

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**

**Phyllis Moen and Patricia Roehling, *The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc.**

**Katherine S. Newman, Cybelle Fox, Wendy Roth, Jal Mehta, and David Harding, *Rampage: The Social Roots of School Shootings*, Basic Books**

**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**

**Mario Luis Small, *Villa Victoria: The Transformation of Social Capital in a Boston Barrio*, University of Chicago Press**

**Katherine V. W. Stone, *From Widgets to Digits: Employment Regulation for the Changing Workplace*, Cambridge University 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 Savelsberg  
Wendy Simonds, Chair