

Article IV: Awards

- A. The Society shall give two 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 high merit completed during the year preceding a given annual general Business Meeting of the Society.
 - 2. An Award for Top Student Paper will be given to honor a paper of high merit, authored by a student and presented at a Society-sponsored event during the year preceding a given annual general Business Meeting of the Society.
- B. Awards will be determined by committee review. Each committee will be appointed by the Steering Committee at its annual meeting and will be chaired by a Steering Committee member. Committees will be appointed in an effort to ensure diversity in rank, region, institution, and area of expertise.
- C. Nominations for Awards will be solicited annually, with deadlines to be set by the respective award committees.
 - 1. Nominations for the Outstanding Dissertation Award should include a letter of recommendation from the project advisor or other faculty member in a position to recommend the study.
 - 2. Self-nominations for the Top Student Paper Award will be accepted.
- D. Criteria for Awards shall include the significance of the work's contribution to the history of rhetorical theory, practice and/or pedagogy; quality of archival or primary research and contribution to historiographic practice; quality of the writing or style.
- E. Awards will be announced and recipients honored at the Society's annual Business Meeting.