention trials to address screening and tobacco cessation for African Americans. Later, this led to the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer; the Hispanic and Appalachia Leadership Initiatives on Cancer, Research programs for Native Americans and Native Hawaiians were also supported by her research. She served as a fellow in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, working on women's health research, minority health, and health care workforce policy. She is an expert on the policy and health needs for populations in the U.S. Insular Areas and rural health disparities. She served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in PHS (1992-1994).

Dr. Baquet co-developed the HHS "National Best Practice Award" for increasing availability and participation of rural underserved patients in clinical trials. Her research on factors related to barriers to clinical research participations for rural and minority patients was instrumental in establishing targeted interventions in Maryland's rural and underserved regions that focus on increasing the willingness to participate in and refer patients for clinical trials and biospecimen donation. She directs the Bioethics and Health Disparities Research Center and implements research and educational initiatives designed to increase public trust in research by the public and community health care professionals. Dr. Baquet's contributions to legitimizing the role of policy research in addressing health disparities have elevated this field to national prominence. Her novel model for bidirectional academic-community engagement in partnered research led to leveraging significant disparities research and educational funding for community organizations of over \$18 million from her grant portfolio which exceeds \$70 million.

She has been formally recognized by the Maryland Senate for her work to reduce disparities and for her longstanding commitment to the community. Her other awards include NIH's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Award for "Closing the Health Gap in the Communities We Serve", the American Public Health Association's 2005 David P. Rall Award for "National Advocacy in Public Health", and the National Medical Association's Council on Concerns for Women Physicians Research Award. Dr. Baquet received the "Racial Justice Award" from the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area. In 2010, she was awarded the American Cancer Society National Board of Directors St. George Award and in 2011, she received the Martin Abelloff Award for Excellence in Cancer Research, Education and Cancer Control from the Maryland Governor's Cancer Council. In 2012, she was honored by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) for her significant contributions to advancing the science of cancer and health disparities research. She received the American Heart Association's "2014 Watkins-Saunders Award" for contributions to the field of health disparities research and in March of 2014 she will receive the American Medical Women's Associations (AMWA) "Women in Science Award". Always willing to share her expertise and knowledge, Dr. Baquet has mentored hundreds of faculty, students and residents. She is especially sought after as a mentor by women physicians who are early in their careers.

Dr. Baquet received her M.D. from Meharry Medical College, Nashville Tennessee, and her M.P.H. in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health. Her residency was in pathology at St. Louis University and Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital.



Lila Wallis Women's Health Award

Florence Haseltine, MD, PhD

Dr. Haseltine is currently consulting with IT and biomedical companies and develops web databases for not-for-profit organizations. Her company, Haseltine Systems manufactures containers to protect wheelchairs and she holds both design and IT business patents. At heart she is a pioneer who has accepted few limits. As Director of the Center for Population Research of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, at the National Institutes of Health, she led the way for advances in contraception research and other critical health areas. She is a fighter and has tirelessly promoted the advancement of women and was the founding editor of the *Journal for Women's Health*. In 1990, she founded the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research (SWHR). She now is the Web Developer and Content Management of the Raise Project. Retiring in 2012, she was named Emerita Director of the Center for Population Research, NIH.

Her educational background shows her range of talents and interests. In 1964 she received a B.A. in Biophysics from the University of California-Berkeley. Receiving her Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1970 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, she went on to graduating with an M.D. in 1972 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She interned at the University of Pennsylvania and did a residency at Boston Hospital for Women (Brigham & Women's Hospital). At Yale University she held several positions in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecologist and is board certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist and Reproductive Endocrinologist. She holds multiple patents in IT internet secure communications. An early fan of electronic communications, her current activities include developing smart phone Apps for the field of Reproductive Sciences and her latest app "Embryo" is online and has received an award from the National Library of Medicine. Recently she issued the App Human Genome for the iPad.



Camille Mermod Award

Katherine He

Katherine He is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley with degrees in Environmental Sciences and French Studies. With a professional background in local government sustainability, she is now transitioning to a career in medicine and will matriculate into medical school in Fall 2014. In the past, Katherine has worked in the Environmental Protection Agency as a Physical Science Technician, and through Americorps at the Alameda County General Services Agency as a Sustainable Transportation Associate. She currently works at AMWA as the Administrative

Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator, at Kaplan Test Prep as an MCAT tutor/instructor, and at Three Babes Bakeshop as a pie baker. Katherine volunteers at the Berkeley Free Clinic, where she is co-coordinator of the Saturday Services Section, which provides reproductive health services to women and transgender populations. She also volunteers as a Certified Enrollment Counselor, assisting individuals with navigating Covered California, California's health insurance exchange.



Anne C. Carter Leadership Award

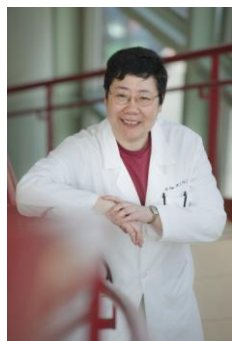
Aleena Paul

Aleena Paul is a member of the Albany Medical College Class of 2016, pursuing an M.D. with a Distinction in Health System's Analysis. She has been involved with AMWA since the beginning of her medical education, serving as the treasurer of Albany Medical College's local branch and the 2013-2014 Region 2 (NY, NJ) Director. As Regional Director, she encouraged the activation of new medical and undergraduate branches, and hosted an AMWA regional conference focused on "Empowering Future Leaders in Medicine." She also enjoys serving as AMWA's Publications Chair, working on the Connections and Newsflash newsletters to spread the impact of AMWA's chapters and members on the local and national scene.

