

## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Seven ICA awards are presented at ICA's annual conference when qualified candidates are nominated. No award is presented if the nomination process does not produce qualified candidates with strong credentials. Deadlines for each of the awards vary annually. Deadlines are announced in the *ICA Newsletter*, typically in the November or December issue. **Please check those newsletters for more detailed information about nomination deadlines and required supporting material.** All nominees must be ICA members with the exception of those nominated for the Steven H. Chaffee Career Productivity Award.

**STEVEN H. CHAFFEE CAREER PRODUCTIVITY AWARD:** This award is presented to a scholar or small group of collaborating scholars for sustained work on a communication research problem over an extended period of time. The selection committee favors research that is original and marked by conceptually rich development of research questions and of matched evidence. Additionally, the research must be elaborated in multiple research projects and publications over time and have generated second-generation work by other scholars, both students of the original author(s) and others. The \$1,000 prize accompanying this award is given for work deemed central to communication. This is not an award for general productivity in the field or for contributions to ICA. Rather the STEVEN H. CHAFFEE CAREER PRODUCTIVITY AWARD rewards sustained and coherent work on a well-focused communication problem. Scholars selected for this award are invited to present at the following year's ICA conference.

**BEST BOOK AWARD:** The best book award is given for any book published by an ICA member in the two years prior to the year of a specific conference. (A book published between 1/1/2005 and 12/31/2006 could be given an award at the 2007 conference, for example.) The selection committee judges nominated books on several criteria, including importance of the problem addressed to the disciplines represented in ICA, quality of writing and argument, and quality of evidence. Committee members reviewing the book make use of published book reviews, nominating letters, and reputation of the publisher, as well as their own review of the nominated books in reaching a decision. Most often the book addresses a scholarly audience, but a book meant for a wider audience that satisfies the criteria for the prize also is eligible. The cash prize accompanying this award is \$250.

**BEST ARTICLE AWARD:** Articles are eligible for this award if published in a refereed journal in the two years prior to the year of the conference. (An article published between 1/1/2005 and 12/31/2006 could be given an award at the 2007 conference, for example.) The award-winning article promises to be influential over time, both within a particular field of communication and across fields. Both theoretical articles and empirical articles are eligible, as are review articles that effectively redefine a problem. Articles that present systematic evidence for claims are favored. Selection criteria include coherence of argument, quality of conceptual development, and effective use of evidence. The cash prize accompanying this award is \$250.

### **MOST IMPORTANT APPLIED/PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**AWARD:** This \$500 award goes to an individual or group of individuals who produced a systematic body of research studying a particular applied or policy-related communication problem for the betterment of society. The selection committee considers both the quality of the work undertaken and its public import. The research nominated for this award is generally of some magnitude and focuses on an issue of continuing importance to a local, national, international, or global public. It may have been implemented in association with or independent of a government or established institution, possibly to refine current policy or support criticism of it. The awarded research program should have been operating at some time during the two years previous to the year of the conference, although it likely will have a longer history. Evidence for quality and public important can come from conventional publications but also from such materials as technical reports, coverage by the news media, and testimonials, and from those making use of the research or from those who have been affected by it.

**YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD:** This \$250 cash award is given to a scholar no more than seven years beyond receipt of the PhD (as of the beginning of the conference year – thus for May 2005, having received his or her degree between 1/1/98 and 12/31/2004, for example) for a body of work that has both contributed to knowledge of the field of communication and shows promise for continued development. The contribution and promise of young scholars are judged in terms of strength of conceptual foundations and argumentative clarity, productivity at a given career stage, rigor of the research, and the promise of existing work serving as a springboard for continuing scholarship.

**B. AUBREY FISHER MENTORSHIP AWARD:** Initiated in 1988 following the death of its namesake, this award honors outstanding scholars, teachers, and advisors who serve as role models in those capacities and who have had a major impact on the field of communication. Most importantly, recipients of this award have influenced the discipline through their former students, who themselves are important figures in the communication discipline. Material in support of nominees for this award must include a comprehensive academic vita that highlights the results of the nominee's mentorship. Letters from a nominee's former students are a welcome component of the nominating materials for this award.

**ICA FELLOWS BOOK AWARD:** Open to all ICA members, this award recognizes those books that have made a substantial contribution to the scholarship of the communication field as well as the broader rubric of the social sciences and have stood some test of time. Any book nominated must have been available for at least the immediate past five years prior to the conference at which the award is presented (i.e., if the award is to be presented in 2007, the book must have been available from 2002 or earlier). The letter of nomination must demonstrate that the book has had a substantial influence on the communication field, that it integrates multiple interests, and that the author(s) is recognizably a communication scholar. Publication information, an abstract of the content, and the table of contents must accompany the nomination letter. The

nomination material also may include letters of support and any other appropriate information. There may be one, none, or several awards in a given year.

