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Presents the

2024 Gabriel G. Rudney Memorial Award for an Outstanding Dissertation in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research

to

Dr. Hyunrang Han

for

*“The Roles, Impacts, and Institutional Characteristics of Grantmaking
Foundations Supporting Women’s Causes in the U.S.”*

This year's dissertation award nominees were exceptionally competitive, making it challenging to select just one due to the high quality of the submissions. The distinctions among the finalists were notably subtle, and the decision was tough. The committee evaluated the dissertations based on criteria including: i) originality and contribution to knowledge, ii) rigor and appropriateness of the research design and methodology, iii) quality of data and qualitative rigor of analytical technique, iv) clarity and interpretation of findings and results, v) the level of synthesis and implications of the discussion.

Selected Winner:

This study examined the roles and impacts of U.S. foundation grantmaking for women, as well as the influence of the foundations’ institutional characteristics, using a mixed-methods research design. It incorporated multiple and comprehensive theories to develop its hypotheses. The methodological approach, blending both quantitative and qualitative methods, was relevant and effective. Although the use of outdated data in the quantitative analyses slightly reduced the validity of the findings, the qualitative interviews helped to mitigate this issue, enhancing the relevance and explaining the roles and impacts of U.S. foundations comprehensively. The creative and original analysis of stakeholders and the processes impacting foundation decisions reflected a critical perspective. This study is

expected to significantly influence foundation practices and improve understanding of their roles and impacts on women in philanthropy.

Honorable Mentions:

Perceived Price of Giving's Relationship with Charitable Giving and Its Association with Reputational Effectiveness and Trustworthiness

Dr. Minjung Kim

This study utilized an experimental design to assess the impact of perceived price on charitable giving. It was methodologically rigorous, and the analyses were appropriately conducted. Its contributions to the study of charitable giving are clear and substantial.

The Financial Benefits of Information Technology Adoption in Nonprofit Organizations

Dr. Hanjin Mao

This dissertation provided evidence of the financial benefits of adopting information technology in nonprofit organizations. Through three focused studies, it highlighted the significant impact of information technology adoption for nonprofits. The empirical findings and practical implications of this study are concrete and promising.