



# 2024 Cunningham Award for Social Justice Call for Papers

## *Guidelines and Eligibility*

### **History and Purpose**

The Cunningham Award for Social Justice was established at the Adult Education Research Conference in 1996. The award celebrates the contributions Dr. Phyllis Cunningham has made to the field of Adult Education. Her life-long commitment to equity and social justice set the standards for our field and are constant reminders of the democratic ideals set forth in Adult Education literature. The results of the review process will be announced at the business meeting of the 2024 conference.

### **Eligibility**

All papers **accepted** for inclusion in the 2024 Adult Education Research Conference are eligible for the 2024 Cunningham Award for Social Justice. (*Please note: Papers selected for presentation at the Adult Education Research Conference are **not** automatically entered in the competition.*) In general, the paper selected should reflect Phyllis Cunningham's belief in participatory democracy and her belief that adults' primary site for learning is found in social movements directed towards the goals of safe habitat and equitable distribution of resources.

Papers will be evaluated using multiple criteria that include (a) methodological soundness, (b) organization, (c) readability, (d) evidences to support inferences and conclusions, (e) relationship of the research to participatory democracy and democratic ideals, (f) commitment to social justice and equity, (g) research directed toward the goals of safe habitat and just distribution of resources, and (h) the paper's position relative to learning within a social movement or in the context of social justice.

### **Procedures**

You must actively apply for this award. In order to be considered for the award, please send an email attachment that includes a copy of the accepted paper and a cover sheet that includes the paper title and the name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail address of the author to [aecsteeringcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aecsteeringcommittee@gmail.com).

Your paper should be six pages, single spaced, and **should not** include your name or affiliation, but should otherwise conform to the guidelines for the AERC paper. The deadline for the receipt of your paper is **May 1, 2024**. The selection will be announced at the Conference.

If you have any further questions about this, contact Dr. Amy D. Rose at [arose@niu.edu](mailto:arose@niu.edu).