

Congratulations

For 75 years of formal Midwifery Education!

We honor the first hospital-based midwifery education program!



Honors to the first class, the CLASS OF 1959

At Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, in affiliation with
Maternity Center Association and the
Johns Hopkins University Hospital.



**We salute the many MIC-affiliated midwives, physicians,
nurses, and others—**

the pioneers who integrated the midwifery model of care
into American primary care health care.



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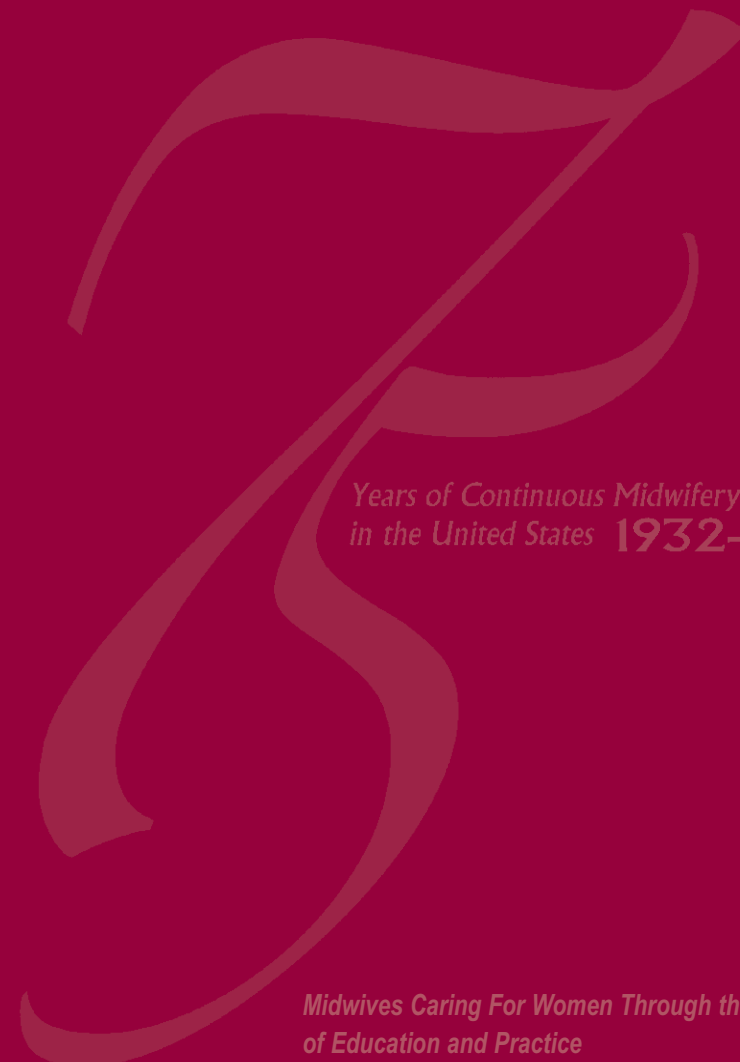
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Midwifery class of 1959



*Years of Continuous Midwifery Education
in the United States 1932-2007*

*Midwives Caring For Women Through the Partnership
of Education and Practice*

Program

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College of Health Related Professions
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SUNY Downstate Medical Center

THE MIDWIFERY SERVICE AT MAIMONIDES
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OF THIS COMMEMORATION CELEBRATING THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNY DOWNSTATE
MIDWIFERY EDUCATION PROGRAM

*We Salute Your Outstanding
Service and Dedication
to Enhancing the Profession
of Midwifery*



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Best Wishes!

*In Celebrating 75 Years of
Continuous Midwifery Education
in the United States*

Congratulations!

