

2017 SSWR Awards

**Aaron Rosen
Lecture**



Enola Proctor, PhD Washington University in St. Louis

“The Pursuit of Quality for Social Work Practice: Three Generations and Counting”

Book Award

For the Book

Edin, Kathryn J., Shaefer, H. Luke. (2015). \$2 a Day: Living On Almost Nothing in America. New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.



Kathryn Edin, PhD Johns Hopkins University



Luke Shaefer, PhD University of Michigan

**Book Award,
Honorable
Mention**

Benjamin Henwood, PhD

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Deborah Padgett, PhD

New York University

Sam Tsemberis, PhD

Pathways to housing for the Book

Henwood, Benjamin, F., Padgett, Deborah K., Tsemberis, Sam. (2015). Housing First: Ending Homelessness, Transforming Systems, and Changing Lives. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.**Vicki Lens, PhD** Hunter College

For the Book

Lens, Vicki. (2015). Poor Justice: How the Poor Fare in the Courts. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

**Deborah K.
Padgett Early
Career
Achievement
Award**



Ian Holloway, PhD

University of California, Los Angeles

In recognition of Dr. Ian Holloway's research in examining the health risk and protective behaviors of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and his noteworthy contributions to advance the social work profession.

**Distinguished
Career
Achievement
Award**



Rami Benbenishty, PhD

Bar Ilan University

Rami Benbenishty is a professor at Louis and Gabi Weisfeld School of Social Work at Bar Ilan University. He received his BA and MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and his Ph.D. in Social Work and Psychology from the University of Michigan.

His main area of interest is the safety, welfare, and wellbeing of children. He is studying children and youth both in community normative settings, such as schools and in out of

home placements, such as foster homes and residential care. With his colleague, Anat Zeira, he has conducted multiple studies on issues relevant to children aging out of care.

He investigates and tries to improve decision processes that lead to referral to protective services, removal of children from their biological families, and their reunification thereafter. He is studying the decision making processes of child protection teams in hospitals which report children to community protective services.

Benbenishty has developed a conceptual, methodological, and technological framework for monitoring processes and outcomes in human services. This framework was implemented in foster care services in the US and is being utilized to monitor school violence and climate in schools, districts, and at the national level.

With his colleague, Ron Avi Astor from USC, he is studying multiple aspects of school climate and victimization. He has conducted a series of studies that examined school violence from an ecological perspective. The insights gained from this work contributed to an ecological theory of school violence in context and to consultation with several educational systems around the world.

In all these area of research, Benbenishty has conducted multiple international comparative studies, that aim to identify what is common and what is unique across contexts. He is consulting with governments and researchers in many places around the world.

Benbenishty is an advocate for children's rights. He has served on numerous public committees that addressed children's needs and rights. He consults regularly with government agencies and appears on national media to speak for Jewish and Arab children in Israel.

Benbenishty has published numerous papers, book chapters, books, and technical reports. His work has been recognized and he received multiple awards including France's Chevalier des Ordre de Palmes Academique (Knight in the Order of Academic Palms), SSWR Excellence in Research Award, Israel's Landau Prize for Research and Science, and most recently, Israel's prestigious EMET Prize for Science, Art, and Culture.

**Doctoral Fellows
Award**



Donna Ruch

The Ohio State University

“The Implications of Attorney Representation on Juvenile Justice Decisions Leading to the Disproportionate Incarceration of African-American Male Youth”



Jordan Davis

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

“Effect of Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention on Stress, Craving, and Days of Use among Emerging Adults in Residential Substance Use Treatment: A Randomized Clinical Trial”

**Excellence in
Research Award**

For the article
MacKenzie, Michael J., Nicklas, Eric., Brooks-Gunn, Jeanne., and Waldfogel, Jane, Spanking and Children’s Externalizing Behavior Across the First Decade of Life: Evidence for Transactional Processes. *J. Youth Adolescence* 44:658-669 (2015)



Michael MacKenzie

Rutgers University



Eric Nicklas

Columbia University



Jeanne Brooks-Gunn Columbia University



Jane Waldfogel

Columbia University

**Excellence in
Research Award
Honorable
Mention**

Erick Guerrero, PhD

University of Southern California *For the article*

Guerrero, Erick G., Andrews, Christina, Harris, Lesley, Padwa, Howard, Kong, Yinfei, and Fenwick, Karissa. – Improving Coordination of Addiction Health Services with Mental and Public Health Services

**Outstanding
Social Work
Doctoral
Dissertation
Award**



Yu-Ling Chang, PhD University of California, Berkeley

“State Social Safety Net Programs and the Great Recession: The First Line of Defense and the Last Resort for the Economically Disadvantaged”



Samantha Brown, PhD

University of Denver

“A Mindfulness-Based Intervention to Improve Family Functioning among Child Welfare-Involved Families with Substance Use”

**Outstanding
Social Work
Doctoral
Dissertation
Award Honorable
Mentions**

Alexandra Stanczyk, PhD

University of Chicago

“Paid Family Leave, Household Economic Resources, and Financial Resources around a Birth” **Susan Yoon, PhD**

Case Western Reserve University

“Fostering Resilient Development: Risk and Protective Factors Underlying Behavioral Trajectories of Maltreated Children”

**Social Policy
Award**



Daniel Meyer, PhD

University of Wisconsin-Madison

In recognition of Dr. Meyer's record of accomplishment that demonstrates the use of rigorous policy research methods, innovation, and significant impact of policy research in addressing important social work policy issues.



Mark Testa, PhD University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

In recognition of Dr. Testa's record of accomplishment that demonstrates the use of rigorous policy research methods, innovation, and significant impact of policy research in addressing important social work policy issues.