

To: SSSP 2018-2019 Board of Directors

From: Apoorva Ghosh

Re: 2019 Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee

June 17, 2019

Summary of Activities:

Nominations for the 2019 Joseph B. Gittler Award were due on April 15, 2019. The committee received nominations for 2 individuals: Corey Dolgon and Tanya Saunders. "According to the guidelines, all nominees 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." Both nominees fulfilled this criterion.

Corey Dolgon's nomination was made by David Embrick and Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl; the nomination letter was incredibly organized, including an extensive cover letter, five additional letters of support (from Mary Chayko, Annulla Linders, Pamela Anne Quiroz, Rogelio Sáenz, Christopher Wetzel), and Dr. Dolgon's CV. Tanya Saunders was nominated by Heather Dalmage. Dalmage's letter, too, was well-written and was accompanied by Dr. Saunder's CV. In the nomination form, Dalmage suggested Ashley Currier and Agustin Lao Montes as additional letter writers for Tanya Saunders. I solicited additional letters from both letter writers and received one from Ashley Currier.

All nomination materials were shared with the committee members and were asked to recommend the winner. The Committee voted to grant the award to Dr. Corey Dolgon, Professor of Sociology at Stonehill College. Drawing on the nomination materials, the award letter sent to Dr. Dolgon states "We believe this is, without doubt, a well-deserved honor because of your dedication to the organization and scholar activism, and especially your work on public sociology and service learning that reflect your sincere desire to not just teach about social problems but to also engage society in understanding and addressing injustice. All of these things, plus your many publications and academic honors, your significant mentoring work with graduate students and junior colleagues, and your efforts to bring students, faculty, and independent scholars to SSSP's doors, where you offered them your networks as if they were your family, lead us to the conclusion that you are our overwhelming choice for the 2019 award."

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their service:

- Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia
- Giovanna Follo, Wright State University Lake Campus
- Rong Fu, Siena College
- Dana Greene, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Doug Meyer, University of Virginia
- Sally Ramage, Society of Legal Scholars

Sincerely,

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Chair, 2019 Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee