I am delighted to report that the OMT Research Committee this Spring completed the process of selecting winners for all the OMT paper and symposium awards that will be presented at the 2015 Academy of Management (AOM) Annual Meeting. Awards are given in seven categories: (1) Best Paper, (2) Best Paper from a Doctoral Dissertation (Lou Pondy Award) which will be the OMT division’s nominee for the Academy’s Newman Award, (3) Best International Paper which will be the OMT division’s nominee for the Academy’s Dexter Award for best paper that internationalizes the Academy of Management, (4) Best OMT Student Paper, (5) Best Empirical Paper on Social and Environmental Practices sponsored by the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship, (6) new this year - Best OMT Entrepreneurship Paper, and (7) Best Symposium.

Nominees were identified by Program Chair Ann Langley based on the ratings of OMT reviewers. Then subgroups of Research Committee members read each award-nominated paper or symposium in one of the seven categories and voted on their picks for the most outstanding work submitted to this year’s AOM conference.

Congratulations to all the award-winning authors and to those whose paper and symposia were nominated! The names of winner and nominees are listed below. The formal presentation of the OMT Division’s awards will take place in August, in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Monday night of the AOM conference at the OMT Business Meeting. We hope you will join us at the business meeting to celebrate the winners and experience the unveiling of the latest OMT artifact.

The OMT Business Meeting and Social Hour is also the perfect time to find out more about the OMT Research Committee, which is staffed by a dedicated group of OMT volunteers. Be a part of recognizing the excellence of OMT scholarship. Join the OMT Research Committee!

Joe Broschak
OMT Division Best Paper Award

Winner:

“Weeding Out the Competition: How Alternatives are Eliminated during Institutionalization”

Kenji Klein – California State U., Long Beach

Renee Rottner – New York U.

Other Nominees:

“Knowledge Transfer in Multilevel Networks: Contingent Effect of Organizational and Social Structure”

Alessandrio Lomi – U. of Lugano
Paola Zappa – U. of Lugano

“Stamps of Power and Conflict: Imprinting and Influence in the U.S. Senate, 1973-2009”

Christopher C. Liu – U. of Toronto

Sameer B. Srivastava – U. of California, Berkeley

“Organizational Design and Coordinating Dirty Work”

Christopher Corbishley – Imperial College Business School

Gerard George – Singapore Management U.

Rifat Atun – Harvard U.

“Women Don’t Mean Business? Signaling Effect of Female Board Appointments and Impact on Firm Value”

Isabelle Solal – INSEAD

Kaisa E. Snellman – Harvard U.
Eric Luis Uhlmann – HEC Paris

“A War in Ninety Seconds: Moderation and Escalation of Neighborhood Rivalry in the ‘Palio di Siena’”

Elisa Operti – ESSEC Business School

Shemuel Lampronti – ESSEC Business School

Stoyan V. Sgourev – ESSEC Business School

Louis R. Pondy Best Paper Based on a Dissertation (also AOM Newman Award nominee)

Winner:

“Explaining Unequal Returns to Social Capital Among Entrepreneurs”

Mabel Abraham – MIT Sloan
Other Nominees:

“The Dark Side of Brokerage: Conflicts between Individual and Collective Pursuits of Innovation”

Russell J. Funk – U. of Minnesota

“Organizational Identity and Resistance to Environmental Pressures”

Oliver Schilke – U. of Arizona

“Strategic Categorization: Vertical and Horizontal Changes in Self-Categorization”

Eunice Y. Rhee – Seattle U.

Carolyn Dexter Nominee (OMT’s nominee for AOM Best International Paper)

Winner/Officially nominated paper:

“Gray Matters in the Growth of Markets”

Valentina Assenova – Yale School of Management
Olav Sorenson – Yale School of Management

Other Nominees:

“Faraway, So Close! Field Access and Status Rise in Case of Institutional Complexity”

Giuseppe Delmestri – WU Vienna

Fabrizio Montanari – U. of Modena and Reggio Emilia

“The Nature and Limits of Collective Identity as an Editing Lens for Institutional Complexity”

Jaco Lok – U. of New South Wales

Anu Gupta – U. of New South Wales Sydney

“Closure and Social Capital: A Complete-Network Interpretation”

Dalhia Mani – HEC Paris
OMT Division Best Student Paper:

Winner:

“Here’s an Idea: Knowledge Sharing among Competitors to Build a Critical Mass”

Tristan L. Botelho – MIT Sloan

Other Nominees:

“How Does Nested Categories Influence a Market Emergence? Evidence from Early American Music Record”

Jaemin Lee – INSEAD

“The Contingent Spillovers of Organizational Wrongdoing”

Jacob Model – Stanford U.


“A Key Constraint to Conceptual Blending – Examining Two Metalanguages of Change”

Peter Kenttä – Aalto U.

Best OMT Empirical Paper on Environmental and Social Practice

Winner:

"Tea Time: Temporal Coordination for Sustainable Development"

Anna Kim – Western U., Ivy Business School

Pratima Bansal – Western U., Ivy Business School

Helen Haugh – U. of Cambridge
Other Nominees:

“Smoke Signal or Smoke Screen? Why the Media do not Disapprove Equally of Overpaid CEOs”

Jean-Philippe Vergne – Western U., Ivey Business School

Georg Wernicke – Copenhagen Business School

Steffen H. Brenner – Copenhagen Business School

“Red, Blue, and Purple Firms: On the Coherence and Implications of Organizational Ideology”

Abhinav Gupta – Pennsylvania State U.

