NASSS OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT

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The NASSS Outstanding Book Award Committee included the following committee members:
Dr. Oliver Rick, Springfield College
Dr. Janella Joseph, University of Toronto
Prof. Robbie Matz, University of Georgia
Dr. Charles Crowley, California University of Pennsylvania

The process of communicating with book publishers and gaining access to books for this committee was cumbersome. The NASSS membership nominated nine books for the 2018 NASSS Book award. Of these nine nominated books, two did not fit the required 2018 criteria and two nominated books were never received by any of the committee members. Furthermore, one committee member only received two books, but was finally given access to e-book copies in September. In addition, the committee received the fifth book in September.

Furthermore, each committee member selected which books they would be the primary and secondary reviewer for. Yet, the late delivery of some books hampered the committee's ability to read their selected books. Therefore, each member read and ranked the books they had access to, which increased the reading loads for the committee.

Although, five books were reviewed and ranked, and the Committee nominated Nicole Willms', *"When Women Rule the Court: Gender, Race, and Japanese American Basketball"*, for the 2018 NASSS Book Award.

Though, to support future Book committee chairs and committee members I suggest developing a contact list for book publishers. This list could easily be developed by committee chairs sharing their contact list through reports, emails, etc. In addition, this list could help the committee chair with starting the process of requesting books and could also help forge a relationship between NASSS and book publishers as well.