



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT for the **Rhedding-Jones Outstanding Dissertation Award 2017**

The “Rhedding-Jones Outstanding Dissertation Award” is awarded annually to a graduate doctoral student in recognition of a doctoral thesis that makes a significant contribution to Reconceptualising Early Childhood Education.

The “Redding-Jones Dissertation Award” has been developed in honor of Jeanette Rhedding-Jones (1943-2013) who mentored doctoral students and early career researchers across many countries. She encouraged and inspired young academics to reimagine early childhood methodologies and practice, and to push the boundaries of early childhood research, teaching, policy and pedagogy.

The “Dissertation Award” will be considered for those graduates who have completed their doctorate in the period between Reconceptualising Early Childhood Education Conferences. Active engagement with both the RECE conference and the field of early childhood education will be taken into account.

To be considered for the award a dissertation will clearly demonstrate contributions to:

- introducing alternative theoretical and / or methodological approaches
- reconceptualising early childhood research and policy
- re-imagining and / or re-orienting pedagogical practices that directly support young children, their families, educators and / or communities

Nomination packets should include:

- A nomination letter written by the graduate’s supervisor/advisor/chair, co-supervisor or thesis committee member:
 - a. outlining the characteristics that make the dissertation exceptional (e.g., importance of the topic, theoretical/methodological quality, analytical perspicacity, contributions to the research literature, and so forth). A copy of examiners' reports should be provided if applicable.
 - b. confirming the date on which the degree will be/has been conferred.
- The following parts of the actual dissertation:
 - a. Title page
 - b. Table of contents
 - c. One representative chapter that best exemplifies the dissertation’s contribution to research on doctoral education.
 - d. List of cited referencesPlease send these parts as one combined file in MS Word or PDF format.
- Two page summary of the dissertation and the connection of the thesis with RECE prepared by the student.

Nominations should be sent to Mathias Urban at mathias.urban@roehampton.ac.uk by **August 1**.

The decision will be made by an Award Review Committee comprised of current RECE members, appointed by the 2017 Host and Program Committees. The recipient will be notified prior to October 1st.