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Presents the

## **2022 Virginia A. Hodgkinson Research Book Prize**

to

**Allison Schnable**

for

### ***Amateurs without Borders The Aspirations and Limits of Global Compassion***

In *Amateurs Without Borders: The Aspirations and Limits of Global Compassion* (University of California Press, 2021), Dr. Allison Schnable examines the recent rise of volunteer-driven grassroots, nonprofessionalized aid groups in the international development world. In the book, Dr. Schnable sets out to explore the origins of these groups and to examine how they differ from other forms of organizations that provide development aid. Based on fieldwork in the United States and Africa, Dr. Schnable uses web data and IRS records to provide the first large-scale systematic study of these groups. Overall, the committee unanimously agreed that Dr. Schnable's book was not only topically relevant but also well-executed and written in a manner that is broadly accessible to a wide audience. For these reasons, the committee believes that Dr. Schnable's book has all the necessary ingredients to not only advance the scholarly literature but also to make an impactful contribution to practice.

The selection committee consisted of Dr. Lindsey McDougale (Interim Co-chair, Rutgers Newark), Dr. Paloma Raggio (Interim Co-chair, Carleton University), ChiaKo Hung (University of Hawaii), Lynnette Cook (ARNOVA) and Ming Xie (West Texas A&M University).