



# 2026 Gloria J. Ladson-Billings Outstanding Book Award

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## About the Award

This award, overseen by the AACTE Committee on Research and Dissemination, recognizes exemplary books from **AACTE members** that make a significant contribution to the knowledge base of educator preparation or of teaching and learning with implications for educator preparation. The award-winning book and its author/editor(s) will receive special recognition at AACTE's 2026 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

This award is named for Gloria J. Ladson-Billings who is known for her work in the field of education, her expertise is in cultural pedagogy and equity in educator and student instruction, including critical race theory.

## Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Only books with a publication date since July 2024 will be considered. Additionally, the award-winning work must:

- Have Been Written by Author(s) from **AACTE Member Institutions**
- Directly address educator preparation or teaching and learning with implications for educator preparation.
- Contain originality of thought in critical analyses of particular assumptions or practices, or outline proposals that reorient research and practice in educator preparation.
- Demonstrate high-quality scholarship in an area relevant to educator preparation.
- Show potential for significant impact on policy or practice in educator preparation, and
- Demonstrate clear and effective writing.
- Competitive preference will be given to submissions that align with [AACTE's strategic priorities](#).

## Submission Requirements

Self-nominations are not accepted. Publishers may submit no more than two titles per imprint. Nominations from publishers must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an **AACTE- member** academician. All entries must be made through AACTE's online submissions site, and printed copies of the book should be mailed to the AACTE selection committee members (see below). Digital attachments for this entry must include:

- A letter of recommendation addressing how the recommended book meets the selection criteria listed above.
- A brief professional biography of the author(s) (150 words per author).
- Contact information for the author(s) or the publisher's representative(s).
- Review copies of the book (see below).

## Sending Review Copies

- Please contact the publisher to request review copies for the AACTE selection committee. If available, the committee prefers to receive both a hard copy and an e-book to review.
- Send a copy of each book to AACTE's Committee on Research & Dissemination members.
- Please email [bevans@aacte.org](mailto:bevans@aacte.org) to obtain mailing addresses.
- If available, send the link to download the e-book (along with any access code or special instructions) to AACTE at [bevans@aacte.org](mailto:bevans@aacte.org).
- **All review copies must be received by the award submission deadline, June 6, 2025, for full consideration. A nomination is not considered complete until the review copies are received.**

Note: If AACTE does not receive any book award nominations through the submission process described above, the Committee on Research and Dissemination may nominate books for consideration.

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[\*\*Click here for nomination form\*\*](#)

**Entry Deadline: June 6, 2025**