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Best Book Award

The Council of Writing Program Administrators seeks nominations for its Best Book Award. This award recognizes books whose authors or editors have made an outstanding contribution to the field of writing program administration (WPA) work over the past calendar year (2024)

Award Requirements

The book:

- Has a copyright date of 2024.
- Addresses an issue that is related to the scholarship of WPA work (including but not limited to writing center administration, writing-across-the-curriculum administration, assessment, professional development, curricular design, labor issues, etc.).
- Attends to diversity, equity, and inclusion as embedded within WPA work.
- Does one or more of the following:
 - Builds on or extends previous scholarship relevant to WPA work;
 - Addresses a notable gap in the scholarship of WPA work;
 - Re-conceives WPA work through divergent thinking and/or diverse experiences.
- Makes a significant, meaningful, and/or innovative contribution to WPA scholarship.
- Makes the contribution accessible to appropriate audiences.
- Is appropriate for the broad range of contexts in which WPA work takes place.

Nominating Procedures

Send a brief letter of nomination to the committee chair, Kim Lacey, by March 31, 2025, at krlacey@svsu.edu. Arrange to have a digital copy of the book sent to krlacey@svsu.edu or a print copy to the following address:

Kim Lacey
Department of English

Saginaw Valley State University
7400 Bay Road
Zahnow 231B
University Center, MI 48430

(Note: Due to the ease of circulating the book within the committee, digital copies are preferred. The committee promises to not circulate the book beyond committee members if it is copyrighted and submitted digitally.)

In a brief letter, nominators should explain how the book meets the award requirements stated above, particularly focusing on the WPA-related issue they believe that the book addresses; how the book attends to diversity, equity, and inclusion; the gap in the scholarship of WPA work that the book takes up; and the significance of the book's contribution to writing program administrators broadly speaking. Nominations not accompanied by letters that address these questions may be disqualified from consideration.

We are glad to accept nominations from authors themselves as well as faculty, staff, graduate students, and publishers. We especially welcome submissions that expand diverse points of view on WPA work and that speak from diverse perspectives.

Members of the Best Book Award Committee are:

Courtney Adams Wooten, George Mason University
Beth Boswell, University of Alabama in Huntsville
Lynda Dexheimer, Rutgers University
Amy Hodges, University of Texas at Arlington
Kim Lacey (Chair), Saginaw Valley State University
Lynn Reid, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Rachel Robinson-Zetzer, Fairfield University

Graduate Research Award

The CWPA Graduate Research Award Committee is now inviting applications for the 2025 award. This award recognizes outstanding scholarship by graduate students writing on issues in writing program administration.

Submissions are due Wednesday, April 2, 2025. A certificate and a total cash prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winning submission; also, the winner(s) will be invited to present their outstanding project at the 2025 CWPA Summer Conference (July 10–11, 2025) with a conference registration fee waiver. Of particular note, each submission will be returned with detailed qualitative feedback from our committee members. Details about the award and submission guidelines can be read [here](#) or through this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/2025GradResearchAward>.

Questions or inquiries should be directed to the committee Chair, Andy Jiahao Liu, at liu.jiahao@connect.um.edu.mo and/or ajliu@arizona.edu. We look forward to receiving and reading your submissions.

CWPA Vice President Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the CWPA would like to call for nominations for the position of Vice President for the 2025-2026 year. This position would begin on July 1, 2025.

The person elected to the position of Vice President will serve for 3 years: One year as Vice President, one as President, and one as Immediate Past President. The position receives free conference registration for the CWPA National Conference as well as a \$1500 travel allowance for travel expenses to CWPA and CCCC during their year as President. Candidates must have served CWPA in some capacity to be nominated. Service may include but is not limited to serving on the Executive Board, serving as an Ex-Officio member, chairing a CWPA committee, facilitating the WPA workshop, or co-chairing the summer conference.

Candidates for each position will be narrowed by the Nominating Committee based on their credentials, diversity of personal and professional background, and service to the organization. Nominees must submit a current **CV and a nomination letter** to the committee no later than **April 4th**. Self-nominations are acceptable and encouraged. Finalists will be chosen by the end of April for voting in mid- to late-May. Finalists will be asked to submit a bio and statement upon notification of being chosen and will have two weeks to submit these materials after notification.

Please send any questions and/or nomination materials to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Ryan Shepherd, rshepherd@niu.edu. If nominating another person, be sure to secure their permission to nominate them prior to submitting the nomination.