

Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Report to the SSSP Board  
Committee Members: John Alessio, Chair; Jennifer Wesely, Chair-Elect; and Ruth Thompson

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The premise of the Erwin O. Smigel Award is to support SSSP meeting attendance for three or four unemployed or severely underemployed sociologists with a maximum award allocation of \$500.00.

For 2013, the Smigel Award Committee received twelve online applications. Attached as part of this report is a brief spreadsheet containing our recommendations regarding those applications. As you can see from the spreadsheet, half of the applicants were students. These applicants were referred to the student travel award application process. They did not qualify for a Smigel Award. At the time of our recommendation Dr. Vadadhir was still not an SSSP member and we advised the SSSP office that he should not receive the award without first becoming a member. He is committed to the conference since he will be an active participant so we assume he will want to join.

I have made brief notes regarding the other entries that were not recommended for an award. There were two applicants that were clearly qualified and two that we felt were close enough in the sense that their positions and corresponding pay could be considered "underemployment."

The two applicants that we felt were clearly qualified were Kathy Asbury and Junko Inui. They are, respectively, a part-time adjunct and a new Ph.D seeking full-time employment. They were each awarded \$450. The other two awards were given to Jennifer Graves and Abouali Vadadhir who, while holding full time jobs, are both underemployed in the sense of not having sufficient pay and support to attend the conference without financial difficulty. They were each awarded \$300. Two other applications were considered, but were not supported due to an absence of required information.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions or concerns related to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John C. Alessio, Retired MnSCU Professor and Dean

| name     | member | participate | prior \$ | travel \$ | un-under emp  | amount \$ |                          |
|----------|--------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Whitley  | 2012   | paper       | no       | 1020      | student       | \$0       |                          |
| Asbury   | 2013   | organiz etc | yes      | 450       | part time     | \$450     |                          |
| Tyler    | 2013   | paper       | no       | 922       | student       | \$0       |                          |
| Graves   | 2013   | paper       | no       | 360       | low pay etc   | \$300     | under-paid & no support  |
| Cannon   | 2013   | paper       | no       | 345       | student       | \$0       |                          |
| Cabaniss | 2013   | paper       | no       | 800       | ????          | \$0       | insufficient information |
| Inui     | 2013   | paper       | no       | 1075?     | new/part time | \$450     |                          |
| Haskin   | 2013   | presider    | no       | 1280      | student       | \$0       |                          |
| Thakore  | 2012   | organiz etc | no       | 1360      | ????          | \$0       | insufficient information |
| Vadadhir | no     | paper       | no       | 4000      | low pay etc   | \$300     | low pay international    |
| Jackson  | no     | paper       | no       | 990       | student       | \$0       |                          |
| Cobb     | 2013   | paper etc   | no       | 500?      | student       | \$0       |                          |