

JSEPA Best Article Awards

JSEPA is thrilled to announce the inaugural round of best article selections for 2023, 2024, and 2025. These articles were chosen by three awards committees that reviewed each published article for the respective years. The articles are recognized for the outstanding quality of scholarship and their meaningful contribution to advancing the study and practice of social equity, justice, inclusion, and democratic governance within public administration and public policy.

The recipients of the awards were honored at the 2026 Social Equity Leadership Conference in Newark, NJ, at Rutgers University.

Best Article Winner 2023

Helen H. Yu

“Structural Racism in the Federal Workplace: An Intersectional Approach to Examining Race-Based Discrimination in Law Enforcement.” (Vol. 1, Issue 1)

Best Article Winner 2024

Jennifer Brinkerhoff

“Black Leaders in American Foreign Policy: History and Prospects for Overcoming a Racialized Bureaucracy.” (Vol. 2, Issue 1)

Best Article Winner 2025

José Luis Irizarry, RaJade M. Berry-James, Duchess D. Humphrey, Rachel Emas, Bruce D. McDonald III, James Nordin, Michael Lee, Lindsey L. Evans, Anthony M. Starke, Jr., and Jay M. Grosflam

“Threats to Democracy: A Danger to Social Justice for All.” (Vol. 3, Issue 2)

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