Dr. Alexandra Graddy-Reed was selected by the committee to be the recipient of the first Dugan Award on Philanthropic Impact.

In the project proposed by Dr. Graddy-Reed, she is seeking to address two important questions in the study of nonprofit management:

- First, to what extent do third party accountability agencies (and their ratings) impact the overhead ratios that nonprofit organizations report?
- And, secondly how do overhead ratios and third party accountability ratings impact individual charitable contributions and private foundation grants?

Dr. Graddy-Reed has proposed to merge statistics of income data with data from Charity Navigator. Then, through the use of difference in difference and regression discontinuity models (with treatment and comparison groups), she plans to address both of these questions.

It should be pointed out that while the merging of this data is not entirely new, the proposed research and analysis that Dr. Graddy-Reed has proposed, is indeed novel; and, as such has the potential to add to our understanding of the interrelationship between the reporting of overhead ratios as a measure of nonprofit effectiveness, the rise of third-party intermediaries and charity ratings, and the role of contributions and private foundation grants in the nonprofit sector.

Thus, without question, the research produced by Dr. Graddy-Reed should be of interest to both academics and practitioners alike.

The committee congratulates Dr. Graddy-Reed on an excellent proposal and we look forward to hearing about her findings next year.