



The ASALH Book Prize

for the best new book in African American history and culture

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) will award an annual prize to recognize an outstanding book in the field of African American history and culture. Books must engage archives in order to be eligible for consideration, however, the book prize committee invites submissions from across disciplinary and interdisciplinary boundaries.

The ASALH Book Prize committee is interested in projects that model rigorous and imaginative approaches to this field of study; books that are beautifully written; books that have clear implications for how we teach and represent specific aspects of African American history and culture; books that have the capacity to introduce important aspects of African American experiences to broad publics; books that use sharp analyses of African American history and culture to speak boldly to the contemporary moment; books that engage with new and/or previously underutilized archives; and books that use particular experiences in African American history and culture to illuminate universal aspects of the human experience.

(NOTE: ASALH also co-sponsors an annual book award with the American Historical Association. This is the Wesley-Logan Prize, which focuses on history and the African Diaspora)

Selection Committee: Gerald Horne (Professor, University of Houston) and Ula Taylor (Professor, UC Berkeley) will serve as co-chairs; Elizabeth Todd-Breland (Assoc. Professor, University of Illinois-Chicago), Christopher Tinson (Assoc. Professor, St. Louis University), and Kellie Carter-Jackson (Asst. Professor, Wellesley College) will serve as jurors.

Eligibility

1. Books with a 2020 copyright date are eligible for the 2021 award. Bound page proofs can be considered for books to be published after October 2020 (though published book should be mailed to jurors by January 1, 2021).
2. Book nominations can be made by an author or by a university or trade press publisher. Publishers may submit multiple entries.
3. Textbooks, juvenile literature, documentary collections, fiction, poetry, and collections of essays *are not* eligible.

Submission Process

1. Submit book titles – prospective book nominees will use the link below when initially submitting their monograph. **Deadline for submission of book titles is September 15, 2020. (No book will be considered without the book submission form)**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MILtTokuPGj0RZjstDD2cGbub67VlhNn1VKZd8vSd78/edit?ts=5db5fd93>
2. All books must be received by book prize jurors by October 15, 2020. Instructions for mailing books to jurors will be communicated shortly after title submission deadline.

For more information about The ASALH Book Prize visit:

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