

Call for 2021 Award Nominations: NCA Interpersonal Communication Division

Deadline is April 15.

Please consider submitting nominations for our division awards, which will be celebrated at our 2021 business meeting in Seattle. 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. You may view the rubrics used by the award committees [here](#).

The deadline for nominations for all awards is April 15, 2021.

Send questions and/or nomination materials via email 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 2021, the nominee must have successfully defended and deposited their thesis between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. 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 award winner will receive a plaque and a cash award.

The following materials are required for nomination:

- A. A nomination letter, which may come from the advisor of the thesis, a member of the student's committee, or a professional colleague, and must contain full contact information for the nominator including name, phone number, mailing address, and email address
- B. Full contact information for the nominee and proof of completion of the thesis along with the defense date
- C. A one-page abstract of the thesis
- D. 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 2021, the nominee must have successfully defended and deposited their dissertation between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. 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 a cash award.

The following materials are required for nomination:

- A. A nomination letter, which may come from the advisor of the dissertation, a member of the student's committee, or a professional colleague, and must contain full contact information for the nominator, including name, phone number, mailing address, and email address
- B. Full contact information for the nominee and proof of completion of the dissertation along with the defense date
- C. A one-page abstract of the dissertation
- D. A representative chapter, selected sections of the dissertation, 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 or for the NCA dissertation award.

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 2021, the scholar must have received the Ph.D. after January 1, 2013). 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 following materials are required for the nomination:

- A. Only one nomination letter is required (self-nominations are strongly encouraged). Nominating letters must indicate how the scholar has 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. Knower Award

This award honors an outstanding article or 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 been published no earlier than 2016. We accept only self-nominations from the author(s). 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. In addition, the article will be highlighted on the bi-annual Miller/Knower Award Panel at the NCA convention either in the year it wins the award or in the following year.

Gerald R. Miller Award

This award honors an outstanding book that has made a significant contribution to the field of interpersonal communication. The work nominated must have been written by a member of the Interpersonal Communication Division and published no earlier than 2016. Authored and edited volumes are eligible for consideration, but preference will be given to authored volumes (all else being equal). 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/Knower 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 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 Erin Sahlstein Parcell (eparcell@uwm.edu) to obtain the shipping addresses. Emailing pdf versions when available is strongly encouraged.