

## **Call for Award Nominations ACCS, NCA**

The Association for Chinese Communication Studies (ACCS) invites nominations for the following awards to be given at the 2020 NCA convention:

*Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award; Early Career Award; Xiao Award of Outstanding Rhetorical Research*

The deadline for nominations for all awards is Tuesday, October 12, 2020. Nomination materials should be sent (in pdf format) via email to Dr. Hsin-I Cheng ([hsin-i.cheng@mtsu.edu](mailto:hsin-i.cheng@mtsu.edu)) with the subject line **“ACCS 2020 Award Nomination.”**

### **Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award**

This award honors the most outstanding thesis/dissertation related to Chinese communication studies completed in the prior two-year period. To be eligible for the award given in 2020, the nominee must a) be a current ACCS member (to join or renew membership, go to <http://www.chinesecommunicationstudies.com/membershipdonations.html>), and b) have successfully defended and deposited their work between January 1, 2018 and September 1, 2020.

The selection committee/research committee will judge the thesis/dissertation based upon the quality of the scholarship, including its conceptual or theoretical foundation, methodological rigor, originality and creativity, substantive contribution, and potential impact in the field. The award will be presented annually at the ACCS business meeting at the NCA convention.

The following materials are required for nomination: (a) a nomination letter, which may come from the advisor of the thesis/dissertation, a member of the student’s committee, or a professional colleague and must contain full contact information for the nominator including name, phone number, mailing address, and email address; (b) full contact information for the nominee and proof of completion of the thesis/dissertation along with the defense date; (c) a one-page abstract of the thesis/dissertation; and (d) a representative chapter, selected sections of the thesis/dissertation, OR a paper distilling it, up to 30 (double-spaced) pages maximum, excluding references, tables, and figures. A nomination for this award does not preclude the thesis/dissertation from being nominated for awards in other divisions.

### **Early Career Award**

This award honors a scholar who is still in the early part of their career yet has already played an important role in contributing to the area of Chinese communication studies. To be eligible for this award, the scholar must be no more than eight years past receipt of their Ph.D. (that is, to be eligible for the award given in 2020, the scholar must have received the Ph.D. after January 1, 2012). This person must also be a member of the ACCS at the time of the nomination (to join or renew membership, [click here](#)). The scholar’s body of work must contribute significantly to the knowledge of Chinese communication, intercultural or international communication involving Chinese culture, broadly defined, and must show promise for continued contribution. The selection committee will judge a scholar’s contribution and promise based on productivity and the strength of the published work, including its theoretical or conceptual foundation, originality, methodological rigor, and impact. The award will be presented annually at the ACCS business meeting at the NCA convention.

The following materials are required for the nomination: (a) one nomination letter (self-nominations are encouraged); (b) a copy of the nominee’s vita including the nominee’s full contact information; and (c) three representative samples from the nominee’s body of work.

## **Xiao Award of Outstanding Rhetorical Research**

This award honors the most outstanding published/accepted article in the area of China-related rhetorical studies from the past two years. The recipient of this award will receive a prize of \$500. To be eligible for the award given in 2020, the nominee must **(a)** be a current ACCS member (to join or renew membership, click [here](#)), and **(b)** have published a journal article or have a journal article accepted in the area of China-related rhetorical studies between September 1, 2018 and September 1, 2020.

The selection committee/research committee will judge nominated articles for their contribution to the understanding of China-related rhetorical topics, especially in terms of excellence of conceptual grounding, methodological rigor and innovation, strength of argument, and potential impact in the changing field of rhetorical studies as new exigencies, new circumstances, and new modes of rhetorical practices emerge.

The following materials are required for nomination: (a) a nomination or self-nomination letter that contains full contact information for the nominator including name, professional affiliation, phone number, mailing address, and email address; (b) full contact information for the nominee and a PDF copy of the published/accepted article; (c) a one-page essay demonstrating the significance of the article, its contribution to the Chinese rhetorical research, and its implication to the field. A nomination for this award does not preclude the article from being nominated for awards in other divisions.