



Nafziger-White-Salwen Dissertation Award

Nominations are due January 15, 2023.

AEJMC's Elected Standing Committee on Research seeks nominations for the Nafziger-White-Salwen Dissertation Award.

The award recognizes excellence in Ph.D. dissertation research that demonstrates potentially significant impact and importance in the field of journalism and communication research and includes a monetary prize.

The award is named for Ralph O. Nafziger and David Manning White, authors of *Introduction to Mass Communication Research*, and Michael Salwen, coauthor of *An Integrated Approach to Communication Theory and Research*.

Dissertations are eligible if successfully defended between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022. The committee reserves the right not to grant the award in any given year.

All methodological approaches, theoretical and conceptual frameworks and topical areas related to journalism and communication are welcome. Nominations of women and persons from underrepresented groups are encouraged.

How to nominate:

- (a) Nominations must be made by the dissertation advisor/director or by a senior administrator (dean, director or chair) of the doctoral degree granting unit. Students may NOT nominate their own dissertation.
- (b) The nomination package includes four items:
 - (1) the nominator's cover letter;
 - (2) an eight- to ten-page abstract summarizing the dissertation. This abstract should be double-spaced with 1-inch margins, use 12-pt. Times New Roman font, and not contain any appendices or references;
 - (3) a PDF of the dissertation; and
 - (4) the nominee's C.V.
- (c) The nomination package must be submitted electronically on or before 11:59 p.m., Jan. 15, 2023. All four (4) items must be delivered electronically by the deadline to qualify for consideration:

- (1) The full dissertation must be submitted in ONE single PDF file.
- (2) A separate file comprising an extended (anonymized) eight- to ten-page abstract summarizing the dissertation must be submitted in ONE file (PDF or DOC). The abstract should be organized as follows with subheadings: [1] Introduction and statement of purpose; [2] Theoretical framework and key elements of previous research; [3] Method; [4] Findings; [5] Conclusion and discussion; [6] Statement of importance to the field. Nominees may wish to refer to the judging criteria when writing their abstracts. Those criteria can be found from AEJMC's website.
- (3) The nomination letter must include the nominee's name, dissertation title and university affiliation.
- (4) Nominee's C.V.

(d) Acknowledgments and other information that might identify the author, advisor or university must be removed from the dissertation PDF and abstract. This includes references to the university where the dissertation was written that may appear in the text. Submissions containing identifying information in these files may be disqualified.

(e) "NWS Dissertation Award [insert nominee's last name]" must be used as the subject header for all correspondence in relation to the award.

(f) Submissions will be acknowledged by email.

(g) Non-electronic methods of submission (facsimile, standard mail, courier) are not available or acceptable.

(h) Send nominations and questions to Amber Roessner at the University of Tennessee, aroessne@utk.edu.