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To: SSSP Board of Directors

From: Jane C. Hood, Chair Lee Founders Award Committee (2006)

Committee members: Jean Elson, Larry Greil, Ron Kramer, Shana Maier, and Lesley Reid. Chair elect: Debb Thorne

Our committee completed its review process well before the April 15 deadline but delayed finalizing our decision to accommodate any last minute nominations. I am delighted to inform you that we have chosen Barbara Katz Rothman, 1993-94 SSSP past president, as this year's recipient of the Lee Founders Award. Barbara has been notified and will be present (with guests). Larry Greil's nomination of Barbara Katz Rothman was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the rest of our committee. Barbara is a public sociologist whose work on issues of reproduction, parenting, adoption and the human genome has influenced the construction of social problems.

Barbara has used her knowledge in service of society by volunteering as a lecturer for nurse-midwifery education programs, consulting for the U.S. Congress on reproductive technology issues, and appearing often in the national and international press. Barbara's accessible writing and speaking style has allowed her to deliver the results of her research far beyond the boundaries of our discipline.

In addition to publishing many books, articles, and chapters in the academic press, and reviewing for journals such as THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS as well as a great many sociology journals, Barbara has taken time to write for THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, medical newsletters such as "Midwifery Today" and THE PHYSICIANS WEEKLY, as well popular magazines such as PARENTS MAGAZINE, GLAMOUR, NEWSDAY, and MS.