

## Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach* and whose promotion of the concept of "living divided no more" has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



### **Fiona E. Gallahue, MD, FACEP**

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#### **Nominators had this to say:**

“Dr. Gallahue is the founding residency program director of Emergency Medicine at the University of Washington (UW). She has spent the last decade as a vocal leader as our specialty has integrated into the UW Medicine academic health system.”

“As chief residents, we have witnessed her consistent response to issues that arise. Dr. Gallahue is timely, listens intently, and always seems to take any raised concern as an opportunity to reflect on the context of the issue at hand. Residents are very clearly Dr. Gallahue’s priority, as she explains the nuances of her decisions, prioritizing transparency. She is a strong leader, yet demonstrates the flexibility to change course appropriately through this process of reflection, illustrating her humility and adaptable leadership style. When counseling resident-led initiatives, she is particularly good about ensuring that stakeholders are engaged and their positions understood, providing context to the issue, and supporting the residents.”

“Most importantly, Fiona is a consummate emergency physician. She views emergency medicine as a practice that is not just about diagnosing the obvious, but also the subtle. She advocates for the vulnerable and the voiceless.”