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**ABF SCHOLARS WIN AWARDS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAW AND SOCIETY**

CHICAGO, April 18, 2016 — Three American Bar Foundation (ABF) Scholars have been selected as recipients of the 2016 Awards of the [Law and Society Association](http://www.lsaonline.org) (LSA). Shari Diamond, Sida Liu, and Ellen Berrey were recognized for their exceptional contributions to the LSA and the research and literature on law and society. The winners were [announced](#) on the LSA website on April 14. The awards will be presented at a ceremony during the [LSA Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans this June.

[Shari Diamond](#), ABF research professor and professor of law and psychology at [Northwestern University School of Law](#), has won the *Ronald Pipkin Service Award* for sustained and extraordinary service to the LSA. Among many other contributions, Diamond has chaired the [Law & Society Review](#) Editor Search Committee and the Publications Committee, served as an LSA Trustee, and been an active member of the Executive Officer Search Committee and the [LSA/ABF Fellowship](#) Committee. In their announcement, LSA noted that Diamond has motivated several others in her field to become active members in the LSA.

[Sida Liu](#), ABF faculty fellow and professor of sociology and law at the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#), received an Honorable Mention for the *LSA Article Award* for exceptional scholarship in socio-legal studies. Liu's article, "[Law's Social Forms: A Powerless Approach to the Sociology of Law](#)," was published in the ABF's [Law & Social Inquiry](#) in 2015. In the article, Liu examines the power/inequality approach that has dominated the sociology of law in the United States since the 1960s.

[Ellen Berrey](#), professor of sociology at the [University of Denver](#) and a former ABF doctoral fellow, has won the *Herbert Jacob Book Award* for the best book in law and society scholarship published in 2015. Berrey's book, [The Enigma of Diversity: The Language of Race and the Limits of Racial Justice](#), was based off of the dissertation she worked on during her doctoral fellowship at the ABF. During that time, Berrey collaborated with ABF Research Professors [Laura Beth Nielsen](#) and [Robert L. Nelson](#).

"The American Bar Foundation has a long tradition of contributing prize-winning research to socio-legal literature, and providing outstanding service to the Law and Society Association," ABF Director Ajay Mehrotra said. "We are proud that this tradition has been acknowledged again this year with a trifecta of LSA awards to our ABF scholars."



Read the official LSA announcement of the 2016 award winners [here](#).

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