

# The Richard Block Award

## For an Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation

### On Homicide or Lethal Violence

Two awards will be given annually by the Homicide Research Working Group. One award will be given for an outstanding thesis and one award for an outstanding dissertation. Each recipient will receive a monetary award of \$500 and a plaque commemorating his/her achievement. Eligibility for either award include the following criteria:

1. The focus of the thesis or dissertation research must be on homicide and/or lethal violence. The research may be theoretical, qualitative, quantitative, or some combination thereof.
2. At the time of application, the thesis or dissertation must be completed and approved by their respective degree granting institution as meeting the requirements for the graduate degree.
3. To be eligible for either a thesis or dissertation award the candidate must have completed the approved thesis or dissertation within the past twelve months.
4. The winners of the thesis or dissertation award agree to present their research at an annual meeting of the Homicide Research Working Group.
5. These awards will be given annually if eligible and worthy candidates are available and chosen. There will be deemed to be no obligation on the part of the HRWG to issue either award every year.

The Awards Committee will be appointed by the President of the Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG) and will consist of a Chair and two active members of HRWG.

Nominations for these awards must be submitted to the Awards Committee prior to the annual summer meetings of the HRWG. The Awards Committee will put forward their recommendations regarding recipients (if any) to the membership at the second business meeting of the annual summer meeting, and the matter shall be put to a vote of the members at that time.

Recipients will receive their awards either at the winter meeting of the HRWG, which is held in conjunction with the American Society of Criminology in November, or at the summer meetings of the HRWG the following year, at the recipient's choice.

If the award is made at the HRWG meetings in November, the presentation of the award shall take place at the HRWG Reception and be advertised to the larger ASC body and within the ASC program. If the award is made at the subsequent HRWG summer meeting, the award shall be made at the Opening Reception if at all possible.