

# AMWA 2019 AWARDS



## **Presidential Award – Jessica Posner Odede**

Ms. Posner Odede is an internationally recognized social entrepreneur and thought-leader. In 2009 she co-founded Shining Hope for Communities (**SHOFCO**). Based in Kenya, SHOFCO catalyses large-scale transformation in urban slums by providing critical services, community advocacy platforms, education and leadership development for girls and women. In August 2018, SHOFCO received the **Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize** - the world's largest annual humanitarian award presented to non-profit organizations judged to have made extraordinary contributions toward alleviating human suffering. Jess joined Girl Effect as CEO in 2019. Girl Effect is a non-profit organization that uses media and mobile tech to empower girls to change their lives. Jess is a New York Times best-selling author and has been featured in **The New York Times**, **Vogue Magazine**, on CNN, and by **TED**. She was awarded the prestigious **David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award** in May 2016.



## **Elizabeth Blackwell Award – Alma Littles, MD**

As the chief academic officer of the Florida State University College of Medicine, Dr. Littles has overall responsibility for overseeing the design, development, implementation and evaluation of the medical student curriculum. Dr. Littles has served and continues to serve on several Boards. She is the former president of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians and Capital Medical Society, and past chair of the AMA's Academic Physician's Section and has also received a number of honors including Florida Family Physician of the Year, Local Legends Award, one of the 25 Women You Need to Know in Tallahassee, one of Black Health Magazine's Top 15 Most Influential African American Medical Educators, and the Outstanding Physician of the Year Award. She continues to advocate for women in medicine and for quality health care in rural communities. She is married to Mr. Gentle Littles, III and has one son, Germaine Littles.



## **Bertha Van Hoosen Award – Kimberly Templeton, MD**

Kim Templeton, MD, FAMWA, FAOA is professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Kansas in Kansas City and past-president of AMWA. She has been active in AMWA in improving sex- and gender-based medical education and working on the opioid task force. Dr. Templeton has been a member of all of the opioid-related committees in Kansas, highlighting the specific issues that women face. In addition, Dr. Templeton started the AMWA WomenLead program, to encourage women physicians to participate in the political process. Dr. Templeton is a past-president and current of her state medical board, sits on the Kansas prescription drug monitoring program advisory committee, and is a member of the AAMC-CFAS (representing orthopaedics) and the orthopaedic RRC. She is also a member of various committees within NQF and the NCQA. Dr. Templeton is past vice-chair of the women physician section and past-chair of the orthopaedic section of the AMA.



## **Woman in Science Award – Natalie Afshari, MD**

Natalie Afshari, MD is the Stuart I. Brown MD Chair in Ophthalmology in Memory of Donald P. Shiley, Chief of Cornea and Refractive Surgery, Vice Chair and Professor of Ophthalmology at the Shiley Eye Institute, University of California, San Diego. She received her medical degree from Stanford University and her residency and fellowship trainings at Harvard University. Dr. Afshari is an accomplished clinician, surgeon, and research scientist. In her clinical practice, Dr. Afshari specializes in cataract surgery as well as corneal transplants and diseases. She is the co-editor of a two-volume cornea book titled Principles and Practice of Cornea. Her National Institutes of Health research grant is on the study of anterior eye disorders as she investigates CRISPR Cas9 and stem cell regeneration of the cornea. When not researching or practicing, Dr. Afshari donates her time and surgical expertise as an international volunteer.



## **Lila Wallis Women's Health Award – Susan G. Kornstein, MD**

Dr. Susan G. Kornstein is Professor of Psychiatry and Obstetrics/Gynecology at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she is Executive Director of the VCU Institute for Women's Health, a National Center of Excellence. She is an internationally recognized researcher in depression and women's mental health. She is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Women's Health and President of the Academy of Women's Health. She is a past member of the NIH Advisory Council for Research on Women's Health, Past President of the International Association for Women's Mental Health, and Past President of the North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology. She edited the first comprehensive textbook on women's mental health and recently co-edited the first national guidelines for the treatment of perimenopausal depression. She is currently co-principal investigator on a \$3 million ADVANCE-IT grant from the National Science Foundation to increase recruitment, retention and advancement of diverse women faculty.



## **Dr. Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – Johannes W. Vieweg, MD, FACS**

Johannes Vieweg, M.D., FACS, is the founding dean of Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Dr. Vieweg is a physician scientist with specialty expertise in urology. He served in several leadership position and responsibilities at distinguished academic institutions, including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Duke University, and the University of Florida. Prior to joining NSU, Dr. Vieweg was awarded a prestigious Jefferson Science Fellowship by the National Academy of Sciences. In that capacity, he served as a senior science and technology advisor to the U.S. Department of State in the development of foreign policy related to issues of global health, women's rights, and human security. Throughout his career, Dr. Vieweg has focused on significantly increasing the participation of women in medical residencies and to advance their careers at the national

and global level. As dean, Dr. Vieweg continues to promote excellence in medical education, inclusive care, and providing public support for the advancement of talented women to assume academic leadership positions in medicine and science.



**Camille Mermod Award – Danielle K. Carrier**

Danielle Carrier serves as an Associate Director for WJ Weiser & Associates. Danielle is responsible for working with boards and committees to facilitate strong financial stability, membership growth, strategic planning, and development of educational events and annual meetings. AMWA is Danielle's largest client, who she has serviced for the last 2½ years. Her work with AMWA includes managing day-to-day operations and finances, membership, elections, awards, and publications. Danielle has an MBA, Health Administration/Statistics from University of Chicago, Chicago Booth School of Business and a BS, Summa Cum Laude with distinction, Accounting/Information Science from The Ohio State University. She is also a certified public accountant. Prior to WJ Weiser, Danielle worked for Vizient (formally University HealthSystem Consortium) where she served as a Project Manager of Quality Operations.



**Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award – Julia Festa**

Julia is currently a 3rd year medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She graduated from Princeton University in 2014. At Princeton she was a member of the varsity swim team and majored in both Sociology and Gender Studies. She wrote her thesis on reproductive health disparities among low-income women in Queens, New York. In her gap years before medical school she worked for the medical non-profit Saving Mothers and acted as a trained advocate for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence at Bellevue's Emergency Department in New York City. Julia is passionate about empowering and uplifting the women around her, and is excited to continue being an advocate for women's health and equality issues as she enters her medical career.