

JESSIE BERNARD OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARDS

INSTRUCTIONS TO REVIEWERS

Please use the following criteria when reviewing paper submissions. Remember, papers may be either theoretical or empirical:

- 1. FEMINIST FAMILY SCIENCE FRAMEWORKS/METHODS:** The following are questions that nominees *might* address in their proposals in order to ground their work in feminist family scholarship. This list is not exhaustive nor are nominees required to address each question.
Are traditional biases in ways of conceptualizing the topic of the study of families challenged?
Are the contributions of women (their ideas, their existing work, their participation as respondents) valued?
Are respondents allowed to speak in their own voices? Is the personal recognized to be political?
Is the broader social system identified as influencing the reality of people's lives?
Are sexist, racist, classist, ableist, or heterosexist biases embedded in traditional theory and/or research challenged?
Is there a discussion of diversity as it applies to past research and the current project? By diversity, we mean acknowledging variability among individuals and families with regard to family structures, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity, sexuality, religion, culture, nationality, language, ability, and age.
Is there a discussion of praxis, advocacy, and implications?
- 2. THEORY:** Does the paper have a sound theoretical foundation?
- 3. METHODS:** If the paper is an empirical work, is the design of the study appropriate to the question asked? Are the statistics appropriate to both the data and the question(s) at hand? If the paper is a theoretical work or review, are the appropriate sources cited to build a case for the author's position? Is the argument logical and soundly based?
- 4. COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Is the document well written? Is the organization of the paper logical? Are the concepts, procedures, and findings of the author clear?
- 5. CONTRIBUTION TO FEMINIST AND FAMILY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP:** Will the paper encourage feminist and family science scholarship in the future? Will the feminist perspective embedded in this work challenge others in the family science field to employ feminist scholarship?
- 6. RESULTS/FINDINGS & DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:** Does the presentation of the results/findings align with the stated theory and methods? Are the results and conclusions integrated into the existing literature? Is a case for the significance of the findings/theoretical made? Are future directions and applications of the findings/theoretical model discussed?

Please evaluate the papers you review according to the above criteria, using the

following scale: 5 = excellent

4 = good

3 = mixed

2 = fair

1 = poor