

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Society for Social Work and Research
2025 BOOK AWARD
for Best Scholarly Book Published

The Society for Social and Work Research (SSWR) *Book Award* for the best scholarly book published was established to develop a formal mechanism to recognize outstanding social work contributions that advance knowledge with direct applications to practice, policy, and the resolution of social issues.

The Book Award recognizes original scholarly contributions to the profession of social work through a recent book publication. Nominated books must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Eligible books must be an original (1st) edition and have appeared in print during the **past three (3) years**;
2. The first author of the book must possess a graduate professional social work or social welfare degree (MSW, PhD/DSW), be a current or former faculty or staff member in a social work program, be a student in a professional social work degree program, or be a regular, student or emeritus member of the Society for Social Work and Research;
3. The book should be clearly related to social work practice, policy, or the resolution of social problems;
4. The book must meet the highest scientific standards relevant to their method/methodology and advance social work knowledge;
5. Excluded books include textbooks, sourcebooks, and encyclopedia books.

The award selection criteria include:

- Significance of the social problem, particularly with relevance to oppressed, marginalized populations;
- Rigorous analyses of processes related to marginalization, privilege/power, colonization, oppression, as relevant to substantive area, or engages decolonized representations of lived experience and processes of race/ethnicity, class/caste, culture, gender and gender representation, sexuality, ability (among others) as relevant to substantive area;
- Rigorous use of theory and the literature;
- Originality of the work;
- Methodological quality, rigor and theoretical importance;
- Direct application to social work policy or practice;
- Potential for significant impact within and beyond social work.

Nomination Materials

- Brief letter supporting your nomination;
- Ship three (3) copies of the nominated book to the address provided below;
- Book Citation and Authorship (provide separate Word document);
 - Book Citation;
 - List of authorship: Primary author(s) and co-authors in authorship order;
- Headshots of all authors (high-resolution .jpeg).

The first author award recipient will be honored during the Awards Ceremony at the 2025 conference, January 15-19, 2025, in Seattle, WA.

*Only SSWR members may submit nominations. The SSWR Board has set a policy that no sitting member of the Board may be nominated for this award. **Nominators may only nominate one nominee for this award. Self-nominations are encouraged.***

All nominations must be received by **June 30, 2024**.

Nomination letters should be sent electronically to:

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***Nominated books should be shipped to:**

SSWR 2025 Book Award
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*Please note, nomination materials will not be returned.