

# AMWA Annual Report 2015

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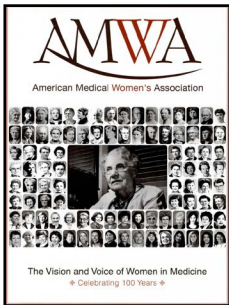
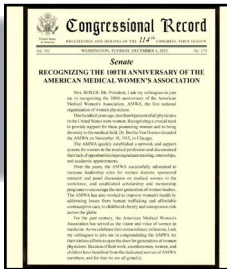
2015 has been an exciting year under the leadership of AMWA Presidents [Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla](#) (2014-15) and [Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber](#) (2015-16). Please enjoy this report highlighting AMWA's accomplishments in 2015.

## Anti-Trafficking

In September, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and AMWA co-sponsored [Human Trafficking: A Summit to Engage Healthcare Organizations](#), bringing together more than 50 different groups. Speakers included leaders from academia, federal agencies, organizations, survivors, and AMWA's Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH) co-chairs. In March, a [training for healthcare providers](#) was held in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley (California). PATH promotes ongoing education of providers through presentations, videos, and research.

## AMWA Centennial

Senator Barbara Boxer commemorates AMWA in the [Congressional Record](#)



[Centennial Book](#)

[Centennial Ornament](#)



Merchandise available at [www.amwa-doc.org](http://www.amwa-doc.org)

## Centennial Meeting in Chicago

[AMWA's Centennial Meeting](#) was a resounding success, bringing attendees from all over the world. The meeting began with a visit to the Van Hoosen Farm and a Career Development Pre-Course specifically for women physicians. Meeting highlights included inspiring keynotes by Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, Dr. Mae Jemison, Dr. Nancy Snyderman, and a host of distinguished speakers – best-selling author Nicholas Kristof, association presidents, deans, and leading health advocates and an NIH Director, actress, and triple Olympic medalist. Over-arching themes of women's empowerment, leadership, innovation and health were woven throughout. There was something for everyone – from the pre-medical student to the retired physician and a blending of the different specialties, backgrounds, and ages that make up the fabric of AMWA. Networking and mentoring sessions provided opportunities for collaboration; old friends reunited and new friendships were made. The sense of fellowship was palpable, as was the energy and vitality to launch AMWA's next century.



AMWA Presidents and Executive Directors



AMWA Board with U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy.

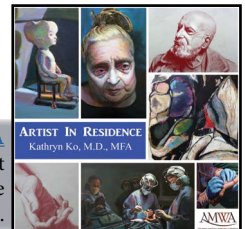
## Sex and Gender Medical Education Summit

AMWA co-sponsored the [Sex and Gender Medical Education Summit](#), a landmark event bringing together world-renowned experts in sex and gender based medicine and over 100 medical school representatives. The Summit's long-term goal is the creation of national student competencies on sex and gender based health and establishment of dedicated sex and gender education curricula in all medical schools within the next five years. The Summit was co-sponsored by AMWA, the Laura W. Bush Inst. for Women's Health, the Mayo Clinic, the Society for Women's Health Research, Texas Tech Univ. Health Sciences Center, the Sex and Gender Women's Health Collaborative, Verizon, Brown Univ - Div of Sex and Gender and Emergency Med, Duke School of Med. - Office of Diversity and Inclusion. [sgbmeducationsummit.com](http://sgbmeducationsummit.com).

## Studio AMWA - An Online Exhibition

[Studio AMWA](#) – A gallery of art by women who practice the art & science of medicine... & by those who believe in them

AMWA's Inaugural [Artist in Residence, Kathryn Ko, MD, MFA](#)  
Neurosurgeon, Artist  
Dr. Ko is working on a painting that depicts the leadership role of women in medicine.



