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TO: SSSP Board of Directors

FROM: Clare E.B. Cannon (Chair), Jennifer Robuck Bulanda, Rodney Coates, Sanjay Tewari, and Paul D. Steele

SUBJECT: Joseph Gittler Award

The Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee selected **Dr. Nancy Naples** as the 2026 Joseph B. Gittler Award winner. The decision was unanimous. This award was established in 2007 through a bequest from Joseph B. Gittler in recognition of a SSSP member for significant scholarly achievements on the ethical resolution of social problems.

Our committee overwhelmingly supported Dr. Naples' selection based on her dedication to the organization and her history of scholarly activism. The committee was particularly impressed by Dr. Naples' long-standing commitment to addressing social problems related to poverty along gendered and racial axes, as well as her contributions to public policy and discourse in these areas and topics. Across research, teaching, and service, she has clearly demonstrated a remarkable commitment to solving social problems, while training the next generation of researchers and organizers to do the same. As the nominators wrote, "Dr. Naples advances ethical, justice-oriented scholarship; expands and applies institutional ethnography to real-world problems; bridges activism and academia; produces policy-relevant, and community-engaged research." Over her distinguished career, you have had a transformative impact on the field, illuminating the toughest social problems and lighting a path for how to address them.

The award will be given at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 8 from 5:45pm-7:00pm (Eastern Time), where Dr. Naples will be recognized and presented with the award.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Robuck Bulanda, Clare E. B. Cannon (Chair), Rodney Coates, Sanjay Tewari, and Paul D. Steele