

Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Norma Williams earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&I University and PhD in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. She held academic positions at Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of North Texas. While at UNT, she served at the Assistant Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and the Director of the Multicultural Affairs Office.

Dr. Williams was an active researcher who specialized in the areas of race, family, and social psychology. Her book, *The Mexican-American Family: Tradition and Change*, was one of the first pieces of scholarship to examine shifting power relationships within the Mexican American family system.

She was a member of many organizations including the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems where she was awarded the 2000 Lee Founders Award for significant lifetime achievement in service leading to the betterment of human life. Dr. Williams also served in SSA and was the first Mexican American to be elected President of the organization.

We seek nominations for the Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award. This award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies the qualities that Norma inspired in each of us, particularly in terms of service to the discipline and to students.

Requirements for nomination:

- Membership in SSA for at least 10 years, current membership not necessary
- A consistent record of chairing or presenting papers at the annual meetings
- Election or appointment to leadership positions in SSA that may include some combination of service as a member of the Executive Council and representation of SSA to SSSA committees
- Indication of unique contribution to SSA through service that promotes the visibility of the organization, contributes to increased efficiency of operations of the organization, or encourages membership and participation in the organization



Previous Honorees:

2016 Mark Fossett
2015 Edwin Rossman
2014 Charlie Tolbert
2013 Ray Darville
2012 Rogelio Saenz
2011 Janet Huber Lowry
2010 Dudley Poston
2009 Robert Beckley
2008 Elizabeth Esterchild



Drs. Carla Goar, Mark Fossett, and David Embrick, 2016 SSA, Las Vegas, NV
(Left to right)

Please send nominations to Carol Walther, cwalther@niu.edu,
with the subject line: 2017 Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award.

The deadline for nominations for the Norma William Distinguished Service Award is March 22, 2017.