

The Harold J. Noah Alumni Award in International and Comparative Education

Background

The Harold J. Noah Alumni Award in International and Comparative Education was inaugurated at the first reunion of alumni of the international and comparative education programs held at Teachers College, Columbia University on March 16, 2008. The award highlights both individual and programmatic accomplishments of distinguished alumni in the field.

Harold J. Noah, emeritus professor and former dean at Teachers College, is a distinguished alumnus of the comparative and international education program, and subsequent to his graduation in 1964, was an instrumental force in the development of international and comparative education in the United States and abroad. He served as Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, from 1964 to 1987. He was appointed to the Gardner Cowles chair in economics of education, and served as the Dean of the College from 1976 to 1981. A student of George Z. Bereday, he published his dissertation *Financing Soviet Schools* which was widely read both in the West and in East. In the following decades, he published seminal books on comparative education with his long-standing co-author Max A. Eckstein. Noah and Eckstein published *Toward a Science of Comparative Education* (1969) and *Scientific Investigations in Comparative Education* (1969) that stirred a lively debate on theories and methods in comparative education. Noah and Eckstein, friends, co-authors and students of Bereday, continued to co-publish for the next four decades, and forcefully advanced cross-national comparison in educational research. The Alumni Award is named after Harold J. Noah not only for his scholarship but also for his service to Teachers College and the wider community of international and comparative education. He was President of the Comparative and International Education Society in 1973 and served for many years as editor of the *Comparative Education Review*.

The Harold J. Noah Alumni Award will be given during the Teachers College receptions that are held at the annual Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) conference. The first award will be given at the 2009 CIES conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

Nominees should be alumni of Teachers College, and must have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following:

- Advancement of scholarship in the field of international and comparative education;
- Advancement of applied work in international and comparative education;
- Advancement of international and comparative education as a field of undergraduate or graduate study at universities;
- Strengthening of professional associations of international and comparative education in the United States or elsewhere;

- Establishment of strong networks with institutions, agencies, or universities beyond their own workplace.

The Harold J. Noah Alumni Award will be given to either mid-career or late-career individuals fulfilling one or more of the nomination requirements listed above.

Nomination letters that specifically address the above criteria and that are accompanied by the nominee's CV should be sent electronically to the selection committee at haw2102@columbia.edu. No self-nominations will be accepted. Kindly submit all materials by September 15, 2008. Decisions will be made by November 30, 2008.

The nominations committee consists of one faculty member in the international and comparative education programs (Monisha Bajaj), one current student (Hakim Williams), and four alumni (Tavis Jules, Cathryn Magno, Peter Mook & Iveta Silova).