

Awards Call - The Caucus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

The Caucus on GLBTQ Concerns invites you to submit nominations for The Randy Majors and Lambda Awards. The deadline is Monday, July 19th, 2021.

Every year at the annual NCA convention, the Caucus recognizes outstanding scholars and organizations that contribute to the LGBTQ community with two prestigious awards. General description of the awards and the nomination process are detailed below. Awards are presented at the annual NCA convention, which will be held this year in Seattle, Washington on November 18-21, 2021.

The Randy Majors Award

The Caucus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns solicits nominations for the Randy Majors Memorial Award. This award specifically recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender scholarship in communication studies. Each year the Caucus presents the award to one individual at the National Communication Association annual convention.

The award is named for Randy Majors, who was fundamental in creating the Caucus. The award is funded through the donations of Caucus members and most significantly through the generosity of Jeff Ringer, who donated the proceeds of his edited book, *Queer Words, Queer Images* and James Chesebro who donated the proceeds from the book, *Gayspeak*.

Nominations are accepted from any NCA member except current officers of the Caucus who comprise the selection committee. Current officers in the Caucus may not be nominated. Any NCA member is eligible, regardless of sexual identity. If you are not familiar with NCA members, you might check the NCA directory and/or the NCA home page links at www.natcom.org.

To be considered, all nominations must include a/an:

- Primary letter of nomination detailing the nominee's qualifications, with specific focus on how this person contributes to LGBTQ communication scholarship.
- Current curriculum vitae for the nominee.
- One representative sample publication of the nominee's scholarly work.
- Additional letters of support (OPTIONAL: up to 5).

Nominators should submit the above materials in a .pdf file by Monday, July 19th, 2021 to dgoltz@depaul.edu.

The Lambda Award

The Caucus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns solicits nominations for the Lambda Award for outstanding contributions to the LGBTQ academic community. The Caucus created the Lambda Award to honor significant contributions to

the promotion of LGBTQ rights by means other than the production of scholarship. This might include extensive service to the LGBTQ community, successful teaching of LGBTQ issues, or successful advising of LGBTQ students. Each year the Caucus presents the award to one individual/organization at the National Communication Association annual convention. The Caucus is particularly interested in nominations for organizations local to the NCA Host location.

The Lambda Award takes its name from the Greek letter lambda, which Romans later adopted to mean “the light of knowledge shed into the darkness of ignorance.” In the early 1970s, New York City’s Gay Activists Alliance selected the Greek letter lambda as its emblem. Since then, it functions as a symbol of the fight to secure equal rights for LGBT individuals.

Nominations are accepted from any NCA member except current officers of the Caucus who comprise the selection committee. Current officers in the Caucus may not be nominated. Any person or organization is eligible, regardless of sexual identity or political affiliation.

To be considered, all nominations must include a/an:

- Primary letter of nomination detailing the nominee’s qualifications, with specific focus on how this person contributes to the promotion of LGBTQ rights.
- Representative documentation of the nominee’s contributions.
- Additional letters of support (OPTIONAL: up to 5).

Nominators should submit the above materials in a .pdf file by Monday, July 19th, 2021 [to Dgoltz@depaul.edu](mailto:Dgoltz@depaul.edu).

Any questions about the awards or the submission process can be directed to the Chair of the Caucus, Dr. Dustin Goltz, at dgoltz@depaul.edu.