

## Call for Nominations: 2021 Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award

The Public Address Division of the National Communication Association solicits nominations for the 2021 Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award, which honors the scholarly contributions of Thomas Benson and Karlyn Kohrs Campbell by recognizing outstanding promise in doctoral research in rhetoric and public address.

A \$500 award will be presented at the business meeting of the Public Address Division at the 2021 NCA convention.

Competition for the Benson-Campbell Award is open to graduate student members of the Public Address Division who have successfully defended a Ph.D. dissertation prospectus. A completed nomination packet consists of (1) a 7-10 page summary of the dissertation prospectus, (2) a statement by the nominee about the progress of the dissertation to date, and (3) a letter of support from the nominee's dissertation advisor that certifies that the nominee has completed their dissertation prospectus meeting and/or has successfully defended the prospectus. The dissertation advisor's letter should also provide a rationale for why the nominee should receive the award. Complete nomination packets must be submitted electronically to Robin E. Jensen ([r.e.jensen@utah.edu](mailto:r.e.jensen@utah.edu)) no later than Monday, September 13, 2021, in order for the nominee to be considered for the award.

Criteria for selecting the award winner include originality of the proposal; significance of the potential findings; contribution to the theory, history, or criticism of public address; and appropriateness and/or innovation of the research design and method. We recognize that the study of public address has often privileged the study of hegemonic figures, groups, and rhetorics. Therefore, we encourage scholars whose position and/or scholarship expands beyond these historical limitations to submit their work for consideration.

Robin Jensen (committee chair, University of Utah), Andre Johnson (University of Memphis), and Atilla Hallsby (University of Minnesota) comprise the 2021 selection committee for this award.

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