
ARNOVA News Monthly: June 2025 Edition

#ARNOVA25 CONFERENCE NEWS:



Nominations Open for the 54th ARNOVA Conference Awards!

As we gear up for the **54th Annual ARNOVA Conference**, we invite you to celebrate excellence and innovation in nonprofit and voluntary action research by **nominating outstanding individuals, papers, books, and research projects for our prestigious awards**. These awards recognize **groundbreaking contributions that inspire progress in our field**—and your nominations help shine a light on the work that truly makes a difference.

 **Nomination submission deadline: June 29, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT**

 **More information** can be found [HERE](#)

 **Explore past award winners** [HERE](#)

If you are interested in submitting a nomination or have any questions, please reach out directly to the individual award subcommittee chairs. Contact details can be found on the specific award pages.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating achievements at the **54th ARNOVA Annual Conference in November!**

Awards Open for Nominations:

[The Distinguished Achievement and Leadership Award](#) is given annually **for significant and sustained contributions to the field through leadership as a researcher or practitioner.** Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding achievement(s) as a researcher or practitioner in the field of nonprofit and voluntary action research and/or significant leadership achievements in the advancement and promotion of such research or practice over an extended period of time.

[Best 2025 Conference Paper Award:](#) Papers presented at the 54th Annual ARNOVA Conference may be nominated for anonymized review through the online platform. **Authors may self-nominate their papers** on the submission platform. Nominations will also be collected during and after the 54th Annual Conference through this online platform.

All papers will be adjudicated for anonymized review in the spring of 2026 and announced during the summer of 2026.

[PhD Memorial Awards.](#) ARNOVA has **two awards for outstanding doctoral research:**

- **Gabriel G. Rudney Memorial Award** for an Outstanding Dissertation in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research
- **The Lester M. Salamon Memorial Award** for Promising PhD Proposal in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research

[Proposed Research Awards.](#) ARNOVA has **two PhD proposed research awards:**

- **RGK-ARNOVA President's Award**
- **UMD Do Good Institute & ARNOVA Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Award**

[Book Awards.](#) ARNOVA recognizes outstanding contributions in nonprofit and voluntary action research through **three book awards:**

- **Outstanding Book Award in Nonprofit & Voluntary Action Research**
- **Virginia A. Hodgkinson Research Book Prize**
- **The Peter Dobkin Hall History of Philanthropy Book Prize**

[More information on all awards](#)

INTRODUCING THE FACES OF ARNOVA:



Meet the Executive Transition Team

ARNOVA is undergoing a transformative process to rebuild and strengthen its capacity. While a long-term strategy taskforce explores operational models, the Executive Transition Team, alongside a short-term strategy taskforce, ensures daily operations and organizational resilience.

We invite you to meet the [Executive Transition Team](#) which includes *Alan Abramson, Will Brown, Chao Guo, Jennifer Madden, and Elizabeth Searing* and welcome the people who are leading ARNOVA's transformation.

Learn more about the Executive Transition Team as well as our Volunteer Coordinators [HERE](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS:

Reminder: 2025 Professional Development Programs / Scholarships

ARNOVA is calling all emerging and doctoral scholars in nonprofit, philanthropic, and voluntary action studies. We are excited to offer **three signature professional development programs to support your academic and professional growth**. Application deadlines are approaching fast. Don't miss this opportunity to grow, connect, and lead!

- [Diversity Scholars & Leaders Professional Development Workshop](#) supports emerging Black and Brown scholars from underrepresented backgrounds preparing to enter and lead in the field. **Submission deadline: June 20, 2025**
- [Doctoral Fellows Program](#) is open to all doctoral students researching nonprofits, philanthropy, voluntary action, or civil society. A chance to build community and sharpen your work. **Submission deadline: June 20, 2025**

- [Emerging Scholars Research Roundtables](#) provide detailed, constructive feedback on research papers to help move them toward publication. **Application deadline: July 1, 2025**

✦ **Learn more and apply** (link in bio) [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the individual program chairs directly or to the Professional Development Co-Chairs, [Tamaki Onishi](#) and [Alisa Moldavanova](#).

