

## **William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award**

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2026.

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**The intent of the William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award is to recognize the outstanding paper presented at the Annual Meeting held the previous year.**

**Eligibility criteria:** To be eligible for an award, the paper must have been presented at the Annual Meeting held the previous year.

**Nomination requirements:** ACJS sends out an annual request for applications for the William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award.

To be considered:

1. Nominations must include a carefully edited, electronic copy of the paper.
2. The paper should be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date.
3. The nomination should include the official nomination letter. The letter should provide specific information about how the nominated paper fits the award and selection criteria.
4. Self-nominations from authors are allowed.

**Selection criteria:** Only nominations that meet the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements will be considered for the award. The papers will be evaluated based on the three criteria:

1. Conceptual and methodological rigor in the development of the thesis and its subsequent empirical or logical documentation.
2. Theoretical or pragmatic relevance of the thesis and its importance to the developing body of knowledge for criminal justice.
3. Formal organization of material, flow of ideas, and clarity of narrative.

The author of the award-receiving paper will receive a \$500 stipend. In case of multiple authors, the award will be split equally across all co-authors.