AEJMC Tankard Book Award Call

Nominations are due January 15, 2024.

AEJMC’s Standing Committee on Research invites nominations for the 2023 Tankard Book Award.

This award recognizes the most outstanding book in the field of journalism and communication. It also honors authors whose work embodies excellence in research, writing and creativity. First presented in 2007, the award is named in honor of Dr. James Tankard, Jr., posthumous recipient of AEJMC’s 2006 Eleanor Blum Distinguished Service to Research Award, former editor of Journalism Monographs and a longtime University of Texas at Austin journalism professor. Authors who are current AEJMC members as of December 31, 2023, may self nominate a first edition scholarly monograph or an edited volume published in 2023 that is relevant to journalism and communication. (The copyright MUST be 2023.) Nominated books may be coauthored or coedited and should be well written and break new ground. The AEJMC Elected Standing Committee on Research encourages the consideration and nomination of diverse candidates for this award, including women and persons from underrepresented groups. Nominations are due January 15, 2024.

Books must be submitted in physical (hard copy) form. Online only publications, page proofs, or submissions in digital format are ineligible for consideration. Entries not in print by December 31, 2023, will be disqualified. Finalists must agree to be a registered participant at the 2024 AEJMC Conference. Finalists will be notified by early June 2024.

To nominate a title for the award, submit the following to Tankard Book Award, AEJMC, 234 Outlet Pointe Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210-5667, for receipt by January 15, 2024.

1) a nomination letter that includes the book’s title, author(s) or editor(s), copyright date, publisher, ISBN and an explanation of the book’s contribution to the field of journalism and mass communication;
2) the author’s mailing address, telephone number and email address;
3) specific language stating “As the author/editor of this title nominated for the 2023 Tankard Book Award, I guarantee that if my book is chosen as a finalist, I will attend the Tankard Book Award session at the 2024 AEJMC Conference as a registered participant”; and
4) seven hard copies of the book to be considered for the award.

Given the large number of nominations each year, only complete nomination packets will be considered. The Elected Standing Committee on Research reserves the right not to present the award in any given year. Queries about the award should be emailed to Yong Volz at volzy@missouri.edu