



California Council on Teacher Education

Announcing the CCTE 2012 Outstanding Dissertation Award Competition

The California Council on Teacher Education has established an award to honor authors of outstanding doctoral dissertations in the field of teacher education. It is hoped that an initial award will be presented in the Fall of 2012 and the deadline for submissions to be considered this year is June 15. Following are specifics related to this award:

(1) CCTE has established the annual “CCTE Outstanding Dissertation Award” to recognize the authors of dissertations in the field of teacher education which have been accepted for the doctoral degree at a member institution of CCTE.

(2) This new award will be made annually (when appropriate) as part of the CCTE awards luncheon at the Fall Conference, beginning in the Fall of 2012.

(3) A special sub-committee of the CCTE Awards Committee has been created to review nominations for this award and to make an annual selection, with the understanding that such selection will be made only if the sub-committee views a nomination to be worthy of the award. The initial four members of the sub-committee, appointed by the Chair of the CCTE Awards Committee, are Paul Ammon of the University of California, Berkeley, Joel Colbert of Chapman University, Jose Lalas of the University of Redlands, and Thomas Nelson of the University of the Pacific, all faculty at doctoral granting institutions in California who work with candidates for doctoral degrees related to the teacher education field. Additional sub-committee members and reviewers will be recruited as needed.

(4) The criteria for the award include: (a) the dissertation must have been prepared at a member institution of CCTE; (b) the dissertation must have resulted in the awarding of a doctoral degree during the most recent academic year (i.e., for an award at the Fall 2012 Conference, the degree would have been awarded during the 2011-2012 academic year); (c) the dissertation must be nominated for the award by a faculty member at a CCTE member institution; (d) the author of the dissertation must be or must become a paid student member of CCTE; (e) the topic of the dissertation must be directly related to teacher education; and (f) the dissertation must be of such potential quality that it may be considered by the subcommittee to be a significant contribution to the knowledge base of teacher education.

(5) The current nomination deadline is June 15, 2012. Those nominations received will be reviewed for potential selection of an awardee at the Fall 2012 Conference. Similar annual deadlines will occur on June 15 of each future year, again with potential presentations at Fall Conferences.

(6) Nominations for the award are to be made via e-mail with the following attachments: (a) a cover letter with background information on the author and dissertation topic, including a rationale of why the dissertation meets the above award criteria, and (b) the full dissertation text as a Word file. Nominations are to be submitted to Alan H. Jones, CCTE Executive Secretary, by e-mail at: alan.jones@ccte.org.

(7) Each recipient of the award will be honored at a CCTE Conference awards luncheon, will be reported on in the next issue of *CCNews* following the Conference, will be offered the opportunity to present information about the dissertation during one of the research presentation or poster session slots at the Conference when the award is presented, and will receive an award plaque from CCTE. The faculty member who served as adviser and chair for the dissertation will also be recognized by CCTE at the awards luncheon.

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