

2018 SSWR Awards

Aaron Rosen
Lecture



Wendy Haight, PhD
University of Minnesota

“Understanding Stigmatization and Resistance through Ethnographic Research:
Implications for Practice”

Book Award



Roberto G. Gonzales, PhD
Harvard Graduate School of Education

For the Book

Gonzales, Roberto G. (2016). *Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America.*
Oakland: University of California Press.

**Book Award,
Honorable
Mention**

Kristin Seefeldt, PhD, University of Michigan

For the Book

Seefeldt, Kristin. (2015). *Abandoned Families Social Isolation in the Twenty-First Century.*
New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Larry E. Davis, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

For the Book

Davis, Larry E. (2016). *Why Are They Angry With Us? Essays on Race.* New York: Oxford University Press

**Deborah K.
Padgett Early
Career
Achievement
Award**



Desmond U. Patton, PhD

Columbia University

In recognition of Dr. Patton's notable influence on understanding the links between traditional forms of gang violence and threatening social media communication and his noteworthy contributions to advance the social work profession.

**Distinguished
Career
Achievement
Award**



Larry E. Davis, PhD

University of Pittsburgh

Larry E. Davis has spent his life and career dedicated to issues of race, civil rights, and social justice. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a Masters in social work, and a Masters in psychology from the University of Michigan. He then decided to work in the trenches, joining VISTA and spending three years in one of New York City's poorest neighborhoods.

He returned to academia and became the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. from the dual-degree program in social work and psychology at the University of Michigan. He pursued both degrees because he believed that the methodology of

psychology combined with the tools of social work would enable him to bridge the gap between analysis and application.

Over the years, Dr. Davis' work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Science Foundation. He was the first African-American in any discipline to be awarded tenure at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was a Professor of Social Work and Psychology and the holder of the E. Desmond Lee Chair in Ethnic and Racial Diversity.

In 2001, Dr. Davis was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh, where he serves as Dean of the School of Social Work and holds the Donald M. Henderson Chair. At Pitt, he also became the founding Director of the Center for Race and Social Problems, which conducts applied social science research on race, ethnicity, and color, the first such center to be created in any American school of Social Work.

Doctoral Fellows Award



Sameena Azhar

The University of Chicago

“HIV Stigma and Gender: A Mixed Methods Study of People Living with HIV in Hyderabad India”



Jill Spielfogel The University of Chicago

“Relationships Between Birth Parents and Foster Parents: Do They Matter for Child Well-Being and Permanency?”

**Excellence in
Research Award**



Cecilia Ayón, PhD

University of California, Riverside

For the article

Ayón, Cecilia. (2016). Talking to Latino children about race, inequality, and discrimination: Raising families in an anti-immigrant political environment. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 7(3), 449-477.

**Excellence in
Research Award
Honorable
Mention**

Malitta Engstrom, PhD, LCSW, University of Pennsylvania

For the article

Engstrom, Malitta, Winham, Katherine, and Gilbert, Louisa. (2016). Types and characteristics of childhood sexual abuse: How do they matter in HIV sexual risk behaviors among women in methadone treatment in New York City? *Substance Use and Misuse*, 51(3), 277-294.

Eric L. Garland, PhD, LCSW, University of Utah

For the article

Garland, Eric L., Roberts-Lewis, Amelia, Tronnier, Christine D., and Graves, Rebecca. (2016). Mindfulness-Oriented Recovery Enhancement versus CBT for co-occurring substance dependence, traumatic stress, and psychiatric disorders: Proximal outcomes from a pragmatic randomized trial. *Behavior Research and Therapy*, 77, 7-16.

**Outstanding
Social Work
Doctoral
Dissertation
Award**



Jordan Davis, PhD
University of Illinois at
Urbana- Champaign

“Effect of Mindfulness-Based on Relapse Prevention on Developmental Trends, Stress, and Substance Use among Young Adults in Residential Substance Use Treatment”



Vincent A. Fusaro, PhD
University of Michigan

“The Spirit of ‘96: States & the Implementation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.”

**Outstanding
Social Work
Doctoral
Dissertation
Award Honorable
Mentions**

Mikail DeVeaux, PhD, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York – Hunter College

“Fitting-In: How Formerly Incarcerated New York City Black Men Define Success Post-Prison”

**Social Policy
Researcher
Award**



Michael Sherraden, PhD

Washington University in St. Louis

In recognition of Dr. Sherraden’s record of accomplishment that demonstrates distinguished achievement across an extended career of research in social policy.