



OSU Center for the Humanities  
**Sally Hacker Award**  
*Call for Proposals*

**Deadline: April 27, 2012**

*A small research and writing award for OSU undergraduates and  
Corvallis community members working on issues related to social justice*

The Sally Hacker Award was created to honor the OSU sociologist and writer, who died in 1988. In keeping with her cherished goals, the award will provide two grants of up to \$1,500 each to help support research and writing by OSU undergraduates and members of the Corvallis community whose efforts seek to promote social justice, especially as it relates to women's issues.

**To apply**, please provide the information requested below, along with a one-page description of the project, and a summary of the applicant's education and background, also not to exceed one page. Submit application by April 27, 2012 to: Sally Hacker Award, Center for the Humanities, Oregon State University, 811 S.W. Jefferson Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333-4506.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Names and phone #s of two referees \_\_\_\_\_  
(Students must include an OSU faculty member) \_\_\_\_\_

**Sally Hacker: A Brief Biography**

Sally Hacker was expelled from high school due to pregnancy, yet by the time of her early death from cancer her intellectual accomplishments were significant enough for her extensive papers to be housed at Harvard University. Despite the expulsion, she won a scholarship to the University of Chicago where she earned undergraduate and doctoral degrees. There followed stints as: a research assistant at the University of Chicago and Harvard University; a clinical instructor in psychiatry at Baylor University College of Medicine; a staff sociologist at the Texas Research Institute of Mental Science; an assistant professor of sociology at Drake University; a lecturer in formal organization at Tufts University; an assistant professor of medical sociology and sociology of technology at Rhode Island College. From 1977 until she died in 1988, she was a professor of sociology at OSU. Much of Hacker's work focused on technological change and its effects on gender stratification. To deepen her understanding of the topic, she took classes in engineering at MIT and in architecture at Linn-Benton Community College. In 1982, she worked as an executive secretary in an engineering firm to perform an ethnographic study of aerospace and related industries in the Los Angeles area. In 1985, she spent a sabbatical year in the Basque Country of Northern Spain studying the worker-owned production cooperatives of Mondragon. Hacker published and spoke extensively on the effects of engineering education and changing technology, particularly in the fields of telecommunications and agribusiness. She was the author of *Pleasure, Power & Technology: Some Tales of Gender, Engineering, and the Cooperative Workplace*, and the essay collection *'Doing It the Hard Way': Investigations of Gender and Technology*, both published posthumously.