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MEMORANDUM

TO: SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: CAROLYN C. PERRUCCI, CHAIR, LEE FOUNDERS AWARD
COMMITTEE (2009)

Committee Members: Claire M. Renzetti, Chair-Elect; John R. Cross; Ranjan Datta; Corey Dolgon; Don Drennon Gala; Daniel Egan; Kamini Maraj Grahame; and Nancy Kleniewski

By the April 15 deadline, the committee had received one response, from Michael L. Radelet, University of Colorado at Boulder, nominating John F. Galliher for the 2009 Lee Founders Award. We also received letters in support of this nomination from Professor Kathleen J. Ferraro, Past President, and Jay Gubrium, Professor and Head of Sociology at the University of Missouri. I distributed the nomination letter and Dr. Galliher's vitae to Committee members via regular mail, since that is the way that they were received. I distributed the Ferraro and Gubrium letters via email. Following a thorough review of the materials, Committee members voted in favor of John Galliher as this year's recipient of the Lee Founders Award.

Professor John Galliher completed his Ph.D. at Indiana University in 1967 and joined the faculty at the University of Missouri, where he has spent his entire professional career. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1976, and he has served as the Director of Peace Studies at MU since 1995.

Professor Jay Gubrium, John's department head, writes in support:

"John exemplifies ... the motto of the Society, 'scholarship in pursuit of justice.' All of his work, from his empirical studies of drugs in society to his more recent biographical monographs that focus on adherents of social justice perspectives, attests to his dedication to the motto and to one of the central purposes of the Society. John's is a professional career centered exactly on an underlying ethic of equality and justice for all."

Also, Professor and Past SSSP President Kathleen Ferraro writes in support of this nomination "John's lifelong commitment to "scholarship in the pursuit of justice" deserves recognition through this award. His lengthy list of publications includes numerous articles and [15] books that address some of the most pressing social problems, including drug laws, the death penalty, research ethics, and felony disenfranchisement. Between 1973 and 2002, he published eleven articles in *Social Problems*, including seminal articles on anti-drug legislation that have been reprinted in numerous anthologies. John has been central to the progressive analysis of the meanings of drug policies and capital punishment. His work on capital punishment is a resource for scholars and activists who need clear insight into the data on the ineffectiveness of the death penalty for achieving justice. His book, *America Without the Death Penalty*, is a full analysis of the central issues that is a vital resource for understanding the debates and advocating for abolition."

Regarding a second line of scholarship, Ferraro continues:

John has “completed biographies of Edwin Sutherland, Alfred Lindesmith, Laud Humphreys, and Mabel Agnes Elliott. For me, his most influential biography is *Marginality and Dissent in 20th Century Sociology: The Case of Elizabeth Briant Lee and Alfred McClung Lee*. Without this book, we would have no coherent history of our founders and our Society.

Michael Radelet adds:

“As a result of this monograph, the work of Elizabeth and Al Lee and the principles that gave rise to it will live on for future students in our discipline to study and emulate.”

Drawing further from the nomination letter from Michael Radelet, an additional way in which Professor Galliher carries on the traditions of the Lees is his work with the Peace Studies Program, at the University of Missouri, which he has directed for the past dozen years...Offering a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Peace Studies, the Program “is a unique, first-rate place to study peacemaking and global human rights.”

In addition, John Galliher has a long and distinguished record of service to SSSP. He served for several years on the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, and as its Chair. He was one of the people who helped guide SSSP into investing our surplus and creating a resource for hard times. John also served on the Membership Committee, the Lee Founders Award Committee, the Board of Directors and as President of the Society.

Kathleen Ferraro summarizes the Committee’s sentiments by saying that John Gallaher ...has actively worked to bring scholarship to public debates by publishing, teaching, and working with local government...He has adhered to the ethos established by the Lees in the 1950s and richly deserves the 2009 Lee Founders Award.”