At Albany Medical College, Aleena is especially proud of her work with the local AMWA branch's annual Interpersonal Violence Awareness week, which aims to educate health professionals on the multifaceted needs of their patients who have been affected by interpersonal violence. In addition, she serves as the student coordinator for the Albany Medical College Tobacco Cessation Consult Service, and is conducting a healthcare management study on implementing quality improvement measures for this service. Believing in the necessity of diversifying the medical profession, Aleena also mentors pre-medical students from underrepresented minority groups through the Student National Medical Association.

Inspired by her journalistic endeavors at her undergraduate newspaper, Aleena founded and serves as editor-in-chief of in-Training (in-training.org), the online magazine for medical students. in-Training serves as a forum for medical students across the globe to share their unique passions, reflect on their medical education, and discuss the future of the medical profession. Since its launch in July 2012, in-Training has published over 260 articles written by medical students from over 60 institutions in the US, Canada, India, UAE, and Ireland. Aleena graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Union College's Leadership in Medicine program in 2012, majoring in biology and sociology. At Union, Aleena conducted sociological research on how media representations have affected female professionals, and how gender stereotypes continue to challenge the leadership aspirations of young female professionals. She subsequently obtained her MBA in Healthcare Management from Union Graduate College in 2013. Aleena believes that women physicians play a vital role in redefining access to health care

and equality in our society, and is thus excited to be contributing to AMWA's work in advancing women in medicine and addressing women's health concerns.



Exceptional Mentor Award

Charis Eng, MD

Chairwoman, Cleveland Clinic Genomic Medicine Institute

Charis Eng, MD, PhD is the founding Chair of the Genomic Medicine Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, founding Director of the institute's clinical component, the Center for Personalized Genetic Healthcare, Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She was honored with the Sondra J. and Stephen R. Hardis Endowed Chair in Cancer Genomic Medicine in 2008 and the American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professorship in 2009. More recently, she was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academies of Sciences for her achievements and leadership in genetics- and genomics-based research and personalized healthcare. Dr. Eng's research has been acknowledged as the paradigm for performing cancer genetics research which can be brought to clinical practice. At the clinical interface, she is acknowledged as one of the rare "go to" people on what is and how to implement genetic- and genomics-enabled personalized healthcare.

Dr. Eng has published over 390 peer reviewed original research papers and has received numerous awards and honors including being named a Local Legend from Ohio. She is Editor-in-Chief of Endocrine-Related Cancer. She has served on numerous boards and national committees.

Dr. Eng is a natural serving leader and mentor. She began to formalize her stepped mentorship and 360-degree mentorship program with her Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award and honed it with her ACS Professorship, both awards conferred based, in part, on mentorship. She utilizes this philosophy in her own lab, clinic, institute and organization. She is also proud to mentor and sponsor women and/or minority physician and physician-scientists nationally and internationally. Dr. Eng has 18 years' experience as physician-scientist, holds BA, MD and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago, received internal medicine residency training at Beth Israel Boston and medical oncology fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and unique training in the research and practice of cancer genetics at the University of Cambridge, UK.



AMWA Resident Division

Susan L. Ivey Courage to Lead Award

Erin Lessner, MD

Dr. Lessner is Chief Resident in her ophthalmology residency at the University of South Carolina. Her work educating high school students about the field of medicine, her research in female cyclical acne and eyelid surgery for women with prominent periorbital fat pads, her service to the South Carolina State House, her mentoring of medical students, and her service as President of the South Carolina Medical Association all demonstrate her commitment to women's leadership in medicine. Says Dr. Lessner, "I hope to see more women in national and state leadership roles in organized medicine. Although more women are going into classically male dominated fields, such as ophthalmology, their involvement in national and state leadership roles does not reflect their presence in the fields. This is also the case in academic medicine, as fewer than 10% of ophthalmology residency Chairs are women. I hope to see more women in department leadership roles as well." We applaud Dr. Lessner for her continued excellence in her field and her commitment to women in medicine.



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Eleanor T. Christiansen Altruism Award

Heather Leisy, MD

Dr. Leisy is an ophthalmology resident at Eastern Virginia Medical School and was elected by her peers as the person who embodies the spirit of this award, an award that celebrates "dedication to the welfare and success of all women physicians in training." Dr. Leisy is committed to the service of her peers, as seen throughout her leadership as MUSC AMWA President, as AMWA Regional Coordinator for her region, and through her commitment to the AMWA community at large. She is truly an "ambassador of the healing arts," and we align ourselves with her goals for women in medicine to "continue to work together, to demonstrate how to balance personal and professional lives, and to continue to show our ability to be leaders in medicine."



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Charlotte Edwards Maguire Outstanding Resident Mentor Award

Kanani Titchen, MD

Dr. Titchen is a pediatrics resident at Jefferson/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children. She has “demonstrated outstanding mentorship and guidance to AMWA national student and resident members” alike, through her volunteerism during medical school and residency. Writes one resident of Dr. Titchen’s commitment to the mentoring of students and colleagues, Kanani “cultivated current AMWA-RD leaders to grow in their own leadership roles, and she continues to entice us to continue our involvement. She has advocated for (Resident Division) financial stability, web site presence, and inclusion of residents at the national physician AMWA level. Dr. Titchen initiated an innovative research project to educate physicians regarding sex trafficking. In doing so, she included several residents in the research process, data acquisition, and theoretical process of educating US physicians regarding sex trafficking. Dr. Titchen... is a strong leader who can guide other people with varying talents and strengths. She leads by example.”