



CRITERIA FOR THE MARGARET D. PUSCH FOUNDERS AWARD

The Margaret D. Pusch Founders Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated commitment and service to the intercultural field. The Award is presented at the annual conference of the Society for Intercultural, Education, Training, and Research (SIETAR-USA). If a suitable candidate is not determined by the Award Committee in a given year, the Founders Award will not be given.

Since 2010, we are pleased to have recognized the following recipients:

Margaret D. Pusch – 2010
Noel Kreicker -2011
LaRay Barna Posthumous - 2011
Sandra Fowler – 2012
George Renwick – 2013
Janet Bennett – 2014
Richard Lewis -2015
Ursula Brinkmann-2016

Areas of consideration are as follows:

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

☐ Resources

Sharing of knowledge including but not limited to:
Publication on intercultural topics of works on intercultural topics, including but not limited to:
Publication(s) in peer-reviewed journals
Published articles, books, or book chapters
Blogs
Podcasts

☐ Educate

Work in educational settings, including but not limited to:
Teaching of intercultural subjects in degree and/or certificate programs
Delivery of workshops, seminars or webinars with an intercultural focus
Given presentations within the intercultural field, e.g., keynote addresses, conference presentations, plenary sessions, eLearning and the like.

☐ Mentoring

Established record of mentoring young and/or new-to-the-field interculturalists. This includes offering advice and constructive feedback, providing support and encouragement in person and /or virtually through technology.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY

Provision of pro bono and/or reduced rate sessions on intercultural issues to universities, community agencies or organizations
Service on boards and taskforces of organizations that focus on intercultural issues, such as service with SIETAR organizations other than SIETAR-USA
Service on boards and taskforces focusing on intercultural issues within colleges and universities
Championing the message of SIETAR to various professional organizations and associations inside or outside of the intercultural relations field

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SIETAR

Has exhibited a willingness to take on tasks and successfully complete them
Active service as a SIETAR officer or committee member
Other contributions to the organization, such as chairing a special task force or project

PROFESSIONALISM

The candidate should exemplify the highest standards of intercultural thought and practice, such as the following:
Demonstrated understanding, respect for and valuing of cultural differences
Interacts routinely with members of diverse cultures
Regularly serves as a cultural bridge between diverse individuals or groups to foster intercultural dialogue and understanding
Continually seeks opportunities to improve his or her own intercultural knowledge and skills

NOMINATION PROCESS

Members of any SIETAR around the globe are eligible for nomination for this award. Candidates must be nominated by someone other than themselves. The nomination requires support from a minimum of two other individuals who can speak to the individual's intercultural work and service. Nominations and supporting information will be in a written format. Nominations must be submitted based on the calendar established by the Selection Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee has been appointed by SIETAR-USA's Board of Directors. The committee includes a minimum of three people, of which at least one SIETAR-USA board member.

DEADLINE: Sept 1, 2017

AWARD CEREMONY: Recipient to receive the award during the Award Ceremony at the SIETAR USA's 17th Annual Conference October 18-21, 2017 in San Diego, CA.

<http://www.sietarusa.org/conference>

Please submit your Nomination Application by 9/01/2017 11:59EST to info@sietarusa.org

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2017 Margaret D. Pusch Founders Award Committee Chair