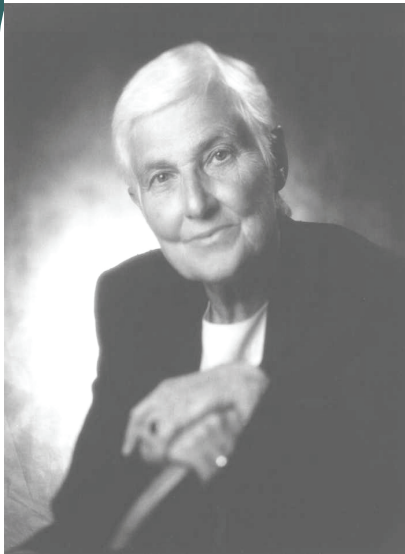


Women Leaders and their Life Journeys...thus far

DR. GLORIA E. SARTO



Dr. Sarto is a Professor in the UW Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Co-Director of the UW Center for Women's Health Research. Dr. Sarto is also Director of the UW Research Coordinating Center, which was established in 2003 to facilitate the performance of collaborative, high-quality research in women's health among the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health the Community Centers of Excellence and the Rural Frontier Coordinating Centers.

A native of Wisconsin, Dr. Sarto entered the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1951, emerging in 1963 with an undergraduate degree, a medical degree and residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She received her Ph.D. in Medical Genetics in 1971. Dr. Sarto then received an appointment as faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the UW.

Rising through the ranks, Dr. Sarto achieved the rank of Professor in 1975. Exercising her leadership skills, Dr. Sarto initially served as Associate Chair while in Wisconsin, further refining those skills in her subsequent appointment as Professor and Vice Chairman at Northwestern University in Chicago. An appointment to the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Milwaukee Clinical Campus of the University of Wisconsin followed in 1983. In 1986, Dr. Sarto assumed the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque, a position she held through 1996.

Dr. Sarto has been the recipient of multiple honors and awards. An Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Dr. Sarto is the recipient of the Association of Women Surgeons Distinguished Member Award, AMWA Lila A. Wallis Woman's Health Award for lifetime achievement in women's health care and research, and the University of Wisconsin Medical Alumni Citation Award. Dr. Sarto served on the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine Board on Health Sciences Policy. She also served on the Committee on Understanding and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care, the Committee on Lesbian Health Research Priorities and the Committee on Research Capabilities of Academic Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Above and beyond these multiple contributions, Dr. Sarto has served the National Institutes of Health and its Office of Research on Women's Health in multiple capacities. Significant contributions were also made with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, the American College of Surgeons, the Society for the Advancement for Women's Health Research (President, Board of Directors and Member, Executive Committee) and the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology (Chair).

Dr. Sarto was the first woman president of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society in 2004, one hundred years after its inception.

