



**BETTY & JAMES E. BIRREN SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARD**

**Purpose, Criteria, & Guidelines**

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**PURPOSE:**

The **Betty and James E. Birren Senior Scholar Award** is one of two awards created by the California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG) in honor of Betty and James E. Birren. It recognizes outstanding achievements of individuals who have spent the majority of their careers (maybe a lifetime career or a career in the middle-to-late stages) working in and contributing to the fields of gerontology and/or geriatrics in California, and promoting the advancement of gerontology and/or geriatrics as fields of study in California.

Throughout their professional lives as scholars, Betty and James E. Birren have established in California an academic environment of excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and mentorship that has received international recognition as a model of gerontology and geriatrics higher education. The award is to recognize senior scholars who have made similar contributions to those valued by the Birrens.

**CRITERIA:**

Candidates who have studied gerontology or geriatrics in an institution of higher education are more likely to be considered for the award.

**Teaching:**

Candidates have made, or are making, outstanding contributions to the field of gerontology and geriatrics education through teaching, program development and administration, and interpretation of knowledge throughout their careers, or with a specific major career-culminating achievement or contribution.

**Research or Scholarship:**

Candidates have made, or are making, significant contributions to the fields of gerontology and/or geriatrics through research, experimentation, or other scholarly investigations as demonstrated in scholarly publications, texts, training materials, electronic materials, or related works.

**Leadership or Mentorship:**

Candidates actively support the fields of gerontology and/or geriatrics through encouragement of students and colleagues, new professionals, new directions in the professions, or policy development, and through active participation within professional organizations, institutions of higher education, practice, and public service in government agencies or committees.



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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Each nomination for the award must be made in writing by a member of the CCGG on the official nomination form below, and submitted to the individual appointed to receive it. When the nominator and candidate have agreed upon the information to be included in the application, the completed nomination form must be **submitted electronically to the e-mail address shown below**. Hard copies of additional supporting documents that cannot be sent electronically may be mailed to the address shown below. All awards will be presented at the CCGG's Annual Meeting.

**CALENDAR:**

January: Completed nominations applications due at CCGG.  
February: Notification of award made to nominator and candidate.  
April: Presentation of awards at the Annual Meeting.

**ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE:**

Members of CCGG in good standing who are currently, or were formerly, working in the fields of gerontology and/or geriatrics in California, and are familiar with the candidate's achievements may submit nominations. Questions on the nomination process should be directed to the individual appointed to receive them.

**PUBLICITY:**

Bestowal of the award will be publicized through CCGG informational materials, on the website, and in the archives maintained by the organization. Additional publicity contacts will also be requested for the candidate's home institution and other local public affairs offices as appropriate.

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NOMINATION FORM**

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Please complete **each shaded block** in the nomination form and submit it electronically to the address shown below. (Text will wrap within each block; no carriage returns are needed.)

**Date:**

**CANDIDATE:**

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First Name	Last Name	Academic Degree(s)
<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>		
Title of present position		
<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>		
Academic institution or professional affiliation		
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Department		
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Street Address		
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<input style="width: 305px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 155px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 275px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
City	State	Zip + 4
<input style="width: 305px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 155px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 275px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Telephone	Extension	Fax
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E-Mail		

**NOMINATOR:**

<input style="width: 245px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 245px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 495px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
First Name	Last Name	Academic Degree(s)
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Title of present position		
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Academic institution or professional affiliation		
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**INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE:**

Please submit evidence you believe the candidate has displayed that demonstrates qualities of excellence in 1) teaching, 2) research or scholarship, and 3) leadership or mentorship that have significantly advanced gerontology and/or geriatrics as fields of study in California. *(Text will wrap within each block; no carriage returns are necessary.)*

**Examples of Teaching: (please cite one or more)**

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**Examples of Research and/or Scholarship: (please cite one or more)**

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**Examples of Leadership and/or Mentoring: (please cite one or more)**

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**CANDIDATE INTENTION TO ACCEPT:**

I verify that the individual I have nominated has agreed to accept the award if the nomination is confirmed by the Board of the California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics.

Nominator's Name

Date

**Please Submit all Application Materials as Follows:**

***Completed electronic nomination forms:***

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***Hard copies of supporting documents that cannot be sent electronically:***

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