*To All The Award
Honorees and Nominees*

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Program

- COCKTAIL HOUR
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- 75 YEARS OF DANCE MUSIC

75 YEARS OF HISTORY

The early part of the twentieth century was marked by great turmoil in medicine, maternity care, and midwifery. Fervent debate arose in medical and popular literature regarding the role of midwives in the unacceptably high U.S. infant and maternal mortality and morbidity rates. Although studies ultimately showed that midwifery outcomes were at least comparable to, and often better than those of doctors, the trend was to institutionalize maternity care along with the rest of medicine. Because midwives' skills were needed in underserved areas it was decided that, rather than eliminating midwives altogether, formal education programs would be provided for them.¹ During these years, several midwifery educational programs opened and closed—most notably the Bellevue School of Midwifery in New York City and the Preston Retreat Hospital in Philadelphia.² The Bellevue School closed in 1931 and the Preston Retreat Hospital, while it remained open until 1960,³ had minimal enrollment past 1935.²

In 1932, the Maternity Center Association (MCA) started a school that would endure. This school was formally called The School of the Association for the Promotion and Standardization of Midwifery and informally known as the Lobenstine School of Midwifery, after Dr. Ralph Waldo Lobenstine, Chairman of MCA's Medical Board since its founding in 1918.^{4,5} The Lobenstine School was specifically established to educate public health nurses to become midwives. Its clinical services provided care to disadvantaged women in New York City's Harlem community. Births were attended at home, except when hospitalization was deemed necessary. Mary Breckinridge, a member of the MCA Board, sent Rose McNaught, from the Frontier Nursing Service, to serve as a midwifery educator.³ Hattie Hemschemeyer, then a public health nurse educator, became the school's Executive Director and one of its first graduates.^{3,4,5}

Along the way, MCA's school had affiliations with Teachers' College of Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University.⁴ In 1934, its name changed to the Maternity Center Association School of Midwifery.⁴ In 1958, MCA began using Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC) in Brooklyn as its primary clinical site for student experiences. In 1974, the registration of the school was changed from MCA to Downstate Medical Center, where it became a program in the College of Health Related Professions.⁶ The program, now known as the SUNY Downstate Midwifery Education Program, remains nationally respected, best known today for its longevity and its ethnic and racial diversity, and for taking the innovative step of educating Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) and Certified Midwives (CMs)

side-by-side in one integrated program. It is also one of a few programs in the United States to offer a Master of Science degree with a specialization in midwifery.

The establishment of the program at Downstate to educate CMs, in partnership with the North Central Hospital (NCB) midwifery service, was a major step in establishing midwifery in the United States as a truly independent profession and in bringing midwives in this nation closer to our midwifery sisters in the many countries where nursing is not the only route to becoming a midwife. The CM program was possible only because of the foresight of the New York State midwives who struggled for ten years to gain midwifery licensure, and the vision and fortitude of Lily Hsia, Downstate's Midwifery Chair at the time of establishment of the program, Pixie Elsberry, Midwifery Service Director at NCB, Mary Ann Shah, Downstate's Special Projects Director, who played a key role in the program's establishment, and the Downstate midwifery faculty (Suzanne Schechter, Aleida Llanes-Oberstein, Grace Holmes, Nancy Campau, and Valerie Roe) and the midwives at NCB. The faculty today applauds the pioneering spirit of Downstate's CM graduates. Their willingness to be the first, their hard work, and, ultimately, their success have demonstrated to the United States that midwifery is, indeed, a profession distinct from any other.

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Midwifery Yesterday...

Rose McNaught, midwifery instructor, teaching student nurse-midwives at the Lobenstine School of Midwifery, in the 1930s.

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and Today...



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THE MIDWIVES

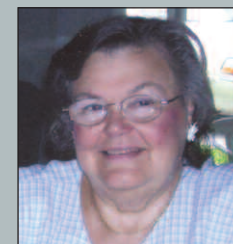
Betty Carrington, EdD, CNM, FACNM

Betty Carrington has lived a life of dedication to midwifery service and education. She spent years in clinical practice, first as a public health nurse and then as a midwife, with underserved women and families before becoming a faculty member at SUNY Downstate. She later assumed the position of director of the Columbia University School of Nursing Midwifery Education Program. Betty also gave the ACNM her valuable expertise by serving as chair of the Division of Accreditation; during her tenure the DOA attained institutional accreditation status. She also served the ACNM as Vice President. After retirement from midwifery education, Betty continued clinical practice at Harlem Hospital, working with an underserved population of HIV-positive women. Betty was honored by the ACNM in 2001 with the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award.



