

Report from the 2012 Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee

The 2012 Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee members include Dr. Gabriel Aquino Chair, Catherine Gillis, Reza Hasmath, Keith M. Kilty, Tanya L. Saunders, and Rebekah Zincavage. This year we had one nomination for the award after an extension to the original deadline. The committee was instructed to determine if the nominee meets the criteria for the award as described below or not to present the award. After a tied vote and one abstention and a no vote, I as chair broke the tie in favor of giving the award to Dr. Nancy Wonders.

According to the nomination letter and Dr. Wonders' CV we felt that the nominee meet the criteria for the Joseph B. Gittler Award. Dr. Wonders has shown a great dedication to being a teacher, scholar, and advocate for solving social problems. According to her letter of nomination her research focuses on marginalized immigrant groups and women who are victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, she devotes time to community activities: she has raised money for a local victim-witness program, she has organized a public forum on the topic of sexual harassment, and she has worked to reduce school violence. She actively participates in community workshops that address domestic violence, sexual assault, safe learning environments in schools, and Borderland and other global justice issues. Those who voted for Dr. Wonders felt she would be an appropriate exemplar for the Joseph B. Gittler Award.

Below you will find the criteria passed to the committee for selecting the award recipient.

CRITERIA FOR THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD for the most contributions in the area of "Ethical Components in the Resolution of Social Problems"

1. The nominee must have been an active member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for at least three years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must have produced and disseminated scholarship promoting ethical solutions to social problems over the preceding three or more calendar years. *Ethical solutions* entail scholarship that promotes awareness and/or activism to increase public recognition that social problems and social injustices are ethical issues; and/or scholarship that identifies and promotes societal level responses to social problems and injustices. *Scholarship* may be undertaken from a wide variety of perspectives, including both applied research (qualitative or quantitative research) and normative work (e.g., argumentative, historical, philosophical, textual or theoretical analyses).

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Any member of the Society may nominate one or more persons for the award. Members of the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee are encouraged to nominate.
2. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting evidence sufficiently detailed for the committee to render a decision (e.g., a resume; media accounts of activist activities inspired by the nominee's scholarly efforts, testimonials from grass roots organizations or advocacy agencies; or additional supporting description of the nominee's work, demonstrating that the contributions meet the criteria for nomination). Please include supporting information not covered in a resume. List names of colleagues who would be willing and able to write supporting letters upon the request.