“Paying Attention to Misconduct: Differential Reactions to Misconduct after Sarbanes - Oxley”

Jo-Ellen Pozner – U. of California, Berkeley

Aharon Yehuda Cohen Mohliver – London Business School

Celia Moore – London Business School

“Responding to Complexity within a State Logic: Environmental Responsibility Reporting in
China"

Ruxi Wang – Erasmus U. Rotterdam.

Frank Wijen – Erasmus U. Rotterdam

“Earnings Pressure and Corporate Philanthropy: The Influence of Analysts and Foreign Exposure”

Weiping Liu – Shanghai U. of Finance and Economics

Heli Wang – Singapore Management U.

Michael A. Hitt – Texas A&M U.

Best OMT Entrepreneurship Paper:

Winner:
"Cultural Entrepreneurship and the Role of Visuals in Interactive Frame Alignment Process"

Itziar Castelló, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

David Barberá, Institute of Innovation and Knowledge Management, INGENIO (CSIC-UPV)

Other Nominees:

“Network Structure and Uncertainty: The Role of Strong Ties in Venture Capital Funding Networks”

Demetrius Lewis – Stanford U.

“Broadly Specialized: Identity and Entry into Entrepreneurship”

Peter Younkin – McGill U.
OMT Division Best Symposium

Winner:

“What Does Imprinting Mean? New Perspectives on Imprint Formation and Persistence Processes”

Rolf L. Hoefer – INSEAD

Other Nominees:

“Category Dynamics: Emergence, Change, and Dissolution”

Eunice Y. Rhee – Seattle U.

Jade Yu-Chieh Lo – Drexel U.

Peer C. Fiss – U. of Southern California

“Beyond Embeddedness: When Community Engagement Governs Firm Strategy”
Renee Rottner – New York U.

Robert Eberhart – Santa Clara U.

“Forgetting: Structural and Competitive Implications for Organizational Performance”

Amit Jain – National U. of Singapore

“Organizational Aspirations and Strategic Action: Open Questions and Avenues for Future Research”

Natalie Senf – European U. Viadrina

Theresa Lant – Pace University

George Shinkle – U. of New South Wales

Update on the Best Published Paper Award

OMT first began honoring the Best Published Paper in Organization and Management Theory in August, 2010. In 2014, a committee of distinguished OMT scholars, chaired by Dave Whetten (Brigham Young U.), named Emily Bianchi’s (Emory University) 2013 paper, “The Bright Side of Bad Times: The Affective Advantages of Entering the Workforce in a Recession.”
This year the Best Published Paper Committee is being chaired by Royston Greenwood (U. of Alberta). The committee is hard at work choosing the best paper in OMT published in 2014. Please join us at the OMT Business Meeting when we will reveal which paper published in 2014 wins!

Question: How do I become a member of the OMT Research Committee?

Answer: Volunteer!

Approximately forty OMT division members annually volunteer their time as part of the Research Committee. Volunteers are placed on one of seven sub-committees and are asked to read and rank the three to six papers or symposia that have been nominated. The committee’s work is done in a very compressed time frame, usually near the end of February and the beginning March. Each year some new members are added to the Research Committee as long-serving members who have provided five or more years of valuable service to the division begin to cycle off. If you want to be a part of selecting which papers and symposia win awards, please volunteer. The requirements are that you are an active reviewer for the OMT division and that you can commit to being available during the time we review papers for awards. If you are interested you can contact Joe Broschak, University of Arizona, via email (broschak@emai l.arizona.edu) or phone (520-626-0464), to join. Better yet, stop by and talk to Joe at the Meet OMT Social, the OMT Business Meeting, or the OMT Social Hour in Vancouver, British Columbia. After all, OMT is the Place to Be!
My sincere, heart-felt thanks go out to the all the OMT members who volunteered to be part of the 2015 OMT Research Committee. They make my life easy by providing this wonderful professional service to the division; evaluating the potential award winners. As you can see below, the Research Committee represents a broad sample of OMT’s membership. Please consider joining the committee next year as a volunteer!

- Felix Arndt, University of Nottingham
- Roxana Barbulescu, HEC Paris
- Sekou Bermiss, University of Texas at Austin
- Daniel Beunza, London School of Economics
- Lyda Bigelow, University of Utah
- Emily Block, Notre Dame University
- Gianluca Carnabuci, University of Lugano
- David Chandler, University of Colorado, Denver
- Lisa Cohen, McGill University
- Rich Dejordy, Northeastern University
- Niki den Nieuwenboer, Santa Clara University / University of Kansas
- Micki Eisenman, Hebrew University Jerusalem
- Vibha Gaba, INSEAD-Singapore
- Scott Graffin, University of Georgia
- Peter Groenewegen, Vrije University
- Dan Halgin, University of Kentucky
- Conor Horan, Dublin Institute of Technology
- Ruthanne Huising, McGill University
- Kate Kellogg, MIT
- Sharon Koppman, University of Arizona
- Brandon Lee, Melbourne Business School
- Dali Ma, Drexel University
- Nydia MacGregor, Santa Clara University
- Yuri Mishina, Imperial College
- Tom Moliterno, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- Markus Perkmann, Imperial College
- Antoaneta Petkova, San Francisco State University
- Dionne Pohler, University of Saskatchewan
- Jo-Ellen Pozner, University of California, Berkeley
- Greg Robbins, Southern Connecticut State University
- Michelle Rogan, INSEAD
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- Ned Smith, Northwestern University
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- Adina Sterling, Washington University at St. Louis
- Maxim Sytch, University of Michigan
- Hovig Tchalian, Claremont Graduate University
- Balagopal Vissa, INSEAD
- Klaus Weber, Northwestern University
- Jennifer Woolley, Santa Clara University
- Eric Zhao, Indiana University
- David Zhu, Arizona State University