presents the

University of Maryland Do Good Institute – ARNOVA Award for Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
to

Susan Appe

Dr. Appe’s research focuses on a growing subset of international nonprofit and voluntary organizations founded by immigrants and refugees. Immigrants and refugees as diaspora communities must navigate the philanthropic terrains between their U.S. communities and their homelands. International nonprofit organizations provide an outlet for such philanthropic behavior by diaspora communities. The total of remittances (transfers of resources) from diaspora philanthropy has outpaced official development assistance and many observe the important role that these transfers of money as well as cultural and other material goods have for development in origin countries and how they span beyond the family. However, there is less recognition about how these philanthropic activities shape host countries and communities, in the case of this research, local U.S. communities.

Leading a team of graduate students, Dr. Appe will expand upon her database of international nonprofits founded by immigrants and refugees and chart these organizations geographically and demographically in the U.S. Then, she will analyze founders’ stories and organizational archival materials to understand the motivations of diaspora philanthropy through the mechanism of international nonprofit organizations. Finally, she will conduct in-depth case studies to explore how these organizations and their founders shape their local U.S. communities.

The project results will uniquely add to the understanding of the dynamics and the implications of diaspora philanthropy in U.S. communities and on immigration and refugee issues more broadly.

The selection committee included Elizabeth Boris (Urban Institute), Dwight Burlingame (Indiana University), Jasmine Johnson (George Washington University), and Sarah Pettijohn (University of North Carolina, Charlotte). The selection committee, the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, and the University of Maryland School of Public Policy’s Do Good Institute take great pleasure in awarding the 2019 University of Maryland-ARNOVA Award for Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership to Dr. Susan Appe.