TO: Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems
FROM: Wendy Simonds, Chair, 2004-05 C. Wright Mills Award Committee
RE: Final Committee Report, 2004-05
DATE: June 30, 2005

The C. Wright Mills Award Committee is proud to announce the winner of the 2004 Award. We selected Mario Luis Small’s *Villa Victoria: The Transformation of Social Capital in a Boston Barrio*, University of Chicago Press.

This excellent ethnographic study definitely fulfills the goals a Mills award winner should: it critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance; it brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective; is theoretically sophisticated; beautifully written; and has policy implications.

As always, it was difficult to make this choice. We had eight worthy finalists:

- **Karen V. Hansen**, *Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care*, Rutgers University Press
- **Nicole Raeburn**, *Changing Corporate America from Inside Out: Lesbian and Gay Workplace Rights*, University of Minnesota Press
- **Chris Rhomberg**, *No There There: Race, Class, and Political Community in Oakland*, University of California Press
- **Edward E. Telles**, *Race in Another America: The Significance of Skin Color in Brazil*, Princeton University Press

Though it was a difficult and time-consuming job, I think everyone on the committee felt gratified to be part of the process.

Members were:

- Steven Barkan
- Lisa Brush, Chair-Elect
- Sherry Cable
- Mitch Duneier
- Karyn Lacy
- John McCarthy
- Jodi O’Brien
- Joachim Savelsber
- Wendy Simonds, Chair