Marilyn Cottrell, CNM

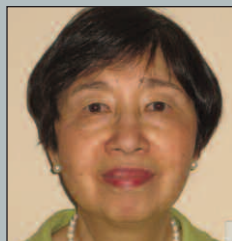
Marilyn Cottrell was one of the pioneering midwives in Dr. Gwen Gentile's family planning training program at University Hospital of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in the 1970's. She spent all of her long career at Downstate providing well-woman gynecology and family planning services and educating every student fortunate enough to encounter her. Not only midwifery, medical and nurse practitioner students learned from her—she also generous-



ly served as a consultant for many seasoned clinical practitioners, including midwives and physicians. She kept her extensive knowledge base current by attending workshops and seminars and reading journals. Marilyn embodied the midwifery philosophy by providing individualized, culturally sensitive care to a fiercely loyal group of women, and countless midwives remember her with gratitude as their role model for well-woman gynecology care.

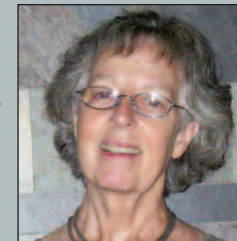
Lily Hsia, CNM, CPNP, FACNM

Lily Hsia dedicated 37 years of her life to serve the SUNY Downstate Midwifery Education Program, beginning as Assistant Clinical Professor and ending as Chairperson. She was instrumental in the school's receiving numerous grants, and she directed the establishment of the track for certified midwives (CMs), resulting in Downstate's becoming the first program in the country to educate people from a great variety of backgrounds, including, but not limited to nursing, to become midwives. Lily has also served on the Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health since 1965. She was one of the original members of the New York State Board of Midwifery, and chaired the board for two years. She engages in clinical practice even in her retirement by providing ambulatory care to Chinese-speaking women. Lily has also served as an international midwifery education consultant in China, Taiwan, Indonesia and Japan. She was recognized by the ACNM with the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award in 2005.



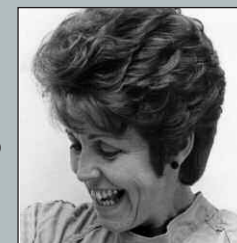
Ruth Mankoff, CNM, MS

Ruth Mankoff is the Director of Midwifery at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center. She began her midwifery career in England and Wales and practiced midwifery in Switzerland before coming to the US. In 1988 she graduated from Columbia's Midwifery Program and became part of its faculty, while also practicing clinical midwifery at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. Ruth is a staunch proponent of the midwifery model of care and has transformed the Bronx Lebanon Midwifery Service to reflect this. Midwifery and medical students leave Bronx Lebanon changed because of Ruth's nurturing and positive mentoring, which brings out the best in them. Ruth manages to mix compassion, business sense, political savvy, vast knowledge and clinical expertise to make her the outstanding midwife that she is.



Joanne Middleton, CNM, PhD, FACNM

One of the pioneers of midwifery in the New York City area, Joanne Middleton developed a unique service at SUNY Downstate in which no distinction was made between women who came to the service via the hospital's clinic or with private insurance. Under her leadership, staff midwives were privileged to work in an environment where the midwifery model of care was a reality. Joanne's private practice, which just celebrated its 30th year in existence, is still thriving. Over the years Joanne precepted midwifery students from various educational programs. She also served the ACNM in several positions, including that of Vice President, Treasurer and Program Director for the 1975 annual meeting in NYC. Joanne's fierce dedication to serving women as they deserve to be served inspires her to continue to maintain midwifery ideals in an increasingly technological climate.



OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Stephen Ajl, MD

Stephen Ajl, a pediatrician who arrived at SUNY Downstate in 1986, is a valued friend of midwifery and a proponent of the ideals by which midwives practice. His advocacy for breastfeeding led him to establish the SUNY Downstate University Hospital Breast Feeding Support Group, which met weekly and offered free support to any breastfeeding mother. Steve himself was always in attendance. He has graciously shared his expertise with midwifery students by lecturing on infant development and participating in the Breastfeeding Basics workshop each year. Steve is also renowned for his work in child abuse prevention; he has served on the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center and on the NYC Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse. He is a much-beloved pediatrician for the children of many midwives and the women they serve.



Gwen Gentile, MD

Gwen Gentile is a reproductive endocrinologist whose dedication to providing contraceptive services, especially to underserved populations, stems from her experience of two years in India. After another two years working to develop Norplant in Pakistan, she returned to the US and entered the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Invited in 1975 to join the faculty at Downstate, Gwen, along with Dr. Schuyler Kohl, began a training program to educate nurse-midwives in family planning techniques. Along with her husband, Dr. Donald Helbig, Gwen obtained two large NIH grants to study issues related to contraception. She has always been a strong advocate for women's reproductive rights, and an exceptional mentor and role model for practicing midwives and resident physicians, as well as for midwifery, medical, PA and NP students. Gwen has been affectionately called "a midwife-doctor."



Alexander Sedlis, MD

Alexander Sedlis is well-known to the Downstate community as the leading expert in cervical cytology. Internationally educated, he served for many years as Director of Gynecology at Downstate and Kings County Hospital Center, and also as Director of Downstate's Colposcopy Clinic. He has published widely and lectured in many countries. Although he is now Professor Emeritus, Alik continues to see women in Kings County's Colposcopy Clinic and to speak each year to the midwifery students on cervical cytology. He is an extraordinary teacher, clinical resource and role model for midwives and midwifery students, generously offering his time as consultant and lecturer. His management criteria are always up-to-date and focused on the least invasive therapy. He is especially known for sensitive and affirming care for women.



LEGISLATORS & PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mary Applegate, MD, MPH *NYS Department of Health*

Mary Applegate is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University at Albany School of Public Health. For over a decade before moving to the University last year, Dr. Applegate served as Medical Director of the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Women's Health. In that capacity, she provided medical guidance to programs addressing the full range of maternal health issues, including prenatal care, perinatal regionalization, family planning, reproductive health, breastfeeding promotion, and maternal mortality prevention. She worked closely with the Medicaid program to ensure that New York's Medicaid policies were as supportive as possible of women's health care. In all aspects of her job at the Department of Health, she worked hard to ensure that policies



considered and supported midwifery practice. Before the creation of the New York State Board of Midwifery, she and Nancy Cuddihy, CNM, were responsible for reviewing and approving nurse midwives' backgrounds and practice arrangements.

Assemblyman Richard (Dick) N. Gottfried

Richard N. Gottfried, NYS Assemblyman, represents the 75th Assembly District in Manhattan. He is chair of the Assembly Health Committee. He is a leading state health policy-maker not only in New York, but also nationally. He was a major architect of the Midwifery Practice Act (1992) and has continually supported midwifery, including the Non-Discrimination Privileges Bill, one of the major legislative efforts of the New York State Association of Licensed Midwives (NYSALM). He was a co-sponsor of NYSALM's Physical Therapy Bill, which passed in June, 2007. Dick Gottfried endorses and fights for stronger consumer protection rights, and was instrumental in New York's landmark managed care reforms. Highlights of his legislative work include the Prenatal Care Assistance Program, Child and Family Health Plus, Right to Marry and the Health Care Proxy Law. He is a leading advocate in the Legislature for civil liberties, reproductive freedom and gay rights.



