

Arlene Kaplan Daniels Award Committee Report 2017

Submitted by Wendy Simonds, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Katrinell Davis, Maheen Haider, Peter Hall, and Raymond J. Michalowski (Chair-Elect).

We received seven excellent submissions this year.

I asked committee members to rank their *top four* papers. Committee members evaluated the papers in terms of whether/how they:

- 1) *Address contemporary issues of women's justice locally, nationally, and globally;*
- 2) *Bring a fresh perspective to women's inclusion in global society and advances new theoretical directions discussing women and social justice;*
- 3) *Are theoretically informed and possess an empirical orientation.*

We all agreed on a top choice. This has never happened in the history of the organization, as far as I know. There was, thence, no debate.

This year's award winner is Barbara Rothmüller, (Institute of Education and Society, University of Luxembourg), whose paper "The Imagined Community of Sexually Liberal Citizens," we unanimously felt best achieved the criteria above.

Below is the abstract of the paper, which was published in *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education* in 2016.

Recent integration discourses in Europe locate problems of equality, gender, and sexuality among migrant youth. Educating and testing the values of future citizens is supposed to guarantee their conformity with 'western' and 'modern' values. By analyzing educational reform discourses in multicultural Luxembourg, the paper aims to challenge these contemporary narratives in two ways: (1) In a historical analysis, the paper traces conservative reform resistance in the case of sex education which is often overlooked due to the focus on migrants; (2) In placing sex education's reform legitimation and resistance within (a) broader educational reform discourses of inequality and citizenship and (b) contemporary narrations of the reforms and their taboos, the paper reconstructs how liberals and conservatives join an alliance over sexuality education of 'the Other'. The sociological-historical discourse analysis critically questions the ethnicization of sexuality by disclosing its homogenizing use to cover conservative resistance within the citizen's community.

It is a beautifully written, theoretically sophisticated, and activist-oriented paper – an honor to Daniels's memory.

Michele helped me to update letters from last year, which the SSSP Office sent to notify the winner and non-winning nominators of the outcome.

We had great nominations, and it made our job easier that there were fewer of them. But increasing nominations should probably be a goal, in my view. Perhaps next year's committee could publicize the award via their own social media – in addition to SSSP advertising it on its social media. SWS has a strong social media presence and would promote this award, and so would the Feminist Wire (just a couple of ideas).

Thank you to the Committee members, and to Michele and her staff for everything!