

**The Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated
(SCAASI),
Solicits Entries for
The C. Calvin Smith–Wali R. Kharif Book Award for 2024**

The Book Award is named for Charlie Calvin Smith (1943–2009) and Wali Rashash Kharif (1950–). Smith earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History at the University of Arkansas, and he was a distinguished faculty member and administrator at Arkansas State University. Dr. Smith authored two books, *War and Wartime Changes: The Transformation of Arkansas, 1940-1945* (1986) and *Educating the Masses: The Unfolding History of Black School Administrators in Arkansas, 1900–2000* (2003). He was a founding member, Ochillo Award winner, and president of SCAASI. Kharif earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History at the Florida State University, and he was a distinguished faculty member at Tennessee Technological University, where he was honored as an Emeritus Professor. He is author of *Reminiscences and Reflections* (2005), a study of African American life in the remote Tennessee and Kentucky Upper Cumberland region. He, too, is an Ochillo Award winner as well as a former SCAASI president.

The C. Calvin Smith–Wali R. Kharif Book Award recognizes the most distinguished scholarly book on African American Studies published in the calendar year preceding the SCAASI Annual Conference. The book can focus on any disciplinary or interdisciplinary subject area SCAASI addresses but must relate to African American Studies. Eligibility is open only to books authored by SCAASI members. The Book Award Committee will not consider anthologies, encyclopedias, or edited works. The Award amount is \$300.00.

In making its selection, the Book Award Committee will place priority on works: 1. that are original in research and literary interpretation; 2 that develop new theoretical perspectives; or 3. that reinterpret old themes. The Committee will give highest priority to refereed publications. Non-refereed and self-published books are welcome but must meet the highest editorial quality.

Any SCAASI member in good financial standing at the 2024 meeting in Katy, Texas, the can nominate a book for the Award. The member should make the nomination in a letter that identifies the specific book and author, and that included a seventy-five-word narrative supporting the nomination. Three hard copies of the nominated book must be submitted along with the nomination letter to the Award Committee, whose members are the sole arbiters of the winner.

October 1, 2024, is the deadline for the submission of entries. Books submitted will not be returned. The Award Committee will announce the winner in February 2025 during SCAASI's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Book nominations and hard copies should be addressed to:

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SCAASI Book Award Committee
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Please, note: Books published since July 1, 2023, are eligible for the 2024 Award