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

Amy R. Paulin represents the NYS 88th Assembly District in Westchester County. Prior to her election in 2000 she was Executive Director of My Sister's Place, a comprehensive agency working to end domestic violence. Throughout her legislative career she has been a dynamic, articulate advocate for women and families, working on such issues as domestic violence, gun control, day care and special education. Amy can uniquely relate to midwifery issues,



having chosen midwifery home births for all three of her children. She sponsored NYSALM's Physical Therapy Bill and co-sponsored our Non-Discrimination Privileges Bill. She also authored the New York State Emergency Contraception Bill and the HPV Vaccine Bill, and is now proposing legislation to look at the rising cesarean rate in the state.

Congressman Edolphus Towns *US House of Representatives*

Well known to Brooklyn midwives, Congressman Edolphus Towns is currently serving his twelfth term in the House, representing the tenth Congressional District of Brooklyn. He has repeatedly demonstrated his support for midwifery by sponsoring legislation that would increase midwives' Medicare reimbursement rate to a full 100% of the physician rate instead of the 65% now on the books. As various versions of this legislation have failed to pass each year, Congressman Towns has reintroduced it in a new form. This year's version is The Midwifery Care Access and Reimbursement Equity Act of 2007. The NYC and Long Island Chapters of ACNM recently expressed our gratitude for his tireless efforts on our behalf by recognizing him publicly at a combined meeting at which he reaffirmed his belief in our profession.



“THE WOMEN”

Robbie Davis-Floyd, PhD

Robbie Davis-Floyd is an anthropologist whose advocacy for midwifery stems from her own experiences with the birth of her two children. These experiences, the first a traumatic Cesarean in a hospital and the second a home birth attended by two lay midwives, led her to choose birth as her dissertation topic. The resulting book, *Birth as an American Rite of Passage*, published in 1992, has become a classic in the field of women’s studies and medical anthropology. Since then Robbie has been a spokesperson for midwifery, supporting both Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) and CNMs/CMs. She belongs to MANA (as a non-voting member) and the ACNM (as a Friend of the College). She has served as an adviser to the Maternity Center Association and as a committee member of the Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS).



Doris Haire

For forty years Doris Haire has been a powerful, committed and effective voice for safe maternal-child health care in the US and abroad. She has devoted her life to raising awareness of the need for quality research about the effects of common obstetrical practices and drugs on women and their infants. She has spoken and published widely on her findings; her 1972 publication, *The Cultural Warping of Childbirth*, was the first referenced analysis focusing on the lack of scientific support for most common obstetric practices. Doris is currently President of the American Foundation for Maternal and Child Health, a past Chair of the National Women’s Health Network, and a past President of, and current consultant to, the International Childbirth Education Association. She has testified at three Congressional hearings on obstetric care and brought about the first General Accounting Office investigation into the FDA’s questionable drug regulating practices.



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In behalf of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the College of Health Related Professions at SUNY Downstate, it is my honor to congratulate the Midwifery Education Program faculty and staff for their contribution to 75 years of Continuous Midwifery Education in the United States.

We join you in commemorating this important milestone and celebrate your vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to innovative Midwifery Education, outstanding clinical practice and compassionate care for women and their families.

Your leadership serves as a model for all health professions!

Congratulations

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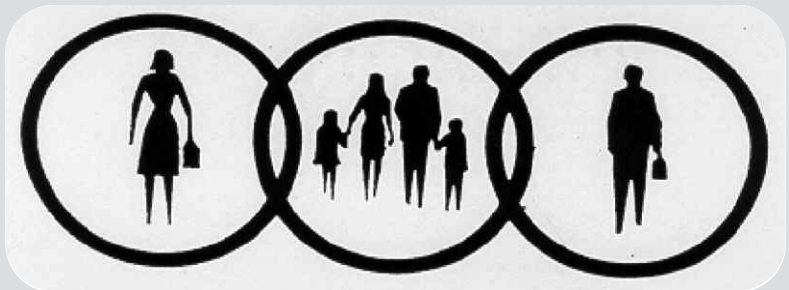
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Love, Debra Bonaro

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