

## New Speakers Added this Fall

We are pleased to announce that **two new speakers** have been added to our fall webinars!



**Vanessa Caldari, BSN, CPM**, will join Oregon State University researchers Holly Horan and Melissa Cheney for the November 8th webinar "**RE:BIRTH: Navigating and Mediating Maternal Stress and Birth Outcomes in Pre- and Post-hurricane Puerto Rico.**" Vanessa is a practicing home birth midwife in Puerto Rico (PR) and the founder and director of the nonprofit organization, Mujeres Ayudando Madres Inc. (**Centro MAM**). Centro MAM promotes alternatives in birth practices in PR, access to midwifery care, doula care and education for pregnant families and birth workers. Vanessa has been practicing midwifery for 20 years and is dedicated to promoting this paradigm within the Latinx community and Puerto Rico. In her practice, Vanessa is directly affected by the Zika crisis and can share firsthand knowledge on what the standard of practice is on the island.

[Register here for this webinar](#)



**Jamarah Amani, LM**, will join Jaqxun Darlin, CPM, LDM, for the November 22nd webinar "**Gender, Sexuality, and Inclusion of All Families in Midwifery Practice.**" Jamarah believes in the power of birth and that every baby has a human right to be breastfed/chestfed. Her mission is to do her part to build a movement for Birth Justice locally, nationally and globally. A community organizer from the age of sixteen, Jamarah has worked with several organizations across the United States and in Africa on various public health issues, including HIV prevention, infant mortality risk reduction, access to emergency contraception and access to midwifery care. She is director of Southern Birth Justice Network, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to end shackling of incarcerated women who labor and birth in chains.

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## NACPM Virtual Annual Meeting - Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 - 3:00 pm ET

Please join our Leadership Team for the [4th Virtual NACPM Annual Member Meeting](#) on Wednesday, November 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 Eastern time. The political landscape for CPMs is evolving, momentum for state licensure is growing, and NACPM is stepping up with a growing body of resources for professional development, advocacy and clinical support for you and your colleagues.

Come meet your Board of Directors and staff and hear about NACPM's newly-released [Briefing Papers](#) and the vision for the future of the profession they describe. Hear how NACPM's growing **Chapters** project is generating dynamic new relationships among the midwives in states. Learn more about the upcoming **2018 CPM Symposium** coming next May and how you can participate in the planning of this unique event for CPMs and stakeholders. Want to know how NACPM is funding this important work, the latest on US MERA, and more? Join us on November 15th - ask your questions and provide feedback in real time. Put it on your calendar today!

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## CPM Symposium

Your opportunity to weigh in on the critical issues facing childbearing people and midwives is coming soon. **Watch your email** this next month **for a survey** designed by the Symposium Program Team to capture your thoughts about priority topics and speakers. The symposium is not like your typical meeting or conference. It's an opportunity to gather the CPM community and other maternity care stakeholders to engage in a process that includes presentations, small group activities, and large group visioning - **in short, to plan together for the future of the profession!** Get in on the ground floor: your engagement with the CPM Symposium 2018 will begin with this survey which will inform the next steps of the planning. Let your voice be heard and help shape this important event.

### **SAVE THE DATE! CPM SYMPOSIUM 2018!**

May 11-13, 2018  
Potomac, Maryland

Join the conversation about the urgent needs of childbearing people in the U.S. and how CPMs can grow and change to better serve more families. We will hear from families from a broad range of demographics and from public health researchers regarding what most concerns them about quality of care available today. We will examine the disproportionate burden of infant and maternal mortality in communities of color, the challenges we face as obstetric workforce shortages worsen, and more. Together we will explore

and plan for how CPMs can step up to these challenges and the role we must play in improving the health and lives of people having babies in the U.S.

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