

NCA's Activism & Social Justice Division Call for 2023 Award Nominations

Award Categories (full descriptions below)

Graduate Student Activist Award

Activism and Social Justice Pedagogy Award

Activism and Social Justice Community Engagement Award

Activism and Social Justice Scholarly Influence Award

Eligibility: To be eligible for any award, nominees must be current members of the Activism and Social Justice Division. Both self-nominations and nominations of others are encouraged. ASJ Division officers are not eligible for awards while in service to the Division. Awards recipients are ineligible for re-applying for the same award *they have received* for a three-year period after receiving the award. **Re-nominations from previous years are strongly encouraged!**

Submission Guidelines: Please follow the specific guidelines listed below and email all required materials in a single PDF to the Awards Committee Coordinator, [Billie Murray](#). Please contact Billie with any questions or concerns.

Timeline: Nomination materials for each award are due by **April 30th**. The Awards Committee will complete their reviews in mid-May. Awardees will be contacted shortly thereafter and be honored at the Division's Business Meeting at the NCA conference in November.

Description of Awards, Requirements for Nomination, and Submission Guidelines

Graduate Student Activist Award

This award honors a graduate student or group of graduate students in recognition of their engagement with activism and social justice. Examples may include, but are not limited to, demonstrated graduate student contributions to campus activism, activist teaching, community partnerships, and/or scholar-activist work. To be eligible, the nominee must be a graduate student at the time of nomination.

Submissions should include:

- 1) a letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the nominee's contributions to activism and social justice,
- 2) the nominee's current CV,
- 3) 3-5 items documenting the nominee's engagement with activism and social justice including but not limited to: a scholarly paper, report, or presentation; memoranda of understanding with community partners; teaching materials that focus on activism and social justice; and/or letters from community partners or mentors.

Activism and Social Justice Pedagogy Award

This award honors a division member who has demonstrated significant pedagogical contributions and/or demonstrated excellence in teaching in the realm of activism and social justice.

Submissions should include:

- 1) a letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the nominee's teaching philosophy and pedagogical contributions focused on activism and social justice,
- 2) the nominee's current CV,
- 3) 3-5 items documenting the nominee's pedagogical contributions including but not limited to: innovative assignments, activities, or pedagogical approaches; letters of support from peer teaching evaluators or students/mentees; and/or scholarship about teaching and learning focused on activism and social justice.

Activism and Social Justice Community Engagement Award

This award honors a division member who has engaged in collective action or community engagement with an issue of social justice. The purpose of this award is to recognize activism and social justice work that transcends the academy, going above and beyond research and teaching to impact communities.

Submissions should include:

- 1) a letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the significance of the nominee's activism and social justice work focused on community engagement,
- 2) the nominee's current CV,
- 3) 3-5 items documenting the nominee's A&SJ work, including but not limited to: partnering with community organizations to create policy changes; organizing or participating in collective action events; working with communities, organizations, groups, movements, or individuals in need; and/or any additional information that will help contextualize the nominee's engagement, such as letters of support from community partners.

Activism and Social Justice Scholarly Influence Award

This award honors a division member whose activism and social justice scholarship and/or mentorship have significantly impacted the field. Examples include scholarly work that inspires greater understanding of communication, activism, and social justice; scholarly work that attempts to intervene or reconstruct unjust discourses or that contributes to action against injustice; and/or mentorship activities that demonstrate scholarly impact.

Submissions should include:

- 1) a letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the nominee's scholarly influence related to activism and social justice,
- 2) the nominee's current CV (please highlight or bold those publications that are most relevant to this award)

- 3) 3-5 items documenting the nominee's scholarly contributions including but not limited to: advising relevant theses, dissertations, and/or student research groups; editorial duties of collected volumes, book series, journals, and/or special issues; letters of support that address the contribution of the nominee's scholarship and/or mentorship in communication, activism, and social justice.