



# African Literature Association

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society of scholars, teachers and writers dedicated to the advancement of African Literary Studies.

## AFRICAN LITERATURE ASSOCIATION – 2013 AWARDS (to be presented in 2014)

### *Newly expanded awards menu for the 2013 award year.*

Please read through the categories below and send in your nominations. Keep the ALA vibrant by enthusiastically giving honor to whom it is due.

Awards will be presented at the **40th Annual Conference** coming up on **April 9–13, 2014**, at the **University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Please note carefully the submission deadline for each of the awards.

If you want to donate to or endow an award, or know a donor who wants to or could be persuaded to, please email:  
Tejumola Olaniyan at [tolaniyan@wisc.edu](mailto:tolaniyan@wisc.edu)

#### 1. **Graduate Student Best Essay Award** – Deadline: June 30, 2013

For an outstanding paper in African literary studies by a graduate student. Authors must be current members of the ALA. The paper must have been presented at the preceding ALA conference (i.e. in 2013). (The expectation is that authors have had the benefit of comments at the conference and have revised the paper).

Send by email to [tolaniyan@wisc.edu](mailto:tolaniyan@wisc.edu) the following:

- (1) the paper and an abstract, in Word document, with no name or any other identifying mark anywhere;
- (2) a pdf file of the 2013 ALA conference Program page showing the panel in which the paper was presented
- (3) CV and bio

#### 2. **Book of the Year Award – Creative Writing** – Deadline: June 30, 2013

For an outstanding book of African literature, whether novel, non-fiction prose, play, or poetry collection, published in the preceding calendar year (2012) by an African writer. Authors or their publishers can make nominations.

Send an author bio, one-page book description, and 5 copies to:

Tejumola Olaniyan, ALA Awards, UW-Madison, Dept. of English, HCW Hall 7187, 600 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706.

#### 3. **Book of the Year Award – Scholarship** – Deadline: June 30, 2013

For an outstanding book in African literary studies published in the preceding calendar year (2012). Authors must be current members of the ALA. Book must be published by a reputable peer-reviewed press. Authors or their publishers can make nominations.

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**4. First Book Award – Scholarship – Deadline: June 30, 2013**

For an outstanding book in African literary studies, which is the first book by the author, and published in the preceding calendar year (2012). Authors must be current members of the ALA. Book must be published by a reputable peer-reviewed press. Authors or their publishers can make nominations.

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**5. Best Article Award – Deadline: June 30, 2013**

For an outstanding article in African literary studies published in a major peer-reviewed journal in the preceding calendar year (2012). Authors must be current members of the ALA. Authors or their publishers can make nominations.

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**6. Fonlon–Nichols Award – Deadline: October 31, 2013**

For excellence in creative writing and contributions to the struggle for human rights and freedom of expression. It is given every year to an African writer. The Award was established in 1992 to honor BERNARD FONLON and LEE NICHOLS for their contributions to both African literature and the freedom of expression. Authors CANNOT nominate themselves, and neither can their publishers nominate them.

Send nominations as email document attachments to [tolaniyan@wisc.edu](mailto:tolaniyan@wisc.edu)

Please note: The nomination 'packet' should contain:

- a) a biographical profile of the nominee
- b) a detailed justification for the nomination. This should not be more than 2 single-spaced or 4 double-spaced pages.

**7. ALA Distinguished Member Award – Deadline: October 31, 2013**

For outstanding record of service to the ALA and commitment to teaching and scholarship in African literature. By nomination only. Nominees must have distinguished themselves over the years in service to the ALA, and commitment to teaching and scholarship in, and promotion of, African literature. Self-nominations are NOT accepted.

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Please note: The nomination statement should contain:

- a) a biographical profile of the nominee, and
- b) a detailed justification for the nomination. This should not be more than 2 single-spaced or 4 double-spaced pages.