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University of Wisconsin lecturer receives NASPA award

Victoria Svoboda recipient of the Ruth Strang Research Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Victoria Svoboda, lecturer at the University of Wisconsin –La Crosse, is the 2014 recipient of the Ruth Strang Research Award from NASPA.

The Award, sponsored by the NASPA Foundation and the Center for Women, recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to the body of literature concerning women in higher education. This award encourages high-quality research related to women in higher education and seeks to promote research by, for, and about women.

Svoboda’s research, “Grounding versus Lifting: The Impact of Working Class Origins on the Professional Advancement of Women in Student Affairs,” was selected by judges on the Center for Women Board. They say the intriguing study had an impressive number of interviews for a qualitative study and displayed a strong application of her results.

Svoboda was honored March 17 at Center for Women/Women in Student Affairs reception during the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md. She was awarded \$500 and her article will be considered for publication in the *NASPA Journal about Women in Higher Education*.

The Center for Women named this award in honor of Dr. Ruth Strang, 1895-1971, author, educator, and recipient of the 1977 NASPA Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Literature of Higher Education, which she received posthumously for her commitment to the advancement of women in higher education and Student Affairs. If you would like to donate to the Ruth Strang award, please visit the [Foundation gift site](#).

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