

July 31, 2025

2024-25 Report of the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee

In January, the criteria for the award was reviewed. We proposed and received Board Approval of a small revision to the criteria regarding previous awardees: (bolded below)

- 1) The Smigel Fund monies supports transportation and registration fees for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists to attend the SSSP Annual Meeting.
- 2) Applicants must be current 2025 SSSP members 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 will be granted to any one recipient.
- 4) Preference will be given to applicants who did not receive support from the Smigel Award in the previous year.**

After the deadline passed, all committee members individually considered the three timely applications in view of the published award criteria, including deadlines for applications, and the award amounts at our disposition. Following subsequent discussion and careful consideration, we arrived at a unanimous decision to award the maximum amount to Meghna Bhat. The remaining two applications were deemed unsuitable for funding.

Bhat, Meghna	\$500. Award

We advised the Administrative Office of our decision and requested that the applicants be advised of the outcome.

Having concluded our work and with no new proposals, we have determined that there was no need for us to hold any further meeting in Chicago when Tracy Vargas will assume the role of chair.

Subsequently, a late application was received in mid-July but rejected as untimely since the published deadline had long since passed.

Best regards,

R.A. Dello Buono, Chair (2024-2025), Manhattan University, on behalf of:

Tracy L. Vargas, Chair-Elect (2024-2025), University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Michael O. Johnston (2024-2025), William Penn University