MIDWEST SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Call for Nominations for the
Annual Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award

The Women in the Profession Committee invites nominations for the Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award. Service to girls and women or service done by women has traditionally been invisible and under-rewarded in society and in the discipline of sociology. This award is one effort to reward and make visible such efforts and to highlight positive role models who use service to advance the issues, causes, or status of underrepresented and vulnerable groups. Named after Jane Addams, this award will recognize, highlight, and award a modern-day individual who embodies the passion, dedication, and activism of Jane Addams. Individuals may receive the award for a sustained record of service or for an intensive, short-term effort. Award recipients may have performed such service inside or outside of the academy, in the Midwest, or beyond. There are many forms of service contributions that can count toward nominating someone for this award including, but not limited to, the following:

- Taking on multiple substantial formal service roles for an extended period of time.
- Serving in an informal capacity, such as someone who supports the professional development, advancement, or safe working conditions of colleagues and students.
- Women in leadership roles whose vision, programming or policy changes have improved the working conditions of those they serve.

All current members of MSS are eligible to receive this award. Please nominate an individual by sending their name, email address and phone number to the Women in the Profession Committee at womeninprofession@themss.org.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominators need not be MSS members.
Nominations are due by November 1.

Upon receipt of the nomination, the Award Coordinator will contact the nominee by email and request the following additional documentation: Current curriculum vitae, 1-2 page statement on the nominee's work in service. **All documentation is due by January 1.**

The Women in Profession Committee will make selection based on the following criteria:

- Strength of service (possible measures include amount of commitment (time, level); sustainability—if applicable; originality)
- Vitae (possible measures include indication of service as long-term commitment; service integrated with scholarship)

The awardee will be recognized in the following manner:

- Recipient will be presented with the award at the MSS annual meeting.
- Recipient will receive a cash prize of $250.
- Recipient will be recognized on the MSS website and social media efforts after the annual meeting.

Past recipients of this award can be found on our Awards Page.