

Call for Award Nominations: NCA Communication and Aging Division

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The Communication and Aging Division (CAD) of the National Communication Association invites nominations for several divisional awards:

1. Communication and Aging Dissertation Award
2. Communication and Aging Thesis Award
3. Communication and Aging Outstanding Book Award
4. Communication and Aging Journal Article Award

Details for each award are provided below.

Communication and Aging Dissertation Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the National Communication Association's Communication and Aging Division Dissertation Award. To be eligible, nominees must have completed and successfully defended a doctoral dissertation with a core concentration on communication and aging during 2020, 2021, or 2022.

The award is for a dissertation addressing issues relating to communication and the aging process across the lifespan. These will include (but not be restricted to) issues of communication and successful aging, intergenerational communication, lifespan developmental changes in communication, changes in family structure and process with increasing age, media portrayals of aging, older adults in organizational contexts and the like. Research designs may employ quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method approaches. Any work that relates communication to the process of lifespan development is welcomed.

Nomination for the award may come only from the dissertation advisor or a committee member. All dissertations nominated will be automatically considered for a three-year window after their completion. To be nominated, the candidate must prepare a summary of

the dissertation in APA style that does not exceed 30 pages of text (tables and references are additional). Submissions that exceed this page limit or that are not formatted in APA style will not be considered for the award. The electronically submitted nomination packet should include the dissertation summary and a nomination letter from the advisor or a committee member.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 1, 2022.

Questions may be addressed and materials submitted to Dr. Lindsey Anderson, University of Maryland, lbander@umd.edu

Communication and Aging Thesis Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the National Communication Association's Communication and Aging Division Master's Thesis Award. To be eligible, nominees must have completed and successfully defended a master's thesis with a core concentration in communication and aging during 2020, 2021, or 2022.

The award is for a thesis addressing issues relating to communication and the aging process across the lifespan. These will include (but not be restricted to) issues of communication and successful aging, intergenerational communication, lifespan developmental changes in communication, changes in family structure and process with increasing age, media portrayals of aging, older adults in organizational contexts and the like. Research designs may employ quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method approaches. Any work that relates communication to the process of lifespan development is welcomed.

Nomination for the award may come only from the thesis advisor or a thesis committee member. All theses nominated will be automatically considered for a two-year window after their completion. No nominated thesis may be submitted simultaneously to another Division during the two-year period (e.g., if submitted to CAD in 2020, a thesis would not be able to be submitted to another Division until after the 2022 results were announced).

To be nominated, the candidate must prepare a summary of the thesis in APA style that does not exceed 25 pages of double-spaced text (abstract, tables, and references are not included in

the preceding length requirement). Submissions that exceed this page limit, or that are not documented in APA style, will not be considered for the award. The electronically submitted nomination packet should include a file of the summary and a nomination letter from the thesis advisor or thesis committee member.

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Communication and Aging Outstanding Book Award and Outstanding Journal Article Award

These awards acknowledge research that has made a significant contribution to scholarship relevant to communication and aging. This may include research focusing on communication contexts (e.g., intergenerational relationships within and outside of the family, physician-elderly patient communication, communication within organizations such as nursing homes, representation of older persons in the media), impression formation processes (e.g., age stereotypes and communication), sociolinguistic studies of discourse and aging (e.g., patronizing talk, identity across the lifespan), communication and public policy on aging, pedagogy on communication and aging, and much more.

Outstanding Book Award

The Outstanding Book Award seeks to recognize scholarly texts that have contributed significantly to the field of communication and aging. Suitable texts are those that have made a significant initial and lasting impact on communication and aging scholarship. To be eligible for the award, a book must be either an authored or edited scholarly volume focusing on communication and aging. Undergraduate textbooks are not eligible to compete for the award.

Outstanding Journal Article Award

The Outstanding Journal Article Award seeks to recognize an outstanding article that has made a significant contribution to the field of communication and aging. Book chapters, book reviews, non-peer reviewed scholarly articles, and articles published in non-academic outlets are not eligible to compete for the award.

Nomination packets should include:

- A nomination letter of no more than three typed pages providing a rationale and explanation of the significance of the nominated piece to communication and aging scholarship.
- A PDF of the nominated work (for books, request three copies from author and/or publisher).
- Any published reviews of the work.
- Nomination letters, copies of journal articles, and other supporting material SHOULD be electronically submitted.

The authors or editors of nominated books and articles are not required to be members of the Communication and Aging Division.

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