NCTE Awards for Excellence in Technical and Scientific Communication 1981-2010

2010

2009
Best Original Collection of Essays in Technical or Scientific Communication: No award given.
Best Article Reporting Historical Research or Textual Studies in Technical or Scientific Communication: No award given.

2008


2007
Best Book in Technical or Scientific Communication: No award granted in this category.


2006


2005


2004


**Best Collection of Essays in Technical or Scientific Communication:** No award.


**Article Reporting Historical Research or Textual Studies in Technical or Scientific Communication:** Lippincott, Gail. “Something in Motion and Something to Eat Attract the Crowd: Cooking with Science at the 1893 World’s Fair.” *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* 33.2 (2003): 141-164.


2003


2002


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2000


Best Article on Methods of Teaching Technical or Scientific Communication: No winner selected.

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1998


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1996


Best Article Reporting Qualitative or Quantitative Research in Technical or Scientific Communication: Danette Paul and Davida Charney, "Introducing Chaos (Theory) into Science and Engineering," in *Written Communication* (volume 12, number 4, October 1995), 396–438


1995


1994


Best Article on Historical Research or Textual Studies in Technical or Scientific Communication: Debra Journet, "Interdisciplinary Discourse and 'Boundary Rhetoric': The Case of S.E. Jelliffe," in *Written Communication* (volume 10, number 4, October 1993), 510–541


1992


1991


Best Article on Methods: Jack Selzer, "Critical Inquiry in a Technical Writing Course," The Writing Teacher as Researcher, Donald Daiker and Max Morenberg, editors, Boynton/Cook, Heinemann, 1990


1990

Best Book: Sam Dragga, Texas Tech University, and Gwendolyn Gong, Texas A&M University, Editing: The Design of Rhetoric (1989)


1989


**Best Article on Philosophy**: Scott P. Sanders, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, "How Can Technical Writing Be Persuasive?" *Solving Problems in Technical Writing*, October 1988

**Best Article on Methods**: Elizabeth Tebeaux, Texas A&M University, College Station, "The Trouble with Employees' Writing May Be Freshman Composition," *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, February 1988

**Best Article Reporting Research**: Davida Charney, Penn State University, and Lynne Reder and Gail Wells, Carnegie-Mellon University, "Studies of Elaboration in Instructional Texts," *Effective Documentation: What We Have Learned from Research* (1988)

1988


**Best Article Reporting Research**: Denise E. Murray, San Jose State California; Requests at Work: Negotiating the Conditions for Conversation," *Management Communication Quarterly*, 1, August

1987


**Best Article on Methods**: Peggy Seiden, Carnegie-Mellon University, and Patricia Sullivan, Purdue University, "Designing User Manuals for the Online Public Access Catalog," *Library HiTech*, 4.1, 1986

**Best Article Reporting Research**: Stephen Doheny-Farina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, "Writing in an Emerging Organization: An Ethnographic Study," *Written Communication*, 3.2

1986


**Best Article on Philosophy**: Marilyn Schauer Samuels, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, "Technical Writing and the Recreation of Reality," *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, 15.1, 1985


1985
**Best Article on Philosophy:** John S. Harris, Brigham Young University, "The Naming of Parts: An Examination of the Origins of Technical and Scientific Vocabulary," *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, 14, #3, 1984


**Best Collection of Essays:** John S. Harris, Brigham Young University, editor, *Teaching Technical Writing: The Training of Teachers of Technical Writing* (1984)

**Best Book:** Jeanne Halpren, Purdue University, and Sarah Liggett, Louisiana State University, *Computers and Composing* (1984); and Barbara Couture and Jone Rymer Goldstein, Wayne State University, *Case for Technical and Professional Writing* (1984)

1984

**Best Article on Methods:** Sheryl Pearson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, "The Challenge of Mai Chung: Teaching Technical Writing to the Foreign-Born Professional in Industry," *TESOL Quarterly*, 17, September 1983


**Best Article on Research:** Lee Odell, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; Dixie Goswami, Breadloaf School of English, Middlebury, Vermont; Anne Herrington (formerly of Johnson State College, Vermont); Doris Quick, Capital District Writing Program and Burnt Hills High School, New York, "Studying Writing in Non-Academic Settings," *New Essays in Technical and Scientific Communication: Research, Theory, and Practice* (1983)

1983


**Best Article on Methods:** Carol M. Barnum, Southern Technical Institute, Marietta, Georgia, "Teaching Technical Writing to the Engineering Student: Industry's Needs, the Student's Expectations," *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*, PC–25 (3), 1982

**Best Article on Philosophy:** Marilyn Schauer Samuels, Case Western Reserve University, "Scientific Logic: A Reader-Oriented Approach to Technical Writing," *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, 12 (4), 1982

**Best Article Reporting Research:** Pearl G. Aldrich, American University, "Adult Writers: Some Factors That Interfere with Effective Writing," *The Technical Writing Teacher*, 9 (3), 1982


1982

**Best Book:** Devendra Sahal, New York University, *Patterns of Technological Innovation* (1981)

**Best Collection of Essays:** editors Dwight W. Stevenson, University of Michigan; Renee R. Betz, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; David L. Carson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Donald H. Cunningham, Morehead State University, Kentucky; and Thomas M. Sawyer, University of Michigan, *Courses, Components, and Exercises in Technical Composition* (1981)

**Best Article on Methods:** Paul V. Anderson, Miami University, Ohio, "Organizing Is Not Enough," *Courses, Components, and Exercises in Technical Communication* (1981)


1981

**Best Book for Four-Year College Teaching:** the late Gordon H. Mills and John A. Walters, University of Texas at Austin, *Technical Writing* (1978)

**Best Book for Two-Year College Teaching:** Thomas E. Pearsall, University of Minnesota, and Donald H. Cunningham, Morehead State University, Kentucky, *How to Write for the World of Work* (1978)

**Best Collection of Essays:** W. Keats Sparrow, East Carolina University, and Donald H. Cunningham, Morehead State University, Kentucky, *The Practical Craft—Readings for Business and Technical Writers* (1978)


**Best Article on Philosophy:** Carolyn R. Miller, North Carolina State University, “A Humanistic Rationale for Technical Writing," *College English*, February 1979