

## **Steven F. Messner Outstanding Book Award**

### **2026 Call for Nomination**

**The Steven F. Messner Outstanding Book Award** is accepting applications for one award to recognize an outstanding published book/monograph on a topic related to criminology and criminal justice in greater China (e.g., mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau) or Chinese residents and immigrants and/or their communities overseas. The award committee will consider publications in the calendar year since 2023.

There will be a \$500 cash award along with a certificate for the recipient.

#### **Eligibility**

1. Applicants or the nominators of the book award must be a current member of ACCCJ.
2. Prior recipients (regardless of authorship) of the book award are ineligible for nomination again.
3. Nominations from any country are welcome, but the book/monograph must be published in English.
4. Textbooks, serials, and edited books/volumes are not eligible.
5. At least one author must be a current member of ACCCJ by the time the book is nominated.
6. The nominee must not be a member of the award committee.

#### **Nomination Materials**

1. A cover letter and CV.
2. The nominated book or its electronic version must be made available and sent to the award committee members by the submission deadline.

#### **Nomination**

1. A nominator must be a current member of ACCCJ by the time of nomination.
2. Self-nominations are acceptable.

#### **Selection Procedures**

The Committee, consisting of Jihong Zhao (Sam Houston State University), Xin Jiang (Tulane University), and Fei Luo (Sam Houston State University), will rate and rank based on contributions to criminology and criminal justice and/or policy implications. The committee functions on the simple majority rule. It will retain the right not to recommend the award in any given year. The ACCCJ Board will review and vote on the committee's recommendation.

#### **Submission**

All nomination documents should be combined into a single PDF and sent to the committee chair: Jihong Zhao ([jzhao@shsu.edu](mailto:jzhao@shsu.edu)) by August 1, 2026.

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