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2023 Outstanding Book in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research

to

Claire Dunning

for

Nonprofit Neighborhoods: An Urban History of Inequality and the American State

In Nonprofit Neighborhoods: An Urban History of Inequality and the American State (The University of Chicago Press, 2022), Dr. Claire Dunning explores how the federal government has delegated urban policymaking, social service provision, and anti-poverty efforts while avoiding addressing the structural inequalities in American society. Through a rich archival study of urban renewal in Boston, Dr. Dunning provides important insights to address the questions such as why has the concentration of nonprofits in Black communities perpetuated but not alleviated inequality? And how have these nonprofit neighborhoods become spaces of inclusion and exclusion? Although this book is grounded in a local study of Boston, the political pressures, policy frameworks, and public funding programs shaping the story were national in origin.

The committee believes the book Nonprofit Neighborhoods addresses racial inequality which is an area that has been long neglected in both research and practice. It also adds great value to the ongoing discussion about the relationship between civil society and the state and provides great insight into the changing

nature of state power and the persistence of structural inequality. For these reasons, the committee believes that Dr. Claire Dunning's book is well deserving of this award.

The Selection committee consisted of Dr. Ming Xie (Co-Chair, West Texas A&M University), Dr. Sabith Khan (Co-Chair, California Lutheran University), Brenda Bushouse (University of Massachusetts- Amherst), Christopher Corbett (Independent Nonprofit Organization Management Professional), Andrew Schoeneman (University of Richmond), Shariq Siddiqui (Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy), and Yuan Tian (Shanghai Jiao Tong University).