

## **NASSS OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted by Audrey Giles (University of Ottawa), Committee Chair

The NASSS Outstanding Book Award Committee included the following dedicated individuals: Li Jiayu (graduate student member), Richard Jones (Marquette University, past winner), Katie Fitzpatrick (University of Auckland, past winner), Ann Travers (Simon Fraser University).

Thirteen books received nominations. Each committee member was assigned to review a minimum of two books as the primary reader and two books as the secondary reader. Unfortunately, several publishers were very, very slow in distributing the books. Our efforts were further hampered by the fact that the committee members in China and New Zealand did not receive all of the books.

Each reviewer ranked the books that s/he read. A clear winner was identified.

Due to difficulties with receiving the books in a timely fashion and reviewing such a large volume of work in a short window, I would like to suggest that all book nominations be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Another option would be that we could tell all nominated authors that they are responsible for ensuring that their texts are received by members of the committee. The chair could provide the nominee with a letter to provide to the publisher. Trying to identify the right contact person at large, international publishers proved to be a timely and frustrating undertaking.