**ICA AWARD NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:** Three separate nominating bodies evaluate the ICA awards:

- I. The B. Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award Committee is comprised of a chair, normally an ICA Board Member-at-Large, and up to four members appointed by the incumbent ICA President, who makes an effort to include a recent former mentorship award winner. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. ICA's Executive Director compiles the information on each nominee, distributes the information to the committee for deliberation, and receives a report from the committee chair. The report names the successful candidate, if any. The Executive Director forwards the report to the ICA Board of Directors for final approval.
- II. A committee of ICA fellows selects the ICA Fellows Book Award. The fellows select one of its members to chair the book selection process and a committee of fellows to review nominated books. The committee chair submits a report to the ICA Executive Director for inclusion in materials to be presented to the ICA Board of Directors for final approval.
- III. The Research Awards Committee, comprised of a chair and five subcommittees, gives the remaining five awards: the Steven H. Chaffee Career Productivity Award, the Best Book Award, the Best Article Award, the Most Important Applied/Public Policy Research Program Award, and the Young Scholar Award. The incumbent ICA President appoints all committee members in consultation with the overall chair of the Research Committee. Recommendations for committee service are sought from ICA fellows, division and special interest group officers, and the executive committee. Members of the subcommittees are chosen with an eye to reflecting the diversity of the ICA membership, varying particularly across divisional/interest group membership but also across other types of diversity, such as nationality, regional identification, gender, and ethnicity. Each of the five subcommittees includes one individual nominated by the ICA fellows, the previous year's winner, who is asked to chair the subcommittee, and three general members. Two members of each subcommittee, to include the previous year's chair, are held over from the previous year's subcommittee to ensure continuity. The various subcommittees submit their recommendations to the overall Research Committee Chair, who submits a final report to the ICA Executive Director, who then forwards it to the ICA Board of Directors for final approval.

The seven awards committees may solicit nominations through procedures they may determine, but at a minimum they will include timely announcement in the *ICA Newsletter* and in all appropriate and related media. Self-nominations are welcome, as are nominations by members of the awards committees. However, no ICA member who makes a nomination or who is nominated for an award can serve on the committee judging the nomination.

Nominations for all research ICA awards must include five copies of the nominating materials and must be **received** by the ICA Executive Director no later than **January 31** of any given calendar year. Decisions on awards are reported to the ICA President (through the ICA Executive Director) by April 1 of a given year.

## PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

All seven awards and accompanying cash prizes, when appropriate, are presented to successful candidates as part of a combined awards ceremony and ICA annual business meeting during the organization's annual conference.

## ICA AWARD WINNERS

Award	Year	Winner	Institution
<b>B. Aubrey Fisher Mentorship</b>	1988	Ernest Bormann	U of Minnesota, Minneapolis
	1989	Gerald R. Miller	Michigan State U
	1990	No award presented	
	1991	Jack McLeod	U of Wisconsin-Madison
	1992	Steve Chaffee	Stanford U
	1993	Samuel L. Becker	U of Iowa
	1994	Robert Hopper	U of Texas, Austin
	1995	Lawrence Grossberg	U of North Carolina
	1996	Joseph N. Cappella	U of Pennsylvania
	1997	Judee Burgoon	U of Arizona
	1998	Bradley S. Greenberg	Michigan State U
	1999	Joanne Cantor	U of Wisconsin-Madison
	2000	No award presented	
	2001	Larry Gross	U of Pennsylvania
	2002	Robert Hornik	U of Pennsylvania
	2003	Edward L. Fink	U of Maryland
<b>Steve Chaffee Career Productivity</b>	2000	Howard Giles	U of California, Santa Barbara
	2001	Mary Anne Fitzpatrick	U of Wisconsin-Madison
	2002	Brenda Dervin	Ohio State U
	2003	Bradley S. Greenberg	Michigan State U

## Best Book

	2000	Barbie Zelizer	U of Pennsylvania
	2001	George Cheney	U of Montana
	2002	Richard Butsch	Rider U
	2003	Kevin Barnhurst	U of Illinois
		John Nerone	U of Illinois
<b>Best Article</b>			
	2000	Robert T. Craig	U of Colorado, Boulder
	2001	Eyton Bilboa	Holon Institute of Technology
	2002	No award presented	
	2003	Shelton A. Gunaratne	Minnesota State U - Moorhead
<b>Most Important Applied/Public Policy Research Program</b>			
	2000	Jorge Reina Schement	Pennsylvania State U
	2001	Amy Jordan	U of Pennsylvania
	2002	No award presented	
	2003	Daniel Anderson	U of Massachusetts
<b>Young Scholar</b>			
	2000	No award presented	
	2001	Dale Brashers	U of Illinois
	2002	Francois Cooren	State U of New York - Albany
	2003	William Eveland	Ohio State U
<b>Fellows Book</b>			
	2000	Everett M. Rogers	U of New Mexico
	2001	No award presented	
	2002	Charles Berger	U of California, Davis
		James Bradac	U of California, Santa Barbara
	2003	No award presented	