

Previous SSS Award Recipients

Roll of Honor

In recognition of a career of distinguished intellectual contributions to sociology

2024 Larry Isaac, Vanderbilt University
2023 Lynn Smith-Lovin, Duke University
2020 Michael Hughes, Virginia Tech
2015 Robert Agnew, Emory University
2014 Walter Gove, Vanderbilt University
2014 Kenneth Land, Duke University
2013 John Shelton Reed, University of North
2012 Ronald Wimberley, North Carolina State University
2011 Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University
2008 Clifton Bryan, Virginia Tech
2008 Patricia Yancey Martin, Florida State University
2007 Ida Harper Simpson, Duke University
2006 Richard L. Simpson, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2002 Ronald L. Akers, University of Florida
1996 Lewis M. Killian, University of West Florida
1995 Charles B. Nam, Florida State University
1994 Alan C. Kerckhoff, Duke University
1990 Rudolf Heberle, Louisiana State University
1989 Kurt W. Back, Duke University
1986 Guy B. Johnson, University of North Carolina-
1986 Joseph H. Fichter, Loyola University
1984 Joseph S. Himes, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
1982 Vernon J. Parenton, Louisiana State University
1979 Ernst Borinski, Tougaloo College
1977 Rupert B. Vance, University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill
1977 T. Lynn Smith, University of Florida

Odum Student Paper Award

In recognition of outstanding research papers by undergraduate and graduate students

*denotes undergraduate student, +denotes graduate student

2025 Reilly Kincaid, Purdue University +
2025 Isabella Bahamon, Southwestern University*
2024 Rose Elizabeth Archer, Florida State University+
2024 Brigit S. Reese, Southwestern University*
2023 Aidan Combs, Duke University+
2023 ThuyMi Phung, Southwestern University*
2020 Jordyn Livingston, University of South Carolina*

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2020 Emily K. Maloney, Duke University+
2015 Joanna Hawkins, Southwestern University*
2014 Yueran Zhang, Duke University*
2014 Richard Benton, North Carolina State University+
2013 Cara Wagner, Furman University*
2013 Anne Kronberg, Emory University +
2012 Kristen McCollum, Southwestern University*
2012 Regina Baker, Duke University+
2011 Kristen Warren, Stetson University*
2010 Jessica Herbst, Southwestern University*
2010 Michael Gaddis, North Carolina-Chapel Hill+
2009 Long Doan, University of Georgia*
2009 Nicole Powell, Southwestern University*
2009 Daniel B. Shank, University of Georgia+
2009 Mark Bodkin, North Carolina State University+
2008 Rachel Powell, Centenary College of Louisiana*
2007 Meagan Elliot, Southwestern University*
2007 Lydia Aletraris, University of Georgia+
2007 Matthew Mahutga, University of California-Irvine+
2006 Alexandra Hendley, Southwestern University*
2006 Diya Surie, Centenary College*
2006 Miyuki Fukushima, University of Oklahoma+
2005 Scott Jacques, University of Georgia*
2005 Carissa Froyum, North Carolina State University+
2004 Shawn Trivette, Tennessee Technological University*
2004 Melissa Sloan & Koji Ueno, Vanderbilt University+
2003 Harmony Newman, Centenary College*
2003 Edward W. Morris, University of Texas at Austin+
2002 Eduardo Ho, University of Georgia*
2002 Deana Rohlinger, University of California-Irvine+
2001 Brian Lee Thompson, University of South Alabama*
2001 Jason W. Beckfield, Indiana University+
2001 Jen'nan Ghazal Read, University of Texas+
2000 Carmen Schmitt, University of Florida*
2000 Krista McQueeney, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill+
1998 Emily Stewart, Furman University*
1994 Chris Palmer, Indiana University*
1994 Vincent J. Roscigno & M. Keith Kimble, North Carolina State University+
1993 Clasina Segura, Louisiana State University*
1993 John McMullen, Emory University+
1989 Diashiro Nomiya+
1986 M. Therese Stafford & Diane Bradley, Louisiana State University+
1985 Ginia M. Caruso, Guilford College*
1985 Scott D. Camp, Pennsylvania State University+

