

Distinguished *Sociology of Religion* Journal Article Award Committee

The Distinguished *Sociology of Religion* journal article award committee selects the most outstanding article published the previous calendar year in *Sociology of Religion* (e.g., the 2021 award is given to the most outstanding article published in the journal in 2020). All articles published in the journal during the previous academic year may be considered for the award. Nominations are not required. The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture and the Presidential Address, which are published in the journal every year, are generally not considered eligible for the award.

With respect to evaluating the articles, the committee evaluates the quality of scholarship exhibited in the article, which may include (but is not limited to) theoretical, empirical, and methodological considerations. Additional consideration is given to the significance of the article's contribution to the sociological study of religion and to broader societal understandings of religion.

The procedure that is used to select the outstanding article (e.g., ordering the articles by numerical rank or tier, how many rounds of voting, use of a rubric to score the articles, how much discussion there is of the articles) is determined by the Chair of the committee.

In the past, the committee has chosen the outstanding article award winner no later than the end of May. Identifying the winner as soon as possible is advisable in order to give the author(s) sufficient time to make arrangements to attend the annual meeting and receive the award.

After the committee chooses the outstanding journal article, the chair of the committee notifies the author(s) and the Executive Officer. The award is usually presented by the Chair of the committee at the opening reception of the ASR annual meeting.