

Article IV: Awards

- A. The Society shall give four awards annually to recognize work of special distinction in the historical study of rhetoric.
 1. An Award for Outstanding Dissertation will be given to honor a dissertation of especial significance to the Society's mission and defended during the year preceding a given annual general Business Meeting of the Society.
 2. An Award for Outstanding Student Paper will be given to honor a paper of especial significance to the Society's mission, authored exclusively by a student, and presented at a Society-sponsored event during the year preceding a given annual general Business Meeting of the Society.
 3. An Award for Outstanding Article will be given to honor an article of especial significance to the Society's mission and published during the year preceding a given annual general Business Meeting of the Society.
 4. An Award for Outstanding Mentorship will be given to honor a mentor whose efforts—through formal mentorship as well as scholarship, teaching, service, and/or public engagement—has expanded access to the history of rhetoric. This award will be bestowed annually at the general Business Meeting of the Society.
- B. Selection Committees. Awards will be determined by committee review.
 1. Each spring, in consultation with the Steering Committee, the President will appoint awards co-chairs who each chair two awards selection committees. The co-chairs, with approval from the President, will identify remaining selection committee members.
 2. Selection committee members will be appointed in an effort to ensure diversity in rank, region, institution, and area of expertise.
 3. Conflicts of interest: No member of a selection committee may be under consideration for the award, have nominated someone for that year's award, or be an advisor, committee member, or close mentor/mentee of a student or junior colleague nominated for the award. The chair of each selection committee will ask committee members to reveal any conflicts of interest before beginning review.
- C. Awards will be announced and recipients honored at the Society's annual Business Meeting.
- D. Outstanding Dissertation Award
 1. Eligibility:
 - A. Non-members may be nominated or self-nominated for the award. ASHR will sponsor membership at the student rate for one year for the winner.
 - B. A dissertation may only be nominated for the Award once even if its date of defense would qualify it in two years.
 2. Each nomination packet for the Award must include:
 - A. A 1-2 page dissertation abstract;
 - B. The dissertation's table of contents;
 - C. One representative chapter;
 - D. A letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor or a committee member. The letter must include the date of dissertation defense.
 3. The selection committee will use the following criteria for determining the recipient of the Award:
 - A. Significance of the dissertation's contributions to the study of rhetorical history / histories of rhetoric (e.g. expanding, synthesizing, correcting, and/or re-directing previous scholarship);
 - B. Effective, generative use of methodological and/or analytical tools;

- C. Engagement with primary and secondary texts demonstrating depth and breadth of knowledge about subjects or objects and their contexts;
 - D. Clear, accessible, engaging prose and style;
 - E. The dissertation's contribution to the Society's commitments to diversity, equity, and access through topic, content, citational choices, and/or framing.
- E. Outstanding Student Paper Award
- 1. Eligibility:
 - A. Student papers accepted for presentation in ASHR's NCA division will be automatically considered for the Award.
 - B. Papers accepted for presentation at another ASHR-sponsored event (e.g., the ASHR Symposium) may be submitted separately for consideration.
 - C. Each individual may only submit only one paper for consideration.
 - D. Submitters need not be members of ASHR and will receive a one-year ASHR membership upon receipt of the Award.
 - 2. The selection committee will use the following criteria for determining the recipient of the Award:
 - A. Significance of the essay's contributions to the study of rhetorical history / histories of rhetoric (e.g., expanding, synthesizing, correcting, and/or re-directing previous scholarship);
 - B. Effective, generative use of methodological and/or analytical tools;
 - C. Engagement with primary and secondary texts demonstrating depth and breadth of knowledge about objects and contexts;
 - D. Clear, accessible, engaging prose and style;
 - E. The essay's contribution to the Society's commitments to diversity, equity, and access through topic, content, citational choices, and/or framing.
- F. Outstanding Article Award
- 1. Eligibility:
 - A. Any article published by an ASHR member, contributing to the field of rhetorical history, and published in the year prior to the annual business meeting may be nominated for the award.
 - B. At least one author of co-authored submissions must be an ASHR member.
 - 2. Nomination packets must include:
 - A. A PDF copy of the article;
 - B. A letter of support, not to exceed 750 words, outlining the article's main contributions to histories of rhetoric and/or rhetorical historiography;
 - C. Self-nominations are welcome.
 - 3. The selection committee will base its decision on the following criteria:
 - A. Significance of the article's contributions to the study of rhetorical history / histories of rhetoric (e.g., expanding, synthesizing, correcting, and/or re-directing previous scholarship);
 - B. Effective, generative use of methodological and/or analytical tools;
 - C. Clear, accessible, engaging prose and style;
 - D. The article's contribution to the Society's commitments to diversity, equity, and access through topic, content, citational choices, and/or framing.
- G. Outstanding Mentor Award
- 1. Eligibility: Nominees for the Award must be current members of ASHR.
 - 2. Nomination packets must include:
 - A. A letter of nomination outlining how the nominee fulfills the Award criteria;

- B. The nominee's current CV;
 - C. At least one but no more than two letters of support signed by at least two people who have first-hand experience with the nominee's mentorship (e.g., mentees, community members, students).
3. The selection committee will base its decision on the following criteria:
- A. Consistent, on-going, and superlative support for others working in or with the history of rhetoric;
 - B. Specific support and advocacy for students, community members, and/or colleagues historically marginalized within the story of the history of rhetoric;
 - C. Investment in mentorship roles that extends beyond the requirements of the nominee's paid positions;
 - D. Evidence of the mentor's lasting impact within the field of rhetorical history, on the nominee's campus, and/or in larger communities.