Virtual Collections in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ), ARNOVA's official journal, **offers special virtual collections** that highlight key research areas shaping the nonprofit sector. These curated collections feature scholarship on critical topics such as democratizing philanthropy, volunteering, and nonprofit advocacy, fostering informed conversations among academics and practitioners.

- [Editors' Choice: A Free-to-Read Collection](#) - Joanne Carman & Jaclyn Piatak.
A virtual collection of articles chosen by the editors of *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* from each issue of the journal to make **permanently free-to-read**.
- [Democratizing Philanthropy](#) - Lindsey M. McDougle.
This virtual issue of *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* showcases research dedicated to the democratization of philanthropy. These articles collectively delve into the transformative endeavors and evolving paradigms that **aim to broaden access, participation, and influence in the philanthropic landscape**.
- [Volunteering: Theoretical Insights and Empirical Research](#) - Ram A. Cnaan, Femida Handy, & Lucas C. P. M. Meijs.
Volunteering, alongside donations, serves as the cornerstone of the nonprofit sector. Without contributions of time, skills, devotion, and resources, many nonprofit activities would cease to exist. Choosing **twelve articles that provide the most comprehensive representation of volunteering research** from *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly's* vast archives presented a formidable task.
- [Contextualizing Advocacy Practices](#) - Heather MacIndoe & Peter Raeymaeckers.
Advocacy constitutes an essential component of nonprofit organizations' mission to drive social change. The past two decades have seen rapid growth in research on nonprofit advocacy. **This virtual issue showcases nonprofit advocacy research** in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ) is the leading scholarly publication in nonprofit, philanthropic, and civil society research. Published six times a year, it provides a global forum for timely discussions across disciplines.

ARNOVA members can access research, articles, and podcasts through the Member Hub. Simply sign in and click the NVSQ Direct Access quick link.

Important Update: A recent security update in Google Chrome has impacted journal access. We recommend using an alternative browser to ensure uninterrupted access.

ARNOVA SECTIONS:



INNOVATION IN NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE VIRTUAL DIALOGUES

The Promise and Perils of AI in Nonprofit Governance: Navigating Power Inequities, Innovation, and Ethics



Wednesday, June 25th
12:30–2 PM EDT



Register Here:
bit.ly/3ZmfkM0



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Next National Virtual Dialogue on AI & Nonprofit Governance - June 25

The **ARNOVA Governance Section** recently hosted a highly engaging virtual dialogue, *Nonprofit Governance Under Pressure: Executive Orders, Attacks on DEI, and Taking Action*. With nearly 75 participants and a dynamic mix of scholars and consultants, the session fostered deep discussions on navigating governance challenges in an evolving policy landscape. We're excited to continue this momentum with our **next edition of the *Innovation in Governance* series**.


Join us for *The Promise and Perils of AI in Nonprofit Governance: Navigating Power Inequities, Innovation, and Ethics*, on **Wednesday, June 25th, from 12:30–2 PM EDT**.

[Register now](#) and be part of the conversation shaping the future of nonprofit governance.

As artificial intelligence reshapes how decisions are made, how power is distributed, and how organizations uphold their missions, nonprofit governance stands at a critical crossroads. This cutting-edge conversation will **delve into the opportunities AI presents for advancing effectiveness and innovation**—alongside the profound risks of bias, inequity, and ethical drift.

Designed for academics/researchers, nonprofit consultants, and board members, the session will **challenge participants to grapple with how AI is transforming governance structures and practices, and to envision new approaches** that preserve accountability, inclusivity, and public trust in an AI-driven future.

 **Date:** Wednesday, June 25

 **Time:** 12:30 - 2 PM EDT

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