

Lesley Rathbun MSN FNP CNM FACNM

WORK EXPERIENCE

2007-Present Charleston Birth Place Charleston, SC
Owner/Director

- Founded the only freestanding birth center in Charleston, SC
- Full scope midwifery, employing 5 nurse midwives
- CABC accredited center since conception

2011-2017 American Association of Birth Centers Perkiomenville, PA
President Board of Directors

2004-2007 Low Country Women's Specialist Charleston, SC
Staff CNM

- Full scope midwifery including inpatient and clinic care
- Preceptor for CNM students
- Family Medicine Resident training

2002-2003 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Teach undergrad and graduate nursing students basic and maternity nursing skills
- Worked with SIM training mannequins

2000-2004 Middlefield Care Center Middlefield, OH
Obstetrical Registered Nurse

- Care of intrapartum and postpartum patients in a free standing birth center
- Served on the birth center Board of Directors
- Led the center in achieving CABC accreditation status

1992-1993 Northeast Community Hospital Hurst, TX
Obstetrical Registered Nurse

- Care of antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum patients

1987-1993 Janis Cornwell MD Arlington, TX
Ob/Gyn Registered Nurse

- Care of patients in a private OB/GYN practice

1985-1987 South Arlington Medical Center Arlington, TX
Obstetrical Registered Nurse

- Care of antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum patients

1983-1987 Hugely Memorial Hospital Ft Worth, TX
Obstetrical Registered Nurse

- Care of antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum patients

EDUCATION

2001-2004 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
Master of Science Nursing

- Dual certificate as Family Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife
- Grade Point Average 4.0

1981-1983 El Centro College Dallas, TX

- Associate Degree Nursing

AWARDS

- Notable Master of Science Nursing Alumni CWRU
- Charlie Magazine 50 Most Progressive People
- Center for Women Brave Women Award
- Post & Courier 20 to Know Change Makers
- Fellow American College of Nurse Midwives

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING

- 2013-2017 Presided over all board meetings and annual conference as President AABC
- 2011 Speaker at Annual Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses Conference Charleston SC.
- Speaker at AABC Conferences 2012-2016 subjects include collaboration, water birth, billing and coding, electronic medical records and promotion of physiologic labor
- 2015 Speaker at Tri-state chapter meeting ACNM on water birth
- 2013-2017 Testifying on behalf of birth centers and APRN legislation at state legislative hearings
- 2013-2015 Hosted and instructor of Out of Hospital Birth Emergency Training seminar
- 2013-2017 Represented birth centers and nurse midwives on local news interviews

ADVOCACY

- 2004-Present member HCA Trident Medical Center Maternal Child Care Committee
- 2011 Elected to AABC Board of Directors
- 2012-Present Elected two consecutive terms AABC President
- 2013 Member of South Carolina Midwives Action Committee
- 2012-Present Board Member South Carolina Coalition for Access to Health Care advocacy group to remove supervision for APRNs
- 2013-Present Member CDC/ACOG Maternal Mortality Committee
- 2013-Presnet Member South Carolina Birth Outcomes Initiative

- 2013-2017 American Association of Birth Center representative on the National Quality Forum organization.
- 2013-Present lobby efforts on both state and national level. Successfully recruited Sen Tim Scott to co-sponsor S628 Improving Access to Maternity Care Act. Drafted and recruited state legislators to introduce bills to bring regulation of Birth Centers up to national standards. Worked with Sen Lindsey Graham office to facilitate meetings with Tri-Care officials to improve access to birth centers for military families.
- 2013-Present Worked with grassroots birth center consumer groups to oppose over regulation of birth centers in South Carolina.
- 2013-Present met with state regulators and officials including Governor Haley and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control to improve regulations for SC Birth Centers.
- 2014 Hosted Legislative Open House at Charleston Birth Place attended by both state and national legislators.
- 2015 organized multi stakeholder meeting to review birth center standards including AABC, ACNM, ACOG, AAP, AWHONN, CIMS, NACPM, MANA, and consumer groups.
- 2015- Present Member of South Carolina Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee
- 2017- Present Board Member of March For Moms
- 2017- Present Appointed Clinical Expert for South Carolina Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)

PUBLICATION

DeMaria A., Sundstrom B., Moxley G., Banks K., Bishop A., **Rathbun L.** Castor oil as a natural alternative to labor induction: A retrospective descriptive study. *Women and Birth*;30(4).

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Weyer SM, Hustey VR, **Rathbun L.**, Armstrong VL, Anna SR, Ronyak J, Savrin C. A look into the Amish culture: What should we learn? *J Trans Cult Nurs*. 2002;14(2):139-145.

RESEARCH

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DeMaria A, Sundstrom B, Mosely G, Banks K, Bishop A, **Rathbun L.** November, 2016. *Castor oil as a natural alternative to labor induction*. Poster presented at the SC Birth Outcomes Initiative, Columbia, SC.

DeMaria A, Sundstrom B, Mosely G, Banks K, Bishop A, **Rathbun L.** *Castor oil as a natural alternative to labor induction*. Poster presented at the American Association of Birth Centers Birth Institute meeting. September 2016.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- American Association of Birth Centers
- American College of Nurse Midwives
- American Nurses Association
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses
- Midwives Alliance of North America
- South Carolina Perinatal Association