AMWA Awards

Presidential Award
Michelle Bachelet, MD was the first Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, which was established on 2 July 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly. Under Ms. Bachelet's leadership, UN Women lead, supported and coordinated the work on gender equality and the empowerment of women at global, regional and country levels. Ms. Bachelet most recently served as President of Chile from 2006 to 2010. A long-time champion of women’s rights, she has advocated for gender equality and women’s empowerment throughout her career. One of her major successes as President was her decision to save billions of dollars in revenues to spend on issues such as pension reform, social protection programmes for women and children, and research and development, despite the financial crisis. Other initiatives included tripling the number of free early child-care centres for low-income families and the completion of some 3,500 child-care centres around the country. Ms. Bachelet also held ministerial portfolios in the Chilean Government as Minister of Defence and Minister of Health. As Defence Minister, Ms. Bachelet introduced gender policies intended to improve the conditions of women in the military and police forces. As Minister of Health, she implemented health care reform, improving attention to primary care facilities with the aim of ensuring better and faster health care response for families.

Elizabeth Blackwell Award
Kim Templeton, MD is Professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She has been the orthopedic residency program director for the past several years, while also serving on the Graduate Medical Education executive committee, and is incoming chair of the University of Kansas School of Medicine Promotion and Tenure Committee. She was named a “Top Doc” by Ingram’s magazine and received the Marjorie J. Siddridge leadership award for women in medicine from the University of Kansas in 2012. Dr. Templeton is currently the president of the US Bone and Joint Initiative, a non-profit organization of over 100 organizations. Dr. Templeton serves on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Women’s Association. She is on the executive committee of the Sex and Gender Women’s Health Collaborative (a collaborative effort of the ACWHP, AMWA, and SWHR). Dr. Templeton is an invited founding board member of the Academy of Women’s Health. Dr. Templeton was the first McCann Professor of Women in Medicine and Science. She organized and currently chairs the Women Physicians’ Caucus of the Kansas Medical Society. Dr. Templeton previously served on the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons’ Council for Research, Quality Assessment, and Technology. She is currently president of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. She is past-president of the Kansas Orthopedic Society, the Mid-Central States Orthopedic Society, the Ruth Jackson Orthopedic Society, and the Medical Society of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

Bertha Van Hoosen Award
Diana J. Galindo MD, FACS, AGSF has served as president of the American Medical Women’s Association in 2007. She is also a practicing Internist Geriatrician and educator at the Cleveland Clinic Florida. She is currently a Fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the American Geriatrics Society. She was also an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Galindo earned her Medical Degree at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine and received her postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at St. Mary’s Hospital (a major affiliate of Yale University). She earned her Geriatrics Fellowship at the University of Miami where she held a faculty appointment as Associate Professor of Medicine. The Consumers Research Council of America and The Best Doctors in America have recognized her as one of the top doctors in Geriatrics. Cleveland Clinic Florida has recognized her as Educator of the Year in 2011. She was also recognized as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Filipino Women in the US in 2008 (Innovators and Thought Leaders category) by the Filipina Women’s Network. Her women peers in Cleveland Clinic have recognized her for her work at the local and national level with “Physician of Achievement Award.” Dr. Galindo has been consistently chosen as one of the Top Doctors of South Florida in Geriatrics by the Gold Coast Magazine of South Florida. Her passion has always been affordable and good health care for all and empowering all women, especially women in medicine. As president of AMWA in 2007, she set Universal Access to Care and Caring for Older Women as her agenda. AMWA organized a national “Conversation about Health Care” with the leading presidential candidates at that time to determine their views on health care and express the member’s views on health care issues with them. Dr. Galindo and her partner, Emilio Labrador, live in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She enjoys reading (she is a member of her community’s book club), traveling, gardening and has a brown belt in Karate.
**Anne C. Carter Leadership Award**

