

# AMWA Fellowships

**Elise Eller, PhD** / 2020–2021 Director-at-Large and Chair and Board Liaison, Member Awards Committee

*AMWA Fellowships are awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the goals and activities of AMWA. The 2021 Fellows are leaders with distinguished records of service at the chapter and national levels.*

## Jennifer Bridgers, MS, MWC

Jennifer Bridgers brings a broad foundation of industry experience to her work, both in project and managerial roles. She has been writing for medical and technical audiences for over 20 years, including 17 years as a regulatory medical writer across many document types and therapeutic areas. As one of the first cohort of Certified Medical Writers (MWC), Jennifer has been actively involved with AMWA throughout her career, including through attending 15 of the last 17 annual conferences. She served as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President of the Carolinas Chapter from 2009 to 2012 and as a Carolinas Chapter delegate to the AMWA Board of Directors. She has taught over 10 workshops, including “Summarizing Clinical Safety Data for an NDA,” “Writing an ICH-compliant Protocol” and “Composing Narratives for Safety and Adverse Event Reporting.” She has also led multiple roundtables and open sessions at both national and regional AMWA conferences. Jennifer’s contributions to AMWA also include continued committee work, having served on the Educational Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Regulatory Education Advisory Group. She is the Regulatory Section Editor for the *AMWA Journal* (2017 to present) and the Chapter Advisory Committee representative for the Carolinas Chapter.



## R. Michelle Sauer Gehring, PhD, ELS

R. Michelle Sauer Gehring is a senior research scientist at the University of Texas Health Center for Advanced Heart Failure, an instructor at the University of California San Diego, and

the owner of RnA Editing, LLC. She wrote her first grant in 2005 as a graduate student and has not stopped. After completing her PhD in microbiology/genetics and a postdoctoral fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine, she began realizing that her talent was “in the writing” and transitioned from the academic faculty career path to medical communication. She joined AMWA in 2009 and attained her certification as an Editor in the Life Science in 2011. At the chapter level, Michelle has served as Treasurer, Program Chair, and President of the Southwest Chapter. She has also chaired conference planning committees at the chapter and national level.

Michelle was nominated to AMWA’s national Board of Directors in 2018 and currently serves as the Secretary and Board Liaison to the *AMWA Journal*. Michelle is an active member of the medical communication community, has contributed multiple articles to the Journal, and leads open sessions and roundtables at AMWA conferences. She mentors and advises those new to the field and continues to work in the academic research sector as an instructor and as a grant and publication writer and editor.



## Theresa E. Singleton, PhD

Theresa E. Singleton is a freelance scientific writer and has worked in the field of medical communication for a decade. She holds a BS in nutritional science from Cornell University and a PhD in microbiology and immunology from Boston University. Following her graduate studies, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital. Theresa is Owner and Principal Scientific Writer at Singleton Science, LLC, where



she specializes in publication writing and plain-language writing and editing.

Theresa has been an active AMWA member since 2010, serving in leadership roles at both the chapter and national levels. She was the New England Chapter's Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. At the national level, Theresa served for 3 years on the Board of Directors. During that time, she chaired the Member Recognition Committee and was board liaison for the *AMWA Journal*.

Theresa credits her business success, in part, to connections made with other AMWA members. To pay it forward and help create a supportive environment for those new to freelancing, she has co-led Jam Sessions for Early Career Freelancers at 3 AMWA annual conferences. She continues

to serve in volunteer roles as a member of the Nominating Committee and as chair of the *AMWA Journal* Editor-in-Chief Search Task Force. When she's not in the office or volunteering, she enjoys rhythm tap dance.

Please join AMWA in congratulating Jennifer, Michelle, and Theresa. They will be acknowledged at the 2021 Medical Writing & Communication Conference, to be held virtually October 27-29.

*The Member Awards Committee members were Elizabeth Brown, Elise Eller (chair), Andrea Gwosdow, Karen Klein, Mary Knatterud, Susan Krug (ex officio), Marianne Mallia, and Kristina Wasson-Blader. Diane Noland from AMWA Headquarters provided excellent support.*

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