

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARDS 2009:

Christopher A. Bail. "The Configuration of Symbolic Boundaries against Immigrants in Europe." *American Sociological Review* February 2008.

Christopher's paper uses fuzzy set analysis to analyze the symbolic boundaries demarcating "us" from "them" for 21 European countries, with implications for the ease with which immigrants may be incorporated in these countries.

Lauren A. Rivera, "Managing Spoiled National Identity: War Tourism and Memory in Croatia." *American Sociological Review* August 2008.

Lauren's paper draws on Goffman's theories of stigma to analyze the ways in which the state of Croatia has framed its history in order to downplay its "difficult" recent past.