

TO: SSSP Board of Directors
FROM: Lisa D. Brush, Chair, 2005 C. Wright Mills Award Committee
RE: Final committee report
DATE: July 20, 2006

On behalf of the committee, President Renzetti, and the entire membership of SSSP, I am delighted to announce that the winner of the 2005 C. Wright Mills Award is: Pun Ngai for *Made in China*.

The award is made to the author of a book published in the calendar year (in this case, 2005) that:

1. Critically addresses an issue of contemporary public importance.
2. Brings to the topic a fresh, imaginative perspective.
3. Advances social scientific understanding of the topic.
4. Displays a theoretically informed view *and* empirical orientation.
5. Evinces quality in style of writing.
6. Explicitly or implicitly contains implications for courses of action.

The committee reviewed more than 80 nominated books this year. The committee helped me select the seven finalists:

Prudence L. Carter, *Keepin' it real: School success beyond black and white*

Carrie Yang Costello, *Professional identity crisis: Race, class, gender, and success at professional schools*

Nicholas De Genova, *Working the boundaries: Race, space, and 'illegality' in Mexican Chicago*

Renny Golden, *War on the family: Mothers in prison and the families they leave behind*

Patricia Yancey Martin, *Rape work: Victims, gender, and emotions in organization and community context*

Pun Ngai, *Made in China: Women factory workers in a global workplace*

Jennifer A. Reich, *Fixing families: Parents, power, and the child welfare system*

I am happy to acknowledge the labor and good judgment of my long-suffering, hardworking committee members:

Joan Acker
Heather Dalmage
Hector Delgado
Kevin Hanson
Mary Romero
Jennifer Wesley

I would like to thank President Renzetti for inviting me to serve SSSP as chair of this very interesting committee. I will announce the award at the banquet on Friday.