

GRADUATE COUNCIL

NOMINATION FOR THE 2017-2018 DISSERTATION ADVISOR/MENTORING AWARD

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN HONG SOHN

Each year the Graduate Council and Graduate Division present the Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award to one or two UCR faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the training of advanced graduate students. It is my pleasure to announce that this year's winner is Stephen Hong Sohn.

Dr. Sohn is an Associate Professor in the Department of English. He received his Ph.D. at UC Santa Barbara. A former University of California President's Postdoctoral fellow (2006-2007), Sohn has edited or co-edited a number of different works and special issues, including *Transnational Asian American Literature: Sites and Transits* (Temple University Press, 2006); *Studies in the Literary Imagination* (SLI, Vol. 37.1, Spring 2004) on Asian American Literature; *MELUS* (Winter 2008) on the topic of "Alien/Asian"; and *Modern Fiction Studies* on the topic of "Theorizing Asian American Fiction" (2010). His first book, *Racial Asymmetries* (New York University Press, 2014), focuses on contemporary Asian American fictional production, social context methodology, and aesthetic practices. Present and former students speak of his supportive and motivational mentoring style. He was praised for being a firm mentor, but not dictating the agenda for his students. His attention to the students' work was noted as meticulous. One of his colleagues pointed out how he visibly makes a difference in the life of his graduate students. For his many efforts in mentoring graduate students, he is being honored with the Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award.