

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2020 CONOVER-PORTER AWARD FOR AFRICANA BIBLIOGRAPHY OR REFERENCE WORK

Nominations close: **April 30th 2020**

The [Africana Librarians Council](#), a coordinate organization of the [African Studies Association](#) (U.S.), seeks nominations for the biennial Conover-Porter Award for excellence in Africana bibliography or reference work.

The Conover-Porter Award is the most prestigious award for published works of bibliography or reference on Africa. Any Africa-related reference work, bibliography, or bibliographic essay published separately or as part of a larger work during 2017 to 2019 can be nominated for the 2020 award.

**The award includes a prize of \$300** to be presented during the 2020 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association in Washington, DC.

#### BACKGROUND

The Conover-Porter Award was established in honor of two pioneers in African studies bibliography: Helen F. Conover and Dorothy B. Porter Wesley. Helen F. Conover was senior bibliographer, African Section of the Library of Congress, serving 32 years before her retirement in 1963, and Dorothy B. Porter Wesley was librarian of the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University, retiring in 1973 after 45 years of service. The Conover-Porter Award was first awarded in 1980, and was presented to Julian Witherell for *The United States & Africa: Guide to the U.S. Official Documents & Government-Sponsored Publications on Africa, 1785-1975* (Washington, DC: Library of Congress, 1978).

View a list of previous winners at:

<http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/africa/ALC/ALCConoverPorterWinners.html>

#### PROCEDURE

**For each work that you nominate**, please provide the following

**Information about yourself:** your name, email address, mailing address and telephone number:

**Information about the work:**

AUTHOR(S):

TITLE:

PUBLISHER/YEAR OF PUBLICATION:

JUSTIFICATION: (Specifically state why you think this is a work of significance and quality)

Include published reviews or references to the reviews.

Kindly send inquiries and submissions to the 2020 Award Coordinator:

**Ms.Mireille Djeno (Chair, ALC Collections & User Services Committee)**

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