Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award
for Program Director Excellence

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents/fellows and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.

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Nominators had this to say:
“Dr. Gormley takes a team approach to patient care in the perioperative environment and has done so for years. She actively solicits input from all members of the team in a way that ensures all patient care experiences are grounded in dignity, respect, and information sharing. She serves as a wonderful role model in this regard.”

“In addition to her full-time clinical load, she sits on national committees within urology and research consortiums, is the president of the New England Section of the American Urologic Association, is an examiner for the American Board of Urology, and has several leadership positions within our home institution. Despite her full schedule, she never misses an opportunity to teach and engage the residents, whether it's during clinic, on afternoon rounds, in the OR, during conferences, or after hours. She rarely misses conferences and has her own program director's conference once or twice a month after hours, typically covering female urology, neuro-urolgy, or urodynamics.”

“Ann was intimately involved in operationalizing the new specialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, participating actively in creation of the program requirements, and the initial program accreditation review process. As our key content expert on the Urology RRC, her involvement was critical on many levels. She was an important and energetic contributor to this novel, interdisciplinary effort.”