

IOHA Book Award

The IOHA Book Award is established to encourage the use and study of oral history, while promoting its importance and impact in contemporary scholarship. The award recognizes a published work that demonstrates a strong engagement with oral history as a primary methodology, offering significant contributions to both theoretical and practical aspects of the field. Declared works should highlight the transformative role of oral history in understanding and interpreting critical issues, as well as its ability to highlight diverse voices and experiences. The award aims to advance the recognition of oral history's influence in shaping historical research and public understanding.

The award is presented biennially and will be conferred at the International Oral History Conference. The competition is open to books that have been published within the past two years.* Submissions are accepted from all corners of the globe. The award is open to oral historians working in any field, across community, academia, or media professions. The award committee of IOHA will evaluate the entries based on principles of fairness and impartiality, without any distinction based on language, race, or nationality of the participants.

To Submit:

- The first author of the book will submit application materials via the official website by the deadline.
- Works may be in any language, but if they are not in English or Spanish, a full English translation must be provided.
- All book and translation file submissions are required to be presented in eBook format or as digital files via the designated submission portal. The digital files must be accessible to committee members without the need for additional software or credentials. Watermarked digital copies are permissible. At any stage of the review process, award committees may request physical copies of the published works.
- Submission materials should include a brief description of why the book merits the award, according to the criteria outlined in the award description above.
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Selection and Announcement of Results: The IOHA awards committee will make the selection and inform all applicants of their decisions. Book award winners will receive a two-year membership and an award plaque. Winning books will be featured on the official IOHA website.

* The upcoming call for submissions for the IOHA Book Award, which will be announced at the 23rd IOHA Conference in Krakow in 2025, will accept projects produced within the previous four years (2021-2024).