

AMWA 2021 AWARDS



Presidential Award – Uché Blackstock, MD

Dr. Uché Blackstock is a thought leader and sought-after speaker on bias and racism in health care. She is the Founder and CEO of Advancing Health Equity, which partners with healthcare and related organizations to address racism in healthcare and to eradicate racial health inequities through trainings and consulting services.

In 2019, Dr. Blackstock was recognized by Forbes magazine as one of “10 Diversity and Inclusion Trailblazers You Need to Get Familiar With”. In 2020, she was one of thirty-one inaugural leaders awarded an unrestricted grant for her advocacy work from the Black Voices for Black Justice Fund. Dr. Blackstock’s writing has been featured in the Chicago Tribune, Scientific American, the Washington Post and STAT News for the Boston Globe. Since June 2020, she has been a Yahoo News Medical Contributor and appears regularly on cable and broadcast news programming to discuss the Coronavirus pandemic and to amplify the message around racial health inequities.

Dr. Blackstock is a former Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine and the former Faculty Director for Recruitment, Retention and Inclusion in the Office of Diversity Affairs at NYU School of Medicine. She left her faculty position at NYU School of Medicine in December 2019 after almost 10 years to focus on Advancing Health Equity. Dr. Blackstock received both her undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University. She currently lives in her hometown of Brooklyn, New York with her two small children.



Elizabeth Blackwell Award – Susan Thompson Hingle, MD, MACP, FRCP, FAMWA

Susan Hingle practices Internal Medicine and serves as Associate Dean for Human and Organizational Potential at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Miami University and medical degree from Rush University. She completed her residency at Georgetown University, where she served as Chief Resident. She completed the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program. She has received a Golden Apple, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Leonard Tow Humanism Award. She was honored with ACP’s McDonald Award for Young Physicians and several ACP Awards for Chapter Innovation. She served as Chair of the ACP Board of Regents and Board of Governors. She was senior author on the ACP policy paper on gender equity in physician compensation and career

advancement. She serves on AMWA’s Board of Directors and strongly believes that women in medicine have enormous potential to influence the profession and society for the better.



Bertha Van Hoosen Award – Padmini Murthy, MD, MPH, FAMWA, FRSPH

Dr. Padmini Murthy is professor and global health director at New York medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice. Dr. Murthy serves as the Medical Women’s International Association Secretary - General. She also serves as the Global Health Lead of American Medical Women’s Association.

Dr. Murthy is widely published on multiple platforms and is co- editor of 2 books. She has been working to promote safe motherhood and other health initiatives focused on women in India, Malawi, and Grenada. She has also partnered with other NGOs during the current COVID crisis to supply PPE to health care providers and the general population and other humanitarian aid supplies nationally and internationally. She has been working with other NGOs in providing Personal Protective Equipment across the US especially to the Navajo Nation. She has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Elizabeth Blackwell Award and Sojourner Truth Pin.



Lila Wallis Women’s Health Award – Alyson J. McGregor MD

Alyson J. McGregor, MD MA FACEP is a physician, researcher, writer and women’s health advocate. She is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Director for the Division of Sex and Gender in Emergency Medicine. Her research on the roles sex and gender play in emergent conditions has led to over 80 peer reviewed publications and has made her a spokesperson and advocate for women around the world. Dr. McGregor is the lead editor for the textbook “Sex and Gender in Acute Care Medicine”, Cambridge University Press. Her

TEDx talk, “Why Medicine Often Has Dangerous Side Effects For Women,” currently has over 1.6 million views and she has recently released her new book “Sex Matters: How Male-Centric Medicine Endangers Women’s Health and What We Can Do About It”, Hatchet Book Group Publishing.



Woman in Science Award – Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil

Reshma Jagsi, M.D., D.Phil., is the Newman Family Professor and Deputy Chair in the Department of Radiation Oncology and Director of the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine at the University of Michigan. Gender equity in academic medicine has been a key area of her scholarly focus and leadership since she was a trainee, and she brings to her research in this area her perspective as a physician and social scientist to promote evidence-based intervention. Author of over 300 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including numerous high-impact publications in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, and JAMA, her research has been funded by multiple independent grants from the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the Doris Duke Foundation, and numerous other foundations and has had direct impact on policies of funding organizations, credentialing bodies, and academic institution.

**Ester Pohl Lovejoy Award – Claudia Morrissey Conlon, MD, MPH, FAMWA**

Claudia Morrissey Conlon began her career as a community organizer in poor communities in Southwestern US and Mexico. These experiences shaped her lifelong commitment to healthcare as a human right and her work to increase the health, wellbeing, and life-options of women. In 1982, she received her MD and went on to complete a residency in Internal Medicine. As a board-certified Internist she practiced medicine in disadvantaged communities for nearly a decade before earning an MPH and focusing her energies on global health challenges.

Dr. Morrissey Conlon’s work with USAID, WHO, NGOs, and Universities to reduce maternal and newborn mortality has taken her to all global regions. Recently retired, Dr. Morrissey Conlon is on the editorial board of the Journal of Women’s Health and the President’s Advisory Committee of Pathfinder International. She is a Past-President of AMWA and Past-Vice President for NA for MWIA.

**Dr. Larry Zaroff Man of Good Conscience Award – Stephen Ray Mitchell, MD, MBA MACP, FRCP**

While a first-gen, Dreyfus Scholar at UNC, Dr. Mitchell’s mother was instrumental in his career and should have been a physician. That is why he was drawn to promoting women. He completed Medicine-Pediatrics at the NC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, Rheumatology training at Georgetown, and in 1988, accepted a faculty position at Georgetown serving as PD in Internal Medicine 1992-1999, and started a Medicine-Pediatric program in 1997.

In those roles, he was supportive of a fledgling Women-in-Medicine committee. Georgetown had a ways to go! After moving to a medical-center wide organization, that organization has not once but twice won the award by AAMC as the leading Women in Medicine’s Group. A highlight of Dr. Mitchell’s career was the “Estelle Ramey Award” for mentoring women. He served as Dean for Medical Education at Georgetown from 2000-2020 and now serves as Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics, and Dean Emeritus.

**Camille Mermod Award – Emily Chen**

Emily worked at a Fortune 500 IT company as a sales manager for over 20 years and brought along her business and project management skills to AMWA in 2019. Having the opportunity to contribute to AMWA has been very fulfilling and Emily works alongside Dr Eliza Chin and other team members on various projects and initiatives including Media AMWA, Physician Infertility, Physician Reentry, Suicide Awareness, and Dance, Theater and Medicine. It is an honor and a privilege for Emily to be the recipient of the AMWA’s Camille Mermod Award.

**Camille Mermod Award – Kayla Li, MSc**

Kayla graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences and minor in General Public Health in 2018. She was a research assistant at the School of Music, a study abroad ambassador, and a volunteer with her local AMWA chapter. Following graduation, Kayla completed her Master of Science degree in Clinical Embryology at the University of Oxford where she served as her course representative and postgraduate representative of the Medical Sciences Division. Kayla started working for AMWA in the beginning of 2020 and has been handling large-scale projects and supporting committees. She is most inspired by the collaboration and passion of the AMWA community. Kayla will be attending medical school in the summer/fall of 2021. In her free time, Kayla enjoys gardening, painting, and spending time with her loved ones.