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Presents the

2022 Gabriel G. Rudney Memorial Award for an Outstanding Dissertation in Nonprofit & Voluntary Action

to

Dr. Qun Wang

for

Differentiated Government Control: Political Connections and Revenues to NGOs in China

The Committee was impressed by Dr. Wang's significant and original contribution to the field of nonprofit and philanthropic studies by fostering our understanding of NGO-government relations and patterns of giving in the nonprofit sector in a comparative international context.

The dissertation's major contribution is proposing the theory of differentiated governmental control, which argues that the strength of nonprofit political connections is positively associated with organizational revenues. The theory is empirically tested using the original data-set comprising 2,021 philanthropic foundations registered and operating in China. Such extensive data collection efforts can inspire future research agendas, for which data are not readily available. Wang's findings show that the Chinese government has developed both empowering and restrictive strategies to influence the nonprofit sector through the use of sophisticated regulatory and compliance measures.

The selection committee consisted of Dr. Alisa Moldavanova (Chair, Wayne State University), Dr. Jessica Sowa (University of Delaware), Dr. Tamaki Onishi (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Dr. Kelly Krawczyk (Auburn University), and Dr. Jiawei Sophia Fu (Rutgers University).



The Committee has also decided to recognize with honorable mention Dr. Viviana Chiu-Sik Wu and her dissertation “THE PROMISES AND CHALLENGES OF COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY: PLACE DILEMMA, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA”.