

# Best Edited Collection and Best Essay in an Edited Collection Awards

## History

SCMS recognizes that a considerable amount of media studies scholarship is published in anthologies and with the conferring of two new prizes in 2011, the Society is able for the first time to designate two specific award categories dedicated to this important form of publication. These awards will recognize respectively, an outstanding collection of media studies scholarship, and an outstanding single essay published in a collection.

Acknowledging the importance of the work of editors of multi-authored collections to our field, the SCMS Best Edited Collection Award recognizes the best edited collection published in the calendar year. This award intends to further the goals of the Society by honoring an outstanding example of newly edited work involving the insights of an editor or co-editor in bringing together the best work of multiple scholars in a single volume. This award is also meant to encourage new scholarship that reflects upon the traditions of collaboration and diverse perspectives in our field.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, edited volumes must be written in or translated into English, edited by a single editor or multiple editors, and published in the calendar year (8/1/09-7/31/10) preceding the judging of the award. An editor or co-editor may submit only one book for consideration in each calendar year. First editions only are eligible for this award. The SCMS Best Edited Collection is meant to recognize the work of editors and of new scholarship by multiple scholars in a single edited volume in which the assembled essays reflect sustained and varied engagement with the book's core theme; hence, textbooks and multiple editions of an edited anthology are ineligible for this award.

To be eligible for the Best Essay in An Edited Collection, essays must be written in or translated into English, and appear in a single or multiply-edited volume published in the calendar year (8/1/09-7/31/10) preceding the judging of the award. Previously published essays or essays in special issues of journals are not eligible for this award. Although reprinted essays are excluded from consideration, an essay published for the first time in a subsequent anthology edition is eligible. Authors may self-nominate; individuals may make only one nomination.

## Procedures

Following its meeting at the annual conference, the SCMS Board of Directors will approve two three-person committees appointed by the President to judge the awards for the following year. The committees will represent the various areas of interest to SCMS members and to this Award.

Entrants must complete the application below and send (or arrange for their publisher to send) four copies of eligible edited books to the home office by August 1. Essays should be saved in PDF format so they can be read in Adobe Acrobat and e-mailed to the SCMS office ([office@cmstudies.org](mailto:office@cmstudies.org)) on or before August 1.

The home office will verify the eligibility of the entry before distributing copies to the committee members.

The committee will select the winner by February 1. The SCMS office will inform the official winner and all entrants.

The chairs of the committee will announce the winners of the awards, read the committees' citations, and present each winner with a certificate and a check at the annual conference. The Best Edited Collection has a cash prize of \$1000, and the Best Essay in an Edited Collection has a \$500 prize.

Book entrants should not expect the return of their edited books; these books will serve as a reward for committee members.



## **2011 Best Edited Collection & Best Essay in an Edited Collection Award Application**

**Type of Submission (Circle One):**    **Book**        **Essay**

**Title of Book or Essay:**

**Author of Book or Essay:**

**Author's Email Address:**

**Publication Date:**

**Publisher:**

**Publisher Contact Name:**

**Publisher Email Address:**

**Submission Procedures**

The award application form and four copies of eligible book are due in the home office by August 1, 2010. No late submission will be accepted.

One copy of the award application form and the essay should be submitted electronically to [office@cmstudies.org](mailto:office@cmstudies.org) with the subject line BEST ESSAY IN AN EDITED COLLECTION AWARD. The essay should be saved in PDF format and is due on or before August 1. No late submission will be accepted.