Neha A. Deshpande is enrolled in the MD program at Harvard Medical School and has been active in promoting women in medicine and women’s health issues since her early undergraduate years. As an undergraduate student at Johns Hopkins University, Neha founded the Women’s Pre-Health Leadership Society to promote the next generation of women in medicine. During her first year of medical school, she served as one of the Co-Presidents of the Harvard AMWA student branch and then as the AMWA National Student Treasurer. Neha was also the 2012 recipient of AMWA Young Woman in Science Award for which she received 1st prize for her first-author research on pregnancy outcomes in kidney and liver transplant recipients. Outside of AMWA, Neha is active in promoting women’s health through both research and volunteerism. She is the Director of Health Education of Pasand, a young non-profit organization that brings menstrual pads for the cost of a penny and reproductive health education to school-aged girls in Southeast Asia. Neha has a strong passion for clinical research and has written extensively about various women’s health issues including domestic violence prevention, global sex trafficking, surgical obstetrics, obstetric anesthesia, post-transplantation pregnancy management, medical ethics in obstetrics, and humanism in medicine. At Harvard, Neha is President of the Ob/Gyn Interest Group and former director of PHACE, a volunteer program that brings sexual health education to high-risk teens in the Boston Title 1 Public Schools. She is also a Harry S. Truman Scholar, USA TODAY College Academic First-Team winner, Intel Science Talent Search Finalist, and a former intern and science writer for the U.S. Surgeon General.

**Camille Mermod Award**

Mary Ellen Morrow is the daughter of AMWA Past President, Laura E. Morrow, MD (now deceased). Mary Ellen, a member of the organization and a professional photographer has continued on with her mother’s support of AMWA, capturing the spirit of the organization with her photographs at annual meetings and events, as a tribute to her and in support of the positive work being done. Mary Ellen remains passionate about the possibilities inherent in this talented and caring group of women in medicine. Her wonderful photographs are available on AMWA’s Facebook page and more of her work can be seen at www.maryellenmorrow.com.

**Exceptional Mentor Awards**

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD hails from Los Angeles California, one of 8 children, she worked at McDonald’s in her youth and saved money to pay her way through college at California State University, Long Beach with a degree in Chemistry. Glad to put McDonalds behind her, New York City and Weill Cornell University College of Medicine beckoned and she graduated from there in 1988. Her residency in Internal Medicine was in Cleveland, OH where she practiced in a teaching hospital and began her academic career. With some twists and turns, she has remained in academia and has been on faculty at Upstate Medical University, Morehouse College of Medicine, Emory School of Medicine, and now is an Associate Clinical Faculty in Medicine and Pediatrics in the Section of Adolescent Medicine. A board certified Internal and Adolescent Medicine physician, she treats adults and adolescents and emphasizes general medicine, eating disorders, primary care of cancer survivors, management of adolescent obesity, and women’s health. Dr. Rohr-Kirchgraber has been actively involved in teaching and mentoring and has served in many academic roles and is currently Medical Director of the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health at Wishard, Executive Director of the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, The NPR Sound Medicine Health and Wellness Expert, and Director of Education for the Section of Adolescent Medicine. She writes review questions for the Adolescent Board exams, and writes locally on health and wellness topics. Dr. Rohr-Kirchgraber is a second-term AMWA board member and Governance Chair. She completed service to the American College of Physicians Indiana Chapter, Chair of the IM/PEDs committee. She is our AMWA representative to the AMA- Women’s Physicians Congress and is part of the IU Women’s Advisory Council. Married to a fabulous man, Paul Kirchgraber, MD, she has three children (who of course are fabulous too).

