

# 2012 Amy Ling Yellow Light Awards

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Amy Ling Yellow Light Awards - \$200 per award, 2 per year

**(1) The Amy Ling Yellow Light Award for Integrity**

**(2) The Amy Ling Yellow Light Award for Scholarship & Creative Endeavors**

## Description

These awards honor the memory and legacy of Professor Amy Ling, who was the founding director of the Asian American Studies Program and a pathbreaking scholar of Asian American literature. She taught in the Department of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1991 until her untimely death in 1998. Her published works include:

- Between World: Women Writers of Chinese Ancestry, 1990
- Imagining America: Stories From the Promised Land, 1991
- Visions of America: Personal Narratives From the Promised Land, 1992
- Reading the Literatures of Asian America, 1993
- Yellow Light: The Flowering of Asian American Arts, 2000

These awards are named after her last book, "Yellow Light: The Flowering of Asian American Arts", an edited collection of interviews and projects with 40 artists brought together by Dr. Ling to present Asian American cultural production. In the introductory chapter of "Yellow Light", Professor Ling wrote:

*The value of an Asian American perspective, however uncomfortable and unwanted by some, is that it calls to account those in positions of power and shines a light on the discrepancy between word and deed, between democratic ideals and discrimination.*

The awards, funded through gifts made in her memory by her colleagues and friends in the Madison community and beyond, are intended to honor Amy's legacy by supporting scholarship and contributions consistent with the values and ideas she promoted and lived throughout her life.

## **Eligibility and Criteria for the two awards**

- These awards are intended for enrolled UW-Madison students who will not be graduating for at least 10 months.
- Students are eligible to receive both awards during their studies at UW-Madison, but may not receive any one award more than once.

### **(1) The Amy Ling Yellow Light Award for Integrity**

- This is an award intended to recognize those who serve as positive role models for Asian American students.
- The student should demonstrate a pattern of leadership or overcoming challenges and obstacles while maintaining integrity.
- This is an award for which students are nominated by someone else.
- Submissions require two letters of support, in addition to the letter of nomination.

--The nomination letter should explain the integrity of the student, which might include talking about respect, willing to give something up, being a change agent but not at the expense of others.

## **(2) The Amy Ling Yellow Light Award for Scholarship and Creative Endeavors**

-- This award honors a student's creative production.

--This is a self-submission award or by nomination with consent of the student scholar/author/creator.

--It is intended to recognize work exemplify/extend/contribute to the advancement of Asian American Studies.

--It advances Asian American Studies through written word or visual products.

### **How to submit or nominate someone for either of these awards:**

The deadline for submissions or complete nomination packets is July 1, 2012. The Amy Ling Yellow Light Awards Committee will review nominations and applications in July and August, with the goal of selecting two winners who will be announced early fall semester, 2012.

Please submit your nomination to the director of the Asian American Studies Program, 303 Ingraham Hall or by email to [aasp@mailplus.wisc.edu](mailto:aasp@mailplus.wisc.edu) with the subject line beginning

Subject Line: AMY LING 2012 NOMINATION: {name} [please specify the award for which the material is being submitted].

A committee of at least 4 members of the Asian American Studies Program Advisory Board will be created to evaluate the nominations.

Awardees are expected to attend the Fall Asian American Studies Program Welcome Gathering to receive their award.

Questions regarding these awards may be directed to:

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