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1984 Jane M. Smith, Valencia Community College*
1984 Charles Vaught, University of Kentucky+
1983 Lori Swartz, University of North Carolina-Greensboro*
1983 Brian Powell & Jerry Jacobs, Emory University+
1982 Toni Calasanti, University of Kentucky
1981 Susan Twaddle & Alan Stump, Virginia Tech
1979 Alan Stump & Susan Twaddle, Virginia Tech
1977 Cecil L. Willis, Virginia Tech
1976 Donna E. Parmelee, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
1975 Paula Dressel & Virginia Murray, University of Georgia & Appalachian State University
1973 William Howard, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
1972 Elbert L. Cook, North Carolina State University
1971 T. Jean Blocker & Janis W. Chesson, East Carolina University

Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the teaching of sociology

2025 Daniel Farr, Kennesaw State University
2020 Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Alabama-Huntsville
2019 Jody Clay Warner, University of Georgia
2016 Department of Sociology, University of South Florida
2015 Mindy Stombler, Georgia State University
2013 Rebecca Bach, Duke University
2010 Edward I. Kain, Southwestern University
2006 Gregory Weiss, Roanoke College
2005 Idee Winfield, College of Charleston
2004 Maxine Atkinson, North Carolina State University
2002 Clifton D. Bryant, Virginia Tech
2002 Department of Sociology, James Madison University

Distinguished Lectureship Award

In recognition of excellence as a scholar and lecturer

2019 Barbara Risman, University of Illinois Chicago
2015 Jon Shefner, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
2012 Shirley Laska, University of New Orleans
2011 Larry W. Isaac, Vanderbilt University
2008 Larry J. Griffin, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2007 E.M. Beck, University of Georgia
2006 William W. Falk, University of Maryland
2005 Dolores Aldridge, Emory University
2002 John Moland, Jr., Alabama State University

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1997 Charles U. Smith, Florida A&M University

1994 Daniel S. Johnson, Dillard University

Charles S. Johnson Award

In recognition of distinguished scholarly contributions on race and the South

2016 Earl Wright II, University of Cincinnati

2010 Larry J. Griffin, University of Maryland

2006 William W. Falk, University of Maryland

2005 Delores P. Aldridge, Emory University

2002 John Moland, Alabama State University

1997 Charles U. Smith, Florida A&M University

1994 Charles S. Johnson, Dillard University

Katharine Jocher-Belle Boone Beard Award

In recognition of scholarly contributions to the understanding of gender and society

2020 Justine E. Tinkler, University of Georgia

2018 Robin W. Simon, Wake Forest University

2015 Holly McCammon, Vanderbilt University

2014 David Maume, University of Cincinnati

2013 Karen Campbell, Vanderbilt University

2010 Irene Padavic, Florida State University

2004 Barbara Risman, North Carolina State University

1999 Patricia Yancey Martin, Florida State University

1995 Rachel Rosenfeld, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

The Martin L. Levin Distinguished Service Award

In recognition of outstanding service to the Southern Sociological Society

2022 Shannon Davis, George Mason University

2020 Cameron Lippard, Appalachian State University

2019 David Brunσμα, Virginia Tech

2016 Dennis R. McSeveney, University of New Orleans

2014 Stephanie Bohon, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

2013 Bob Freymeyer, Presbyterian College

2010 Tom Hood, University of Tennessee

2006 Clifton Bryant, Virginia Tech

2005 Abbott L. Ferriss, Emory University

2004 Catherine Harris, Wake Forest University

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2003 Martin L. Levin, Mississippi State University

Charles Gomillion-Joseph Sandy Himes Award

In recognition of a career of distinguished sociological practice

2020 Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University

2019 Cynthia Neal Spence, Spelman College

2019 Charles U. Smith, Florida A&M University (posthumous)

2019 John L. Moland, Alabama State University (posthumous)

Junior Scholar Award

In recognition of early-stage scholars whose work demonstrates promise

2025 Trenton Mize, Purdue University

2024 Tania Jenkins, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

2023 William J. Scarborough, University of North Texas

2022 Alison Adams, University of Florida

2020 Shawn Bauldry, Purdue University

2020 Kasey Henricks, University of Tennessee

2019 Michaela DeSoucey, North Carolina State University

2019 Victor Ray, University of Tennessee