

Uta Landy, PhD

National Director, Kenneth J. Ryan Residency Training Program and the Fellowship in Family Planning

Dr. Landy is an internationally recognized expert in medical education in family planning. She has worked in the field of family planning and abortion since 1970 as an international consultant, researcher, counselor, administrator, writer, and advocate.

She directed one of the first abortion clinics in New York after legalization in 1970, and became the first Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation in 1979.

Her global work started in 1985 when she convened the first International Christopher Tietze Symposium in conjunction with FIGO in Berlin, resulting in the publication of the proceedings, *Prevention and Treatment of Contraceptive Failure*, with coauthor Professor S.S. Ratnam from Singapore University. In 1999, she founded the Kenneth J. Ryan Residency Training Program in Abortion and Family Planning (<http://www.ryanprogram.org/>) dedicated to the integration of family planning into medical education. The Ryan program is now at 70 major medical schools in the US and Canada. In 1999, Dr. Landy also assumed the role of National Director of the Fellowship in Family Planning (<http://www.familyplanningfellowship.org/>), the only post graduate fellowship in family planning, which is now based in 29 leading universities and teaching hospitals in the US. Both programs are used as educational models integrating abortion and contraception training worldwide.

In 2003, Dr. Landy collaborated with Pathfinder International to develop to reform the Vietnamese curriculum in abortion and contraception. Delegations of policymakers and academic leaders from all eight Vietnamese medical schools attended, including deans, department heads and representatives from the ministries of health. The two week courses at UCSF led to major reform clinical care and didactics for medical education in Vietnam. Dr. Landy and a team of UCSF clinician educators serve as advisors and consultants to teaching hospitals and academic leaders, integrating teaching about abortion and contraceptive care in Thailand, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Uruguay.

As the director of the Fellowship, she has overseen the global placement of 250 family planning fellows, establishing relationships with faculty in South and Central America, East and Southern Africa, Egypt, Thailand, Iran, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Nepal. These relationships have allowed additional provision of technical assistance in capacity building, medical education and evidence-based clinical care.

Areas of interest:

- Assessment and evaluation of abortion and family planning
- Training of residents in obstetrics and gynecology

Awards and honors

- Senator Barbara Boxer's Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition with the 'Woman of the Year' award
- NAF Christopher Tietze Humanitarian award
- Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Margret Sanger award

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