

## **Language Issues SIG Dissertation Award 2015**

The Comparative International Education Society (CIES) Language Issues (LI) Special Interest Group (SIG) is pleased to announce its 2013-2015 Dissertation Award! The award is open to dissertations that focus on educational language issues, broadly defined, in comparative and international education. Dissertations will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. The dissertation's relevance to current thinking in the field
2. The degree of sophistication or innovation of the methodology used
3. The soundness of data collection and analysis
4. The dissertation's social utility and/or its implication for policy
5. The degree to which the dissertation incorporates a comparative perspective

Eligible dissertations must have been filed within the two-years prior to the LI SIG award application deadline of December 15, 2014. Students in Ed.D. or Ph.D. programs are eligible and the applicant and/or the Dissertation Chair must be a current CIES member. The winning dissertation will receive a monetary award and will be announced at the annual conference in Washington D.C. in March 2015.

### **Applicants should submit the following four documents to be considered for the award:**

1. A detailed abstract of no more than five pages along with a self-assessment indicating how the dissertation meets the above five criteria; both should be doubled-spaced with no author identification (for blind review)
2. A title page (not counted within the page limit) with author's name, address, institutional affiliation, telephone, e-mail address, and names of dissertation committee chair(s) and members
3. A reference page (not counted within the page limit) with only the references cited in the abstract
4. One letter from the Dissertation Chair recommending the dissertation for this award (this letter may be sent directly to the Committee at the e-mail address below).

After the initial round of consideration, the two highest rated candidates will be asked to send the Committee a file with their entire dissertation. Awardees will be recognized formally at the LI SIG business meeting at the CIES Conference in Washington D.C. on March 8-13, 2015.

### **Submission Information**

Please submit the above documents electronically (as attachments in Word compatible files) with the key word "Dissertation Award Submission" in the subject line to: [cieslangsig@gmail.com](mailto:cieslangsig@gmail.com) by December 15, 2014. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Awards Committee at the above e-mail address.