



North Central Sociological Association

**2017**

## **John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award**

The NCSA is an organization with a long history of supporting excellence in teaching. The John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award is one way that we prominently honor some of our best teachers.

The award, which was started in 1987, is named for John F. Schnabel (1932-2005), who served for a quarter of a century in the Sociology Department at University of West Virginia. He was a major advocate for teaching undergraduates, both within the ASA and within the NCSA. He was an early leader in the ASA's early 'Projects on Teaching' and in the Departmental Resources Group, conducting many workshops on innovative teaching. He was tireless in serving in various leadership roles and as a mentor to new faculty. John was instrumental in founding the NCSA Teaching Committee and served as its first Chair from 1985 to 1988. Prior to the founding of that committee, annual NCSA meetings typically had one or two teaching sessions (out of more than a hundred sessions). By the end of his three-year tenure as Chair, there were eight. Under his tutelage, subsequent committee chairs worked to expand the teaching program, and by the early 1990s, the NCSA would annually list more than twenty teaching sessions. The criteria and the process for the NCSA's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award were crafted by John. He held many leadership positions in the NCSA Council and was always a solid source of advice and counsel. He was a tireless worker who energized all who knew him.

The NCSA Teaching Section is currently accepting nominations for the 2017 award cycle. Individuals, departments, programs, or institutions may be nominated. Individuals who are nominated must be members of the NCSA; departments, programs, or institutions must be located in the NCSA region. Candidates should exhibit teaching excellence in a variety of capacities, including with students, with colleagues, and for the NCSA. As such, the selection committee looks for evidence that candidates have a record of:

- Sharing pioneering innovations in curriculum design
- Developing creative instructional materials
- Publishing and/or presenting about teaching sociology
- Contributing to the teaching emphasis of NCSA
- Facilitating faculty development efforts

Candidates need not have accomplishments in each of these areas to be selected for the award.

When submitting a nomination, please have the following information available:

- Nominator's name, institution, day phone and email
- Nominee's name, institution, phone and email

*No nomination letter or additional materials are needed!* The selection committee will solicit supporting materials from all candidates once the nomination period has passed.

Nominations can be entered online by visiting the nomination page at the URL below.

## **DEADLINE FOR 2017 NOMINATIONS December 9, 2016**

Submit nominations online at the Schnabel nomination page, here:

**<http://bit.ly/2bKOTKf>**

If you have any questions about the award or nomination process, please contact

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