



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost

MEMORANDUM

To: TTU Faculty
From: Rob Stewart
Senior Vice Provost
Date: December 15, 2017
Re: Call for Reviewers for the 2018 President's Book Award Submissions

We are pleased to distribute the list of submissions for the 2018 President's Faculty Book Award. There are 13 entries this year representing studies or expressions in humanities, law, sciences, social sciences, and creative arts. [View them here](#)

We need reviewers for these books and would greatly appreciate your consideration to review one. We do not ask authors themselves to recommend reviewers to avoid appearances of conflict of interest. Any faculty member in any program is eligible to be a reviewer by virtue of interest in and ability to informatively comment on the work in a written review and discussion of the review. Perhaps you can approach colleagues whom you think might be interested based on titles and authors.

The due date for completed reviews, following the general guidelines outlined below, is Monday, March 5, 2018. Reviewers will meet as a committee within two weeks following the due date for reviews to discuss the entries and decide the winners. If interested, please contact Amy Richarte (amy.d.richarte@ttu.edu) in the Provost's office to arrange getting a copy of the book. Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be publicly recognized at the Faculty Honors Convocation in April.

Following are some primary criteria suggested to guide reading and review of the books. We understand that reviewers are not necessarily "experts" on the entrant's topic, and so we especially appreciate readers' willingness to write a general review to assist a panel to evaluate the entries. Other factors may be considered that a reviewer thinks indicate the quality of the book. The written review should be no more than two pages in length.

- Originality/contribution to the discipline
- Sources – Comment on genre and suitability
- Publisher – Reputation for publishing books in this field
- Reviews, if any (should be available via Google search, on Amazon.com, etc.)
- Readability/Clarity/Presentation
- Utility/Thoroughness/Covers the topic/Accessible
- Scope of research/Creativity
- If possible, compare this work with other books in the field
- Rate this work on a scale of one to ten with ten being the best

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(submitted in PDF format via email to amy.d.richarte@ttu.edu and rob.stewart@ttu.edu)

Reviewers may keep the copy of the book they read. More information about each book might be found on the publisher's website, or via Google Scholar, Google Play Books, or Amazon.

Each year, reviewers find this to be a rewarding, informative, and collegial experience. Service in this capacity is important and very much appreciated.

Thank you.