

2021-2022 BOR Research Award Committee

Chair:

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Viatcheslav Naoumouv, Engineering

Drew Harris, Management & Organization

Krishna Saha, Mathematics

Ben Tyson, Communication

Actions / Timeline:

1. Committee Meeting 11/2, 11am
2. Members reviewed applications and e-mailed scores to J. Werblow by 11/29 at 10pm.
3. J. Werblow compiled the results and called a meeting for the committee by 12/6
4. Draft letter was shared with committee for editing by 12/13
5. Final letter was sent to Provost by 12/15

Please see the Committee's final recommendations on the following page:

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To: Kim Kostelis, CCSU Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tom Burkholder, President, CCSU-AAUP
Fred Latour, President, CCSU Faculty Senate

From: The BOR Research Award Committee

(Karen A. Ritzenhoff, Viatcheslav Naoumouv, Jacob Werblow, Drew Harris, Krishna Saha, Ben Tyson)

Re: Central Connecticut State University Board of Regents Faculty Research Award 2021-22

It is with unanimous consent of the award committee that we recommend Dr. Ivan Small, Associate Professor, CCSU Department of Anthropology, as the recipient of the 2021-22 BOR Faculty Research Award for CCSU. His research on trans-Pacific circulations of people and finances in anthropology with a specialization on South East Asian culture sheds new light on the enduring relationship between the United States and Southeast Asia, especially Vietnam. We applaud Dr. Small's expansive publication record that is current and cutting edge.

His 2019 monograph with Cornell University Press on *Currencies of Imagination: Channeling Money and Chasing Mobility in Vietnam* examines the sociocultural dimensions of transnational remittance economies. Indeed, Dr. Small's reach of research is global and our students and university community at large profit greatly from his tireless engagement.

Dr. Small is in his seventh year as a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology. To date, Dr. Small has published one coauthored and one solo book, *Money at the Margins* (Berghahn Press, 2018) and *Currencies of Imagination* (Cornell University Press, 2019) as well as six peer-reviewed publications, and eight book chapters.

In addition, Dr. Small has presented at numerous international, national, CSU, and local community conferences and workshops. His record of research and scholarship is admirable, and future looks to be just as productive. In a review in the journal *American Ethnologist*, Daivi Rodiman-Taylor of Boston University, calls Small's co-edited work *Money at the Margins* a seminal ethnography that informs the study of payment systems. Dr. Small's monograph on *Currencies of Imagination* was called "path-breaking" by *International Migration Review*, a top journal in the field. Dr. Small indicates that he is currently working on a third book, on *Asian American Migration in / out of California*, which will be published by *Temple University Press*.

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During his 2020-2021 Sabbatical, Dr. Small investigated how Southeast Asian automobile makers are being shaped by new free trade agreements. He has been conducting research in the area on this and other related topics since 2015. Furthermore, Dr. Small is keen to take his research from the field and adapt it to his coursework, so that students benefit. Specifically, Dr. Small has designed over 10 new courses / seminars that are aligned to his research in Southeast Asia.

Our committee identified Dr. Small's research accomplishments in four categories, in all of which he excelled. We were looking for the potential impact of the research in the respective academic field, the quality of the venues for publication; we also asked about the impact of the work on teaching and creative work. Lastly, we asked about the impact of Dr. Small's research on the university's image in related fields. Our candidate exceeded in all areas of evaluation.

The award committee agrees and unanimously believes Dr. Small should receive the 2021-22 BOR Faculty Research Award for CCSU as acknowledgement of his fine work.

Dr. Small continues to contribute to international, national and even local research events. Most recently, he participated on a CCSU faculty panel on March 5, 2022 to discuss the impact of the Netflix show "Squid Game" from South Korea and its relevance for US politics and popular culture. Dr. Small is also a faculty affiliate with the Yale Council on Southeast Asia Studies and the UConn Asian & Asian American Studies Institute in Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Werblow, Chair, BOR Research Award Committee