

2021 NCA RCT Division Awards Call

The Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA invites nominations for the 2021 New Investigator Award, the 2021 Distinguished Scholar Award, and the 2021 Faculty Mentorship Award. Nominations are due by May 1, 2021. All nominees must be members of the RCT Division.

The **New Investigator Award** honors a current member of the division who has established an innovative and robust research project within eight years of having earned the Ph.D. degree (no earlier than May 2013). New Investigator nominees should have a clear and impressive record of scholarly research, and they should exhibit the potential to contribute significantly to the field in the areas of rhetorical and/or communication theory. Self-nominations are welcome. A complete nomination file for the New Investigator Award should include: (1) a letter of nomination that outlines the nominee's credentials; and (2) the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition, letters of support are welcome but optional.

The **Distinguished Scholar Award** honors a current member of the division for significant contributions to scholarship in rhetorical and/or communication theory during the past ten years. Distinguished Scholar nominees should have established a body of research that has significant and enduring value. The recipient of the award will be a figure who has earned renown in the field for his or her scholarship and whose body of scholarship serves as a touchstone in rhetorical and/or communication theory. Self-nominations are welcome. A complete nomination file for the Distinguished Scholar Award should include: (1) a letter of nomination that outlines the nominee's credentials; (2) the nominee's curriculum vitae; and (3) at least two additional letters of support from rhetorical and/or communication theory scholars (the nomination letter plus two additional letters are required).

The **Faculty Mentorship Award** is intended to publicly recognize the considerable time and energy that particular teachers and scholars may devote to helping others succeed in our profession. Their typically unrecognized informal efforts are vital to maintaining the strength and vitality of the faculty community that comprises the RCT Division. The award recipient must be a member of the RCT Division. Nominations for the Faculty Mentorship Award must include: (1) A formal nomination letter summarizing the nominee's qualifications as an exemplary professional mentor; (2) Two supporting letters from former students and/or colleagues in the field who are able to comment on the effectiveness of the nominee as a professional mentor; (3) A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

Please address nominations and/or questions to Dr. Kundai Chirindo, Chair of the 2021 RCT Awards Committee (kundai@lclark.edu).