Nancy Asher MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, is Distinguished Professor in Transplantation and Leon Goldman, MD Distinguished Professor in Surgery at the UCSF Department of Surgery has devoted her career to organ transplantation and trans-plantation research. She has served on the Presidential Task Force on Organ Transplantation, the Surgeon General’s Task Force on Increasing Donor Organs, and as Chair of the Secretary of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has membership in numerous academic medical societies. Past president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, she takes an active leadership role in national
Judith K Amorosa MD, FACR is a Board Certified Diagnostic Radiologist. She received her medical degree from New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ (now UMDNJ). She completed her radiology residency at St. Vincent’s Hospital, NYC and a pediatric internship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center Babies’ Hospital, NYC. Currently, she is Clinical Professor of Radiology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/UMDNJ, Vice Chair for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development in the Department of Radiology, Radiology Clerkship Director, and Staff Radiologist RWJUH, SPUH, URG with a specialty in chest radiology. Career highlights include establishing a Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program, training over 90 radiologists, mentoring 180 medical students who have gone into Radiology, being Principal Investigator at RWJUH/CINJ/URG of a multi-center national NLST (National Lung Cancer, Screening Trial), B reader certification since 1980 (most recently in 2012), RSNA www Education grant recipient 2006-07, selected founding member of the Master Educator Guild, President AMSER (Alliance for Medical Student Educators in Radiology) 2005, President AAWR (American Association for Women in Radiology) 2007, Roentgen historian and Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR).

Jason L. Dragoo, MD is a board certified Orthopaedic Surgeon, specializing in Sports Medicine at Stanford University. He serves as a team physician for numerous elite athletic associations including the US Ski Team, US Olympic Committee and Stanford University Athletics. For many years, he has educated a variety of specialists including orthopaedic surgeons, physical therapists, athletic trainers, and coaches on sports medicine concepts and techniques. Dr. Dragoo's basic science and clinical research has led to new methods of cartilage regeneration using adult stem cells, as well as pioneering new methods of prevention and treatment of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries and stiff and painful joints. In his scientific laboratory, new generations of platelet rich plasma and growth factor treatments for tendon and ligament injury are currently in development.

Raghar Govindarajan is the recipient of numerous research awards - AANEM Best abstract 2011, AANEM Foundation for Research and Education Junior Member Recognition Award 2011, 2012, Muscular Dystrophy Association Best poster 2012, MGFA Newsom Davis travel award 2012, Muscle study group 2012 travel award, American Neurological Association Resident Symposium 2010 Travel Award, and Florida Society of Neurology 2010 Annual Meeting Travel Award. He is also the recipient of the following grants and scholarships - Arnold P Gold Foundation Research Grant Project: Improving the appeal of bedside clinical medicine among third year medical students through the content from historical section of the journal Neurology and a PALF Action Plan Grant 2012 granted by AAN and AAN Resident Scholarship to the Annual Meeting 2012-2013. His leadership awards include the Michener leadership award from Cleveland Clinic Alumni Association 2011, Resident of the Year 2010-2011, awarded by Cleveland Clinic Florida Advocacy/Leadership Activities American Academy of Neurology, nomination for AAN’s Grassroots Alliance Membership. He has participated in multiple leadership programs, including the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum 2012 and the AAN Leadership Course-Leading Others In A Complex World, Leading Self, Neurology on the Hill February 2011, 2013. He is a member of the Brain-Pac committee, Guest Payment Policy Subcommittee, and Practice Committee, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electro-diagnostic Medicine - Ethics/Member Disciplinary Review Committee, GME Committee and Marketing Committee, and the Florida Society of Neurology Board 2010-2012.

Andreea Seritan, M.D., is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Assistant Dean for Student Wellness at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine. She completed her psychiatry residency training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and a geriatric psychiatry fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles. In her clinical practice, Dr. Seritan combines active interests in psychodynamic psychotherapy and cognitive disorders. Her research focuses on the psychiatric and cognitive aspects of the fragile X-associated tremor/ataxia syndrome (FXTAS). Dr. Seritan is the recipient of the Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Award from the American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training, the Association for Academic Psychiatry Junior Faculty Development Award and the UC Davis Chancellor’s Achievement Award for Diversity and Community. She was recently inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She is the author or co-author of 36 peer reviewed papers and 9 book chapters and has given numerous national presentations.