Spring Meeting 2021 MLA Board Report: Best of Chapters Awards Committee

I. Report Date
   • Report completed May 11, 2022 by Lynne Jaffe

II. Name of Committee/Special Officer/Editor
   • Best of Chapters Awards Committee

III. Committee Members (if relevant)
   • Chair: Casey Burgess
   • Second Seat: Lynne Jaffe
   • Third Seat: Catherine Hammer

IV. Board Action Required
   • No action required. Our new chair sent out a call for papers on May 6, 2022.

V. Brief Summary of Activities
   • Starting last May, we put out a call for papers and once they were received, we reviewed them over the summer, grading them according to the committee’s rubric and comments from committee members. Once the grades were collected by the chair, Casey Burgess, the winners were selected and announced. We arranged for the presentation of these papers at the virtual 2022 national conference.
   • Casey Burgess rotated off the committee and Lynne Jaffe has taken her place as chair. Catherine Hammer has moved to the second seat. Victoria Peters has been added as our third seat.

VI. Implicit Bias Testing Reporting
   • Lynne Jaffe has done implicit bias training required through the NCSU Extension Master Food Volunteer program where she is a volunteer.
   • Catherine Hammer has done two LGBTQIA+ Allyship trainings and 3 Anti-Racism trainings through her institution, as well as MLA’s Racial Equity Workshop.
   • Victoria Peters completed the "Native American" and "Race" from Harvard’s Project Implicit tests.