Diana Forsythe Award: Call for Nominations

The People and Organizational Issues (POI) Workgroup of AMIA is accepting nominations for the annual Diana Forsythe Award. Journal papers nominated must have been published between January -- December 2008. To nominate a paper, please send the citation to the subcommittee via Cindy Gadd (Cindy.Gadd@vanderbilt.edu) and/or Laurie Novak (Laurie.L.Novak@vanderbilt.edu) by June 15, 2009. A description of the award and the specific inclusion criteria are included below.

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The Award honors either a peer-reviewed AMIA paper published in the Proceedings of the Annual Symposium or peer-reviewed article published in JAMIA or other journals publishing medical informatics-related content that best exemplifies the spirit and scholarship of Diana Forsythe's work at the intersection of informatics and social sciences with a cash prize. Selection is determined by a sub-committee of the AMIA Awards Committee and the AMIA People and Organizational Issues Working Group, with the award presented annually at the AMIA Annual Symposium.

DFA INCLUSION CRITERIA

"in the spirit of Diana Forsythe" means:
- qualitative data collection
- qualitative data analysis, e.g., not primarily counting of what is in different categories/codes
- interpretative/ethnographic
- emergent, grounded coding, categorization, and analysis - not exclusively a priori, model or theory derived
- emphasis on meaning of object of study to study participants
- orientation to human side and implications
-preferably moves from reporting findings to deeper analysis, e.g. derives theory, ties to existing theory, explores human meaning - not only compilation of quotes arranged according to various categories that are described

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