



2017 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Awards

BACKGROUND

Alpha Sigma Nu (ΑΣΝ), the honor society for Jesuit colleges and universities, established and funded the Book Awards in 1979 to recognize outstanding publishing achievement in the humanities and sciences by faculty and administrators at member institutions, including the 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities, two in Canada, one in South Korea, and one in Spain.

AWARDS

Each winner receives a \$1,000 check and an elegant plaque. The plaque is presented at an ΑΣΝ event on campus. The winner's name is on permanent display at the ΑΣΝ Central Office, and the books are included in the permanent collection of the Marquette University library. The winners are announced on the ΑΣΝ website and social media with links to the publishers.

CATEGORIES

The book awards operate on a three-year cycle. **The category for 2017 is "The Humanities"**, with entries in the fields of literature/fine arts, philosophy/ethics, theology, and History.

In 2018, the category will be "The Sciences," encompassing published scholarly works in the fields of natural science, social science, mathematics and computer science, and health science.

ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the faculty or administration of Alpha Sigma Nu member institutions, including those with emeritus status, who has published a book in the disciplines described above, is welcome to apply. The submitted work must be published in the three-year period ending with the year prior to the award year. **For the 2017 competition, the entries must have been published between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016.**

CRITERIA

Reviewers selected by Alpha Sigma Nu judge the books on the basis of the following specific criteria: serious and exact scholarship, significance of the topic and its continuing importance in several disciplines, mastery of extensive literature, research findings handled with skill and assurance, authority in interpretation, objectivity, and readability.

Please note the criteria. Judging is heavily weighted towards research and scholarship. Ineligible works include text books, magazine articles, unpublished monographs, works of fiction, paintings, sculptures, and recordings. Books that are entered cannot be returned.

QUESTIONS

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