



Interest Group Name: Feminist & Women Studies Division
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List of Interest Group Awards and winners for 2019:

Bonnie Ritter Book Award - Jillian M. Báez (Hunter College-CUNY), *In Search of Belonging: Latinas, Media, and Citizenship* (University of Illinois Press, 2018)

Outstanding Article Award - Caitlin Bruce (University of Pittsburgh) and Elise Homan (University of Utah), "Crossing Borders, Building Solidarity: Affective Labor in Shaping Coalitional Murals," *Women's Studies in Communication*, 41, no 3 (2018): 224-245.

Scholar-Activist Award - Roslyn Satchel (Pepperdine University)

Top Paper Award - Victoria Newsom (Olympic College) and Lara Lengel (Bowling Green State University), "Forty Years of In/visibility: MENA Women Since the Islamic Revolution in Iran, 1979-2019"

Top Student Paper Award - Ashley Mattheis (UNC Chapel Hill), "Motherhood as a Cultural Infrastructure: Developing a Cultural-Infrastructural View"

Did your Interest Group engage in any fundraising efforts in 2019? If yes, for what purpose?

We helped circulate information about efforts to endow an NCA-level award in the name of Dr. Julia T. Wood and we are committed to working with the Women's Caucus in their efforts to spearhead an NCA-level award named for a woman of color that explicitly honors intersectional feminist work.

Did or will your interest group engage in any recruitment or retention efforts? If yes, please describe your efforts:

We worked with other divisions and caucuses to build programming again this year, explicitly reaching out to divisions and caucuses that serve underrepresented voices in the field. Furthermore, at NCA 2018, we co-hosted an advocacy planning session with the Women's Caucus where we actively sought attendees who had not been involved with FWSD programming in the past. As a division, we work to include members at all ranks (graduate students, contingent faculty, tenured/tenure-track faculty) in a manner that strives to include programming participation from and CV-development for a wide variety of NCA members (as chairs, reviewers, respondents, panelists, etc.).

Additional Comments about your interest group for the 2019 Legislative Assembly:

We are encouraged to see NCA's executive committee taking steps to begin addressing systemic exclusion of marginalized voices at the institutional level. It is evident that the work of the newly created Diversity Council is being actively considered by NCA's executive committee and we hope to see the voice of this committee amplified in the coming years. Shifting from the Intercaucus committee structure to one that actively seeks opportunities to push for structural change and divestment from race/sex/gender/ability/nationality/class-based privileges is an important move and one the FWSD supports strongly. Surely, the outcry of responses to the Distinguished Scholar issue suggests a growing sense of dissatisfaction with the status quo practices of the field/NCA/higher education-- we hope the executive committee of NCA will continue to take these concerns to heart if they hope to remain a relevant organization.

Ongoing efforts to provide students financial support in attending NCA is important to our mentoring commitments and the FWSD would encourage NCA to continue seeking ways to help off-set the expenses of attending the national convention. We would continue to encourage NCA to seek ways to provide financial support opportunities to the growing legions of contingent faculty who teach in the field of Communication Studies, review scholarship for the FWSD (and other divisions), and produce high quality research, but lack the funding support to travel to this conference.