

## **Christian Women in Science Marie H. Berg Award Information**

### Background/history:

Each year since 2022, Christian Women in Science (CWIS) presents the Marie H. Berg Award, in honor and recognition of an outstanding woman member of the ASA/CSCA who has helped to advance the ASA's mission.

Dr. Marie Berg was an educator, researcher, leader, and advocate for the Christian faith. She was a professor of biochemistry and was the first woman to be appointed an ASA fellow in 1963. In the 50s and 60s, she served on the Committee for Encouraging Women to Enter Science, an effort within the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Berg was passionate about integrating her Christian faith into her science by blending human concerns with her technical work. She was praised for her "faithfulness to Jesus Christ, and for the energy she has channeled into ASA causes." Dr. Berg was faithfully an ASA member up until close to the time of her passing in 2007. She is now in Glory.

In honor of Dr. Berg's rich legacy, the CWIS affiliate group of the ASA celebrates its women members whose commitments to their work and ASA/CSCA membership have led to the advancement of the ASA's mission. Each year, one award recipient is selected and honored at the ASA Annual Meeting and presented with a pendant made of Lake Superior agate, carefully collected, polished, and handcrafted by Gitche Gume, a woman- and Native American-owned business in Michigan (<https://www.lakesuperiorpendants.com/>).

### Award Criteria:

The Marie H. Berg Award seeks to honor a woman member of the ASA/CSCA who has led to the advancement of the ASA's mission. The mission of the ASA is to interpret, integrate, and communicate the discoveries of science with insights of Scripture and Christian theology.

This mission is similarly aligned with ASA's vision to serve its members in expressing their vocational giftings and call from God in service to society, science, the church, and one another. Together, the mission and vision are realized through members' scholarly excellence, professional identities informed by the historic creeds of the Church, and generative and redemptive growth in community.

We seek to celebrate a woman member of the ASA/CSCA who represents a commitment to the advancement of women in the sciences (physical, life, and social sciences) and faith.

- The nominee must be an active member of the ASA or CSCA, having sustained participation at ASA/CSCA events (in person or online, local or national) for at least 5 years (non-consecutive).

- The nominee must be a Christian woman studying and/or working in the sciences and/or participating in furthering the dialogue on science and Christian faith (e.g., scientists, social scientists, theologians, philosophers, science communicators, and so on).
- The nominee must exhibit a unique contribution within her field of research or work efforts (flexibly defined).
- The nominee must exhibit a commitment to advancing the voices of women in science and faith endeavors, including mentorship of future women leaders in science and faith.
- The nominee does not have to be a member of CWiS but should be an active member of the ASA or CSCA.

Award application requirements:

- The Marie H. Berg Award is an opportunity for all ASA/CSCA members to uplift and recognize the contributions of its women ASA/CSCA members. We thus strongly encourage the nominations of women ASA/CSCA members by other ASA/CSCA members, rather than self-nominations. If you are interested in being nominated, please work with another ASA/CSCA member to secure your nomination.
- A one-page letter of nomination from an ASA/CSCA member, describing and explaining the nominee’s suitability for the award. This may include:
  - a summary of the nominee’s vocational pursuits and accomplishments.
  - a description of how the nominee’s Christian faith and work or interest in the sciences are interrelated.
  - examples of the nominee’s commitment to advancing the voices of women in science and faith endeavors.
  - examples of the nominee’s commitment to advancing the mission of the ASA.

How to submit:

Award submission deadline: **June 1, 2026**

Please submit a one-page letter of nomination as detailed above to indicate why the nominee should be a recipient of the Marie H. Berg Award. Submit the nomination letter to Dana Oleskiewicz, CWiS President, as an email attachment to [dana@asa3.org](mailto:dana@asa3.org).

*This award will be announced at the General Meeting held during ASA 2026 on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Gordon College, MA.*

Past Recipients:

2026	Wenham, MA	??????????
2025	Lakewood, CO	Janet Warren
2024	Washington DC	Jennifer Wiseman

2023 Toronto, Canada

Lynn Billman  
Judy Toronchuk

2022 San Diego, CA

Ann Hunt  
Sara Miles  
Dorothy Chappell