

### **IPC Division 2023 Call for Award Nominations**

Please consider submitting nominations for our division awards, which will be celebrated at our 2023 business meeting in National Harbor, Maryland. We welcome nominations from scholars across the interpersonal communication division and encourage nominations for research that serves marginalized identities and underrepresented populations, draws from scholarship authored by researchers in these groups as well as that which makes connections beyond our division and offers applied implications for the work. The deadline for nominations for all awards is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. You may view the rubrics used by the award committees at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XkSXqvg24ZNr1KA3L5yWFUIQEdRacqJg/view>

Send questions and/or nomination materials via email with “NCA Award Materials” as the subject line to:

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#### **Outstanding Thesis**

This award honors the most outstanding MA thesis in interpersonal communication completed in the prior two-year period. To be eligible for the award given in 2023, the nominee must have successfully defended and deposited their thesis between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. At the time of the award, the author of the thesis must be a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division of NCA. The selection committee will judge the thesis based upon the quality of the scholarship, including its conceptual or theoretical foundation, methodological rigor, originality and creativity, substantive contribution, and potential impact in the field. The award will be presented at the Interpersonal Communication Division’s annual business meeting at the NCA convention. The winner receives a plaque and, if the division budget allows, a monetary award.

The following materials are required for nomination: (a) a self-nomination letter from the nominee outlining the study’s strengths, (b) a letter from the advisor of the study or a committee member verifying when the thesis was completed and the defense date, (c) full contact information for the nominee, (d) a one-page abstract of the thesis; and (e) a representative chapter, selected sections of the thesis, OR a paper distilling it, up to 30 (double-spaced) pages maximum, excluding references, tables, and figures. A nomination for this division award does not preclude the project from being nominated for awards in other divisions.

#### **Outstanding Dissertation**

This award honors the most outstanding doctoral dissertation in interpersonal communication completed in the prior two-year period. To be eligible for the award given in 2023, the nominee must have successfully defended and deposited their dissertation between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. At the time of the

award, the author of the dissertation must be a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division of NCA. The selection committee will judge the dissertation based upon the quality of the scholarship, including its conceptual or theoretical foundation, methodological rigor, originality and creativity, substantive contribution, and potential impact in the field. The award will be presented at the Interpersonal Communication Division's annual business meeting at the NCA convention. The award winner will receive a plaque and, if the division budget allows, a cash award.

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### **Early Career Award**

This award honors a scholar who is still in the early part of their career yet who has already played an important role in shaping interpersonal communication research. To be eligible for this award, the scholar must be no more than eight years past receipt of the Ph.D. (that is, to be eligible for the award given in 2023, the scholar must have received the Ph.D. after January 1, 2015). Self-nominations are required.

The scholar's body of work must contribute significantly to knowledge of interpersonal communication and show promise for continued contributions. This person must be a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division of NCA at the time of the award. The selection committee will judge a scholar's contribution and promise based on productivity and the strength of the published work, including its theoretical or conceptual foundation, originality, methodological rigor, and impact. The award will be presented at the Interpersonal Communication Division's annual business meeting at the NCA convention. The award winner will receive a plaque and a cash award.

The committee will typically select 1 winner for this award. When the quality of the applicants merits such action, the committee may award up to 2 individuals. The committee may also, at their discretion, award Honorable Mentions to applicants who have truly exemplary records but who are also in the last year of eligibility for being considered.

The winner(s) receive a plaque and, if the division budget allows, a monetary award. Honorable Mentions do not receive any physical award, but are notified via email and celebrated as part of the annual awards ceremony.

The following materials are required for the self-nomination: (a) A nomination letter from the scholar must indicate how they have contributed to interpersonal communication, including the qualities that are identified in the previous paragraph. The nomination letter must be no longer than two pages; (b) nominations must include the nominee's vita; (c)

nominations must include pdf copies of three representative examples from the nominee's body of work.

### **Franklin H. Knowler Award**

This award honors an outstanding scholarly journal article or scholarly book chapter, authored or co-authored by a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division, that has made a significant contribution to the field of interpersonal communication. It need not be published in an NCA journal (e.g., publications in other communication, psychology, or close relationships journals are eligible) and must have a copyright date that is no more than five years old. For nomination for 2023, the copyright date should not be earlier than 2018.

We accept only self-nominations from the author or one of the authors. Articles or chapters may be nominated by sending a pdf copy of the article/chapter and a nomination letter that includes the complete citation information as well as a rationale for the nomination. The award will be presented at the Interpersonal Communication Division's annual business meeting at the NCA convention where the award winner(s) will receive a plaque. The committee may decide to award 1 article or book chapter for the year; or, when the quality of the nominations merit such action, may select 1 article as well as 1 chapter for an overall total of 2 awards. In addition, the article will be highlighted on the bi-annual Miller/Knowler Award Panel at the NCA convention either in the year it wins the award or in the following year. Winner(s) will receive a plaque. In the case of works with more than 3 authors, 3 listed authors will receive a plaque.

### **Gerald R. Miller Award**

This award honors an outstanding book that has made a significant contribution to the field of interpersonal communication. The nominated book must have been authored or edited by a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division. In the case of books with multiple authors or editors, all must be members. All fully published books may be considered and must have a copyright year that is not more than five years prior to the year of the award. For nomination for 2023, the copyright date should not be earlier than 2018.

The committee may decide to award 1 book winner for the year; or, when the quality of the nominations merit such action, may select 1 authored/co-authored book as well as 1 edited collection for an overall total of 2 awards. We accept only self-nominations from the author(s). The award will be presented at the Interpersonal Communication Division's annual business meeting at the NCA convention where the award winner(s) will receive a plaque. In addition, the book will be highlighted on the bi-annual Miller/Knowler Award Panel at the NCA convention either in the year it wins the award or in the following year.

Books may be nominated by sending a self-nomination letter that includes complete bibliographic citation information and the ISBN number as well as a rationale for the nomination. Authors are also encouraged to send copies of any book reviews and/or other evidence of appraisal. If you are mailing hard copies of book for review, please contact Rachel McLaren (Rachel-mclaren@uiowa.edu) to obtain the shipping addresses. Emailing pdf versions

when available is strongly encouraged. The materials will only be shared with the evaluation committee.

### **NCA Awards**

The above are our division's awards. Please see this [link](#) for the NCA award nomination process, including the Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication.