

## Erwin O. Smigel Travel Awards Committee Report 2016-2017

The Erwin O. Smigel Travel Awards were established in 1975 to provide assistance to unemployed and underemployed sociologists. According to SSSP by-laws, applicants for Smigel travel awards must be sociologists with an advanced degree who are not full-time students and who are not fully employed (list of criteria below). The committee had \$1,500 to allocate with \$500 as the maximum amount that can be granted to any one recipient. The 2016-17 Erwin O. Smigel Travel Awards Committee application deadline was midnight (EDT), March 15, 2017. Committee members for this year, were Nancy Jurik, Chair, Julie A. Mikles-Schluterman, Chair-Elect, and Amanda Kahl Smith.

These were the Smigel Award guidelines:

- 1) The Smigel Award monies are to be used to help pay for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists' transportation to and registration fees for the SSSP meeting;
- 2) Applicants must be current SSSP members who are presenting a paper at the main SSSP meeting (rather than at an adjacent workshop or meeting) or participating as a SSSP elected or appointed officer or committee member;
- 3) A maximum of \$500 dollars is to be granted to any one recipient. Persons unable to attend the meetings MUST return all monies to SSSP.

The Committee received nine online applications for the Smigel Award but one application was a duplicate so that left the Committee with eight applicants to consider. Of these eight, four applicants did not meet the eligibility requirements [three were 2017 student members and one was not on the 2017 SSSP program]. Therefore, the committee decided to delete those four applicants [i.e., Green, Laberge, Rothmuller, Stevens], and to consider only the remaining four applicants for funding [Asbury, Dergousoff, Engeman and Szetela]. In other words, the Committee did not award any amount to applicants who were not on the program or had not paid current SSSP dues.

Michele Koontz provided the Committee with a spreadsheet of the applications which included three columns that she added to the spreadsheet for 1) SSSP Membership Status, 2) Program Participation, and 3) Received Funding in 2016. A copy of this spreadsheet is attached. The committee decided to make awards to the four applicants who were eligible for funding. In determining the amount awarded to each of the four recipients, the committee factored in the distance that would be traveled to the conference. More specifically, the Committee looked at the four applicants who met awards criteria and offered more to the applicant coming from another country who faced a higher airfare. We made this decision to be consistent with SSSP's expressed desire to encourage more international participation in its annual meetings. We divided the remaining monies among the other three applicants who were traveling from distances that we deemed closer or more in line with domestic fares. We advised Michele Koontz of our decision in late March and she contacted applicants and recipients to inform them of the Committee decisions.

In summary, the committee made the following awards:

Cassandra Engeman received \$500;  
Kathleen Asbury received \$333;  
Deborah Dergousoff received \$333;  
Adam Szetela received \$333.

I would like to thank the Smigel Committee members-- Julie A. Mikles-Schluterman, Chair-Elect, and Amanda Kahl Smith--and Michele Koontz for their work on these awards decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Erwin O. Smigel Award Results: 03/15/2017

#	SSSP Membership Status	Program Participation	Received funding in 2016	Submit Date	Last Name	First Name and MI	Address	City	State/Province	Zip or Other Postal Code
1	2017: Paid \$30 Unemployed Category	yes-1 paper presentation	yes-\$375	3/1/2017	Asbury	Kathleen	8217 Rowland ave	Philadelphia	Pa	19136
2	2017: Paid \$45 First Time Professional Dues Category	yes-1 paper presentation	no	3/13/2017	Dergousoff	Deborah	6772 Curtis St	Burnaby	British Columbia	V5B 2B1
3	2017: Paid \$30 Unemployed Dues Category	yes-2 paper presentations	no	2/15/2017	Engeman	Cassandra D.	Salixvägen 7A	Uppsala	Uppsala	14482
4	2017: Paid \$30 Unemployed Dues Category	no	no	2/15/2017	Green	Adam	17504 Deer Isle Cir	Winter Garden	Florida	34787
5	2017: Paid \$30 Student Dues Category	yes-1 paper presentation	no	2/17/2017	Laberge	Elaine J.	#1205, 10011-116 Street	Edmonton	AB	T5K 1V4
6	2017: Paid \$30 Student Dues Category	yes-1 paper presentation	no	2/10/2017	Rothmüller	Barbara	Knobelsdorffstraße 14	Saarbrücken	Germany	66123
7	2017: Paid \$30 Student Dues Category	yes-1 paper presentation	no	3/15/2017	Stevens	Jennifer M.	5565 Annie Oakley Dr.	Las Vegas	NV	89120
8	2017: Paid \$45 First Time Professional Dues Category	yes-2 paper presentations	no	2/8/2017	Szetela	Adam	85 Potomac Street	West Roxbury	MA	2132
9	Applied twice - see #8 above			2/26/2017	Szetela	Adam	85 Potomac Street	West Roxbury	MA	2132

Country if not US	E-mail		Address	City	Zip or Other Postal code	Country if not US	Please indicate how you plan to travel to the meeting
	asburykathy@verizon.net	No					Airplane
Canada	ddergous55@gmail.com	Same as above					Airplane
Sweden	cassandra.engeman@statsvet.uu.se	Same as above					Airplane
	adamscottgreen@gmail.com	Same as above					Rail
Canada	elaberge@ualberta.ca	Same as above					Airplane
Germany	barbara.rothmueller@univie.ac.at	No	Steingasse 36/19	Vienna	1030	Austria	Airplane
	steven64@unlv.nevada.edu	Same as above					Airplane
	aszetela@outlook.com	Same as above					
United States	aszetela@outlook.com	Same as above					

Travel cost	Room cost	Meal cost	Grand Total	why you consider yourself underemployed, if	for program participation or participating as a	Date Stamp	Time Stamp
300	265	60		I work part-time for Community College of Ph	This year I have organized a panel and will pre	1-Mar-17	7:40 AM
\$650	\$378	\$75	1103	I am employed as a sessional instructor. At th	My paper Transnational NGOs as 'developmen	13-Mar-17	2:35 PM
800	0	45	845	I am currently unemployed, though I have an	I plan to present one sole-authored and one c	15-Feb-17	8:57 AM
	N/A				What are the impacts of a research phenome	15-Feb-17	6:42 PM
609.25	756	60	1425.25	I am a current master's student. I will defend	I will present findings from my master's resear	17-Feb-17	1:12 PM
\$1,050	\$540	\$45	\$1,635	I am currently employed as a PhD student and	At the SSSP meeting I will present findings fro	10-Feb-17	8:31 AM
\$780	\$567	\$45	\$1,392	I believe my employment status qualifies me a	I will be presenting my paper ?Blue Lives Matt	15-Mar-17	8:23 PM
272.16	337.37	45	654.53	I am an adjunct teacher at Berklee College of	First, I will present my research titled ?Race, S	8-Feb-17	10:38 AM
\$46	337.37 (cost of a split shared room, including tax, for three nights)	45	428.43	I am an adjunct teacher at Berklee College of	First, I will present my research titled ?Race, S	26-Feb-17	7:13 PM