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to

Melissa Stone, University of Minnesota

Melissa Middleton Stone is Professor Emerita at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota where she was the Gross Family Professor of Nonprofit Management and Professor of Public Affairs and Planning. Her teaching and research focus on issues of public and nonprofit management and governance and on collaborations across nonprofit, public, and corporate organizations that operate as policy implementation tools. She has published widely in scholarly journals and books in the fields of nonprofit studies, public management, and strategic management. Stone has taught at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs, the Yale School of Management, and Boston University's School of Management. Stone has won numerous teaching and scholarly awards including the University's prestigious Award for Outstanding Contributions to Post-baccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education and the RGK Center-ARNOVA Presidents Award for Research. Prior to her academic career, Stone founded and led two nonprofit organizations in the field of youth and family social services. She holds an MBA and PhD in organizational behavior from Yale University.

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This award is given annually for significant and sustained contributions to the field through research and leadership. Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding achievement(s) in the field of nonprofit and voluntary action research and/or significant leadership achievements in the advancement and promotion of such research over an extended period of time.



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Professor Melissa M. Stone

On behalf of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, the Committee for the Award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research is pleased to name Professor Melissa S. Stone as recipient for 2020.

Prof. Stone is Professor of Public Affairs and Planning Emerita from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Professor Stone received her Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Yale University. She spent as an Assistant Professor at Boston University, before joining the University of Minnesota. At the University of Minnesota, she served in various leadership roles, including as Director of the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center. She has also held positions as Visiting Professor and affiliate faculty at the Evans School of Public Affairs at University of Washington; Associate Director, Yale Program on Non-profit Organizations; and Executive Director and Founder, Family Connection, Inc.

Throughout her career, Professor Stone has been one of the leading scholars of governance in nonprofit organizations. She initially established her reputation in this area with her landmark article, in the first edition of *The Nonprofit Sector: A Research Handbook* (1987), on nonprofit boards of directors. Her scholarship in the 1980s and 1990s provided an essential benchmark for our understanding of the functioning of nonprofit boards. Professor Stone has also contributed ground-breaking work on collaboration and partnership among nonprofit and public agencies. One of her early articles on this topic was "Exploring the Effects of Collaboration on Member Organizations: Washington County's Welfare-to-Work Partnerships," (NVSQ, 2000). Subsequently, she co-authored with John Bryson and Barbara Crosby a widely cited article, "The Design and Implementation of Cross-Sector Collaborations: Propositions from the Literature," in *Public Administration Review* (2006). This article is extensively used in courses on public administration, nonprofit management and collaborative governance. She has continuously published work pushing the boundaries of governance work in collaborations.



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In addition to her excellent research, Professor Stone is also a top-notch teacher. She has won numerous teaching awards at the Humphrey School by a vote of the students, as well as a university-wide award for outstanding contributions to postbaccalaureate, graduate, and professional education at the University of Minnesota. In recognition of her excellent research and teaching, she has been the Gross Professor of Nonprofit Management since 2003.

Professor Stone patiently, humbly, and delicately offered mentorship to expand, diversify, and strengthen our field. Through organizing conference panels, inviting papers, and being a willing and stimulating discussant, she has continually encouraged emerging scholars to become involved in the field and in ARNOVA. Professor Stone has influenced an entire generation of scholars, students, and practitioners interested in nonprofit management.

Her leadership and service to the field of philanthropic and nonprofit studies is also impressive. She served on the editorial board of NVSQ for over 20 years and has been a long-time member of the editorials board of NML, the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, and the Nonprofit Policy Forum. Her service to ARNOVA has been especially significant— she has been an active member since 1985 and served on countless ARNOVA committees including Chair of the Publications Committee and Doctoral Fellows Committee over multiple years. She has also served on the board of directors of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council.

In recognition of these accomplishments, the ARNOVA Award Selection Committee recognizes Professor Melissa Stone as recipient of the 2020 Award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research. The members of the Selection Committee for the Award congratulate her on this well-deserved honor!