

FSHI BOOK PRIZE 2026: NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (FSHI) Book Prize is now accepting nominations for the 2026 award. Please consult the [FSHI Book Prize Rules](#) before making nominations. Nominations must be submitted using the [FSHI Nomination Form](#).

Nominations and three physical copies of the nominated books (and a PDF, where possible) must be received in the BSA Office by ***Friday 27 March 2026***.

The Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (FSHI) Book Prize of £1,000 is awarded annually each September to the author(s) or editor(s) of the book making the most significant contribution to medical sociology/sociology of health and illness and having been published over the three years preceding 1st January of the year in which the award is made (i.e. January 2023 to December 2025).

The guest judge for 2026 will be confirmed in due course.

Our previous winners include:

2025: Elizabeth Chiarello for *Policing Patients: Treatment and Surveillance on the Frontlines of the Opioid Crisis*

2024: Kate Reed, Julie Ellis, and Elspeth Whitby for *Understanding Baby Loss*

2023: Alison Pilnick for *Reconsidering Patient Centred Care: Between Autonomy and Abandonment*

2022: LaTonya Trotter for *More than Medicine: Nurse Practitioners and the Problems They Solve for Patients, Health Care Organizations, and the State*

2021 Amy Moran-Thomas for *Traveling with Sugar: Chronicles of a Global Epidemic*

2020: Ruth Holliday, Meredith Jones and David Bell for *Beautyscapes: Mapping Cosmetic Surgery Tourism*

2019: Katherine A. Mason's *Infectious Change: Reinventing Chinese Public Health After an Epidemic*

2018: Amy Chandler for *Self-Injury, Medicine and Society: Authentic Bodies*

The winner of the 2026 award will be announced at the BSA Medical Sociology Conference at the University of Northumbria (8-10 September 2026).

We welcome nominations from lecturers, researchers, students, medical sociologists working outside of academia, or anyone else who has worked or is

working in the field. We particularly welcome nominations from underrepresented groups and early career researchers.

Please note that if books were nominated in previous years, they cannot be nominated again for the 2026 prize.

The fine print

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- A publication over the three years from January 2023 to December 2025.
- The author(s) / editor(s) shall receive the sum of £1,000 (to be shared amongst the co-authors, etc, on an equal basis).
- Nominators must not be involved with authorship, editorship or publication of the nominated book.
- Each individual can nominate one book only.
- The completed nomination form three hard copies of the book plus a PDF copy must be forwarded to the BSA office in Durham before the deadline as stated on the nomination form.
- Textbooks will not be considered. Only monographs and edited collections will be considered.
- There are no restrictions as to the nationality of authors, editors or publishers, or of the topic covered, but the book must be written in English.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a short piece (100-500 words maximum) giving the reasons why the book has been nominated.