## [AMWA's 101st Anniversary Meeting](#)

March 10-13, 2016  
Hilton Miami Airport Miami, FL  
CME Program, Speed Networking, Innovation Lounge, Posters, Mentoring, Awards, Gala

## RESIDENCY DIVISION

The [AMWA Residency Division](#) continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. Heather Leisy. Membership has increased 32% from last January and the division has created its first regional branches. The residency division this year has focused on advocacy issues such as paternity leave, expanding residency spots, and bullying. The next event is a mindfulness webinar being held on Jan. 21 at 8pm EST ([register here](#)). Publication opportunities exist through the [AMWA Resident Quarterly \(ARQ\)](#). There are many leadership opportunities for this upcoming year with the creation of resident chapters and current positions on the executive board. Please check out AMWA's website for branch startup handouts and details on leadership applications.

## STUDENT DIVISION

The [AMWA Student Division](#), under the leadership of Fatima Fahs, continues to expand with a 31% increase in membership. Student co-chairs are now active in every national committee. Regional conferences have been conducted or are being planned in all nine regions across the U.S. New partnerships have allowed the student division to provide larger discounts and more free perks for being an AMWA member. Monthly mini mentorship videos are now available for members as well as webinars on topics such as residency interviewing and work life balance. A monthly [Student Newsletter](#) keeps members informed about these monthly programs and opportunities.

## PREMEDICAL DIVISION

The [AMWA Premedical Student Division](#), under the leadership of Jennie Luu, implemented their first national leadership board this year. With this year's premed leaders, the division has grown close to doubling its membership, developed a monthly [newsletter](#), and established new awards to recognize local chapters and students. This year also paved the way for two premed symposiums, new premed sessions to be included in the 101st Anniversary Meeting, along with the beginning stages of a new mentorship program that will be extended to high school students who are interested in medicine.

## American Women's Hospitals Service (AWHS)

This year's accomplishments are marked by AWHS's success through intentional efforts to create optimal sustainability so that 100% of grants and donations go toward clinic support, engaging students and residents, and member-initiated service/research projects. This was made possible by shifting administrative costs and expanding volunteer contributions for future sustainability. AMWA's charitable arm, the [American Women's Hospitals Service \(AWHS\)](#) currently supports 4 medical facilities worldwide for the underserved - Hopital Bon Samaritain (Haiti), Clinic Nepal (Nepal), Engeye Clinic (Uganda), and Vine Trust (Peru). Travel grants this year have allowed students and residents to perform projects in Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Rwanda, and Tanzania. The community project initiative has also continued to encourage member advocacy and community empowerment. The following is a list of some of the accomplishments through AWHS's efforts to engage members in designing projects in partnership with specific communities to create immediate impact and will continue making change.

1. Community needs assessment in Nepal
2. Collaboration with homeless healthcare service in Boston to explore the impact of mobile dermatology assessment
3. Obesity and nutrition education for medical students and residents that was published into a healthy cookbook
4. Project to improve quality of referral and emergency of obstetric care in Rajasthan
5. Connecting women who have successfully obtained benefits for Medicaid enrollment and contraceptive care with women who have not yet obtained due to lack of access or information

## Other 2015 Highlights

- [New Gun Violence Prevention Task Force](#) participates in advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill with other medical organizations in an effort to remove the ban on CDC gun violence research
- AMWA partners with NEJM Group Career Center and Medstro to launch [on-line series on women in medicine](#)
- New [mentoring on-line platform](#) recruits new mentors and users.
- Fatima Fahs pens [KevinMD](#) article on the relevance of AMWA.
- [Advocacy work](#) supports women's health, patient safety, healthcare reform, flame retardant bans, and end of life care and more
- AMWA inaugurates the first group of [fellows](#)
- [Underage Drinking Initiative](#) raises awareness about alcohol poisoning on college campuses
- AMWA attends WomenHeart's National Policy & Scientific Summit on Women's Cardiovascular Health
- AMWA Centennial [Award Recipients](#)
- AMWA joins the [Society for Women's Health Research and the American Association of Women Dentists](#) to discuss oral health issues.
- New Maternity Leave Task Force formed to advocate for improved maternity leave policies.
- AMWA leaders attend the [59th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women: Beijing + 20](#)
- AMWA attends a NIH [Summit](#)
- AMWA attends [Women's Health Policy Stakeholder's Roundtable](#) with Secretary Burwell
- New [biography about AMWA founder](#), Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen
- Physician Suicidality and Burnout Task Force formed
- AMWA student leaders invited to the White House for [Young America Conference](#)
- [New mentorship webinars](#)
- AMWA forms Documentary Task Force for a documentary on women in medicine
- AMWA raised over \$5000 for Clinic Nepal in the earthquake's aftermath
- [Haffizulla Family Scholarship](#) announced
- AMWA Attends [Vision2020 5th National Congress](#)
- AMWA receives generous bequest of \$93,000 from [Dr. Lilo Suskind](#)

## Preventative Medicine Task Force

[AMWA's Preventive Medicine Task Force \(PMTF\)](#) collaborated with the Residency Division to publish the [AMWA Resident Nutrition and Fitness Manual](#). The task force works to fight obesity through partnerships with the STOP Obesity Alliance, Obesity Week 2015, and the Obesity Society. The Task Force has also partnered with Mission Critical Health on health education initiatives. Signing the Healthy Campus 2020 Pledge, PMTF continues to promote health education on college campuses and has disseminated digital and print health brochures. An [android app](#) resource for health information was launched and a position paper on cardiovascular risk reduction in women has been published.

## Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

The [Diversity and Inclusion \(D&I\) Task Force](#) published a [cultural cookbook](#) to promote diversity and healthy eating. Through partnerships with Food Day, Latinos Against Alzheimer's Disease, B. Stigma Free, and Native American Health Initiative, the D&I Task Force promoted health issues, ethnic awareness, and diversity. Additional work is planned to promote issues relevant to veterans, LGBTQ patients and providers, and other ethnic groups.

## Gender Equity Task Force

The [Gender Equity Task Force](#) continues to support the Linda Brodsky Memorial Essay Contest with publication of the [second volume](#) of top essays by Medical Student Press. Work continues on bullying research and publications as well as the [Linda Brodsky Memorial Fund](#) to support gender equity initiatives.

## AMWA Interim Meeting

Over 75 AMWA leaders attended the [Centennial Interim Meeting](#) to revitalize the organization's strategic plans and goals. Highlights were keynote speakers, Dr. Janis Orłowski, Chief Health Officer of the AAMC and Dr. Alice Chen, Executive Director of Doctors for America. A screening of the film, *Someone You Love: the HPV Epidemic* with guest appearance by Tamika Felder, a survivor featured in the film, spurred the launch of AMWA's Cervical Cancer education campaign.

## AMWA Digital Quilt Project

Personalize a quilt square in [AMWA's Digital Quilt](#) which will be featured on the AMWA website. Honor a loved one, a mentor, or an event.

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## Coming up in 2016

- iGIANTS Roundtables to explore issues of sex and gender in innovation
- JAMWA Digital Revival
- Roundtable on physician suicidality and burnout
- Cervical Cancer Education Initiative

### In Memoriam

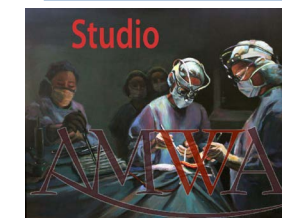
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Advocacy Committee	Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
American Women's Hospitals Service	Literary Arts and Medicine Task Force
Archives Committee	Maternity Leave Task Force
Awards Committee	Membership Committee
Breast Cancer Task Force	Mentoring Task Force
Depression and Suicidality Task Force	Past President's Council
Diversity and Inclusion	Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH)
Documentary Task Force	Preventive Medicine Task Force
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Faces of AMWA	Studio AMWA
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