Alum Jamie Chang Awarded 2015 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award

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On Tuesday June 16th, the American Sociological Association officially announced their 2015 Medical Sociology Section Awards [1]. We are thrilled to see that two of our scholars have earned prestigious awards this year!

The Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award is given each year by the ASA Medical Sociology section. The awardee receives a travel grant to attend the ASA meetings and an award certificate, and will attend the Reeder dinner as a guest of the Medical Sociology section. This year, Dr. Jamie Chang, graduate of UCSF Sociology Doctoral program in 2013, won the award for her dissertation, "Health in the Tenderloin: A Resident-Guided Study of Substance Use, Treatment, and Housing." Dr. Chang joins the prestigious ranks of past winners, [2] including five UCSF alum, which can be viewed at the ASA MedSoc website.

In 2013, Jamie defended her dissertation entitled "Health in the Tenderloin: A Resident-Guided Study of Substance Use, Treatment, and Housing." Her dissertation used sociological theory and a new place-based method called the "docent method" to examine how formerly homeless women manage substance use, treatment, and recovery in the Tenderloin neighborhood. Her research areas include drug and alcohol use, substance use treatment, opioid use for pain management, community-based health programs, stigma, patient-provider
interactions. She is involved in developing qualitative methodologies that better translate research to health interventions. She has also published on other topics including patient-provider interactions, substance use stigma, long-term care facilities, and Asian and Pacific Islander health. She has won numerous competitive awards for her dissertation, including the UCSF Anselm Strauss Outstanding Dissertation Award, the American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship (NIDA), the U.C. Berkeley Alcohol Research Group Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (NIAAA), the Andrew's Fellowship, and the Virginia Olesen Fellowship.

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The announcement of the can be read in full in the ASA Medical Sociology Section Fall 2015 Newsletter [3]

Also announced this day, Dr. Adele Clarke has been named the 2015 Reeder Award winner, previously announced here [4].

Congratulations Jamie and Adele!

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