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**Julie Silver, MD to be Recognized by the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)  
as the 2022 Winner of AMWA's Elizabeth Blackwell Award on March 26, 2022 at 8 pm ET,  
During the AMWA 2022 Annual Meeting**

(Schaumburg IL)—March 24, 2022—On Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 8 PM, ET, Julie Silver, MD, Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School will be recognized with the Elizabeth Blackwell Award by the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) at the 107th Annual AMWA Meeting, which runs from March 24-27. Dr. Silver resides in the Boston area and is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine

AMWA's Elizabeth Blackwell Award was created as a lasting tribute to the first woman awarded an MD degree from an American medical school. The award is granted to a woman physician who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of women in the field of medicine, created pathways for other women in medicine and made exceptional contributions to the image of women in medicine. The award was initiated in 1949 by Elise S. L'Esperance, MD. Prior to 1993, the award was given only to AMWA members, but is now open to both members and non-members.

Dr. Julie Silver is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School and is on the staff of Massachusetts General, Brigham and Women's and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospitals. Dr. Silver is an expert on diversity, equity and inclusion and has published many reports specifically focused on gender equity. She directs the successful Harvard Medical School women's leadership CME course "Career Advancement for Women in Health Care" which has trained thousands of women in medicine. She also conducts research on workforce and

patient care disparities focused on race/ethnicity and has published in high-impact journals and across numerous specialties.

Dr. Silver was a founder of the research group Promoting and Respecting Our Women Doctors (PROWD), which includes around 40 women physicians in academic medicine who conduct research in workforce gender and other equity. PROWD has published more than a dozen peer-reviewed studies and major reports in medical journals and individual members have published hundreds of peer-reviewed workforce gender equity studies. In 2021, Dr. Silver established a research mentoring program for early career women in academia - Women in Academia Valuing Equity (WAVE).

In the more widely accessible public realm, Dr. Silver has developed impactful strategic initiatives such as the #HerTimeisNow, #BeEthical, #NeedHerScience, and #GiverHeraReasonToStay campaigns, and the #WallsDoTalk Challenge, which have successfully leveraged social media to help spotlight and accelerate change in issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Her work has been featured in many media outlets.

“We are proud to award this year’s Elizabeth Blackwell Award to Dr. Julie Silver,” said AMWA President Janice Werbinski, MD. “Dr. Silver is a fervent supporter of her fellow women in medicine and has positively impacted healthcare institutions and our medical professional organizations. She has both produced her own important research in analytical work on equity, diversity and inclusion and helped to accelerate and amplify the work of others. Perhaps her biggest accomplishment is her well-deserved national reputation as a leader in training thousands of women physicians through her exemplary career.”

### **About The 107<sup>th</sup> AMWA Annual Meeting**

In response to the strain endured across the healthcare world during the last several years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) is focusing its 107th Annual Meeting on uplifting and energizing women in medicine to *Thrive with Tenacity, Humor and Hope*. The AMWA 2022 agenda offers something for every career stage. It features nationally recognized thought leaders who will inspire with their vision and offer strategies to manage the myriad challenges facing women in medicine. CME accreditation is provided by SIU School of Medicine. There are also student and resident tracks, and a 2-day medical school fair. All registrations include a 30-60 minute session with a

professional physician coach, and for non-member physicians, registration includes membership in AMWA. For more about AMWA 2022, see our [press release](#) or visit our website: [amwa-doc.org/amwa107](http://amwa-doc.org/amwa107).

## **ABOUT AMWA**

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), founded in 1915, is the oldest multispecialty organization of women in medicine. Our mission is to advance women in medicine, advocate for equity, and ensure excellence in healthcare.

