

2011 Ruth Benedict Book Prize Competition

Call for Submissions

The Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) is proud to announce the **2011 Ruth Benedict Book Prize Competition** for outstanding anthropological scholarship on a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender topic.

The **Ruth Benedict Book Prize** is presented each year at the American Anthropological Association's annual meeting to acknowledge excellence in a scholarly book written from an anthropological perspective about a topic that engages issues and theoretical perspectives relevant to LGBTQ studies. The Prize is awarded in each of two separate categories, one for a single-authored monograph and another for an edited volume.

Submissions may be on any topic related to lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, or other gender/sexual formations and categories from any world culture area. Topics may include the study of normativity, queer theory, and the social/historical construction of sexual and gender identities, discourses and categories. Authors may represent any scholarly discipline, but the material submitted must engage anthropological theories and methods. Submissions may be self-nominated or may be sent by a press or another person.

Books submitted for the competition must have a publication date of 2010 or 2011 and may not have been submitted previously. Page proofs of books scheduled for 2011 publication are acceptable but please include a letter from the publisher confirming the anticipated publication date of 2011.

To nominate a work, please submit one copy of the book or edited volume **to each of the four committee members listed below**, with the author or editor's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number printed clearly on a separate cover letter indicating that it is a submission for the Ruth Benedict Book Prize. Three voting committee members are former winners of the Ruth Benedict Book Prize. A fourth, non-voting, member is a graduate student representative from AQA. **All submissions must be received by July 15, 2011.**

Send any inquiries to the Ruth Benedict Book Prize Committee Chair, Mary L. Gray (Qcentral@indiana.edu)

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