



ARNOVA

Presents the

2021 Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit & Voluntary Action Award

to

Judith Saidel

and

Jack Quarter (posthumously)

The Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit & Voluntary Action Award Committee is pleased to share with the Board its recommendations for the 2021 Distinguished Achievement Award. The Committee has selected two recipients for this year's award.

Judith Saidel has clearly distinguished herself in every way as a leader in nonprofit and voluntary action research, having made substantial contributions to the field as scholar, mentor and leader in the field. Professor Saidel's research on third party government, government-nonprofit sector relations, and nonprofit contracting were path setting for our field, pushing the boundaries of how we understand governance. As a teacher, she helped secure funding for the first nonprofit courses at her institution and as attested to in her nomination letters, Professor Saidel clearly devoted significant energies mentoring and instructing the next generation of nonprofit leaders. In addition to her research and teaching, Dr. Saidel has provided institutional leadership to ARNOVA as a member of the Board and on various committees, as well as to her home institution, SUNY-Albany where she served for many years as the Director of the Center for Women in Government, one of the first of its kind in the nation, that became a model for other centers that followed. Based on her exceptional career as scholar, teacher and leader, the committee has determined that Judith Saidel is most deserving of the 2021 Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Award.

Jack Quarter [who passed away in 2019] made extraordinary contributions to the field of nonprofit and voluntary action, perhaps distinguishing himself best as the leading authority on the Social Economy in Canada, with seventeen published books, several of which were nominated for national and international awards, over 80 published articles, and 32 book



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chapters. Dr. Quarter was an outstanding leader in the field and was the ‘prime mover’ and central organizer of the establishment of ANSER, the Canadian association for researchers in our field. In addition, he founded and led Canada’s most important research center, the Social Economy Center, providing a vital space for academic research by scholars, students and practitioners, securing millions of dollars in grants to support this work. Under his leadership, this Center became the number one choice for graduate students pursuing work in the field, where he supervised countless numbers of future scholars. Based on his exceptional career as a scholar, leader and teacher, the committee has decided to honor Jack Quarter’s memory by giving (Honorable Mention for the) 2021 Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Award